

**MASTER PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2013
7:00 P.M. PROMPT**

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- **DISCUSSION OF CITY MASTER PLAN –**

A Master Plan Review Committee Work Session was held at Bedford City Hall on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 6:04 p.m. Present: Chairman John Whittaker, Vice-Chair Jeanne King, Helen Briggs, Janet Caldwell, Richard Novak. Absent: Dr. Haamid Javaid, Ken Matosky and Vicki Stemple. Council Members: None required. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers, resident Joyce Daunch. Administration: None.

Chairman Whittaker noted the issues to be discussed this evening were:

#7, 8, 9, 10, 11 - Waste Water Treatment Plant, Water Line Improvements, Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Rail Crossing Issues and Overlay Zoning District Streetscape Enhancements

Suggestions this evening were as follows:

#7 Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements

- Everyone agreed that this area of the Master Plan had undergone improvements and that there were some updates to the Waste Water Treatment plant, however, the Committee was not clear as to what had been accomplished since the 2007 plan. The Committee felt this issue was important enough to leave in the Master Plan. The Administration would have to update the section accordingly. Clerk Villers reported to the Committee that Mr. Angelo was in the process of addressing this issue as he attended a meeting today on this very subject. He would have some information for the Committee in the near future.

#8 Water Line Improvements

- Everyone agreed that this area of the Master Plan had undergone some improvements in certain parts of Bedford. There had been some updates to the water lines; however, the Committee was not clear as to what had been accomplished since the 2007 plan. The Committee felt this issue was important enough to leave in the Master Plan. The Administration would have to update this section accordingly.

#9 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Areas

- Everyone agreed that this area of the Master Plan had undergone improvements and that there were some updates to the sanitary sewer system, however, the Committee was not clear as to what had been accomplished since the 2007 plan. The Committee felt this issue was important enough to leave in the Master Plan. The Administration would have to update the section accordingly.

#10 Rail Crossing Issues

- Everyone felt the rail crossing topic should also be left in the Master Plan and updated by the Administration.
- The group felt sidewalks should be reinstalled by the railroad tracks for pedestrian traffic on South Park. Without the sidewalk being in this area it had become a safety issue. This past summer one lady tripped and fell and other visitors were having problems with baby strollers and wheelchairs. Removing the sidewalks only made the area hazardous and uninviting.

#11 Overlay Zoning District Streetscape Enhancements

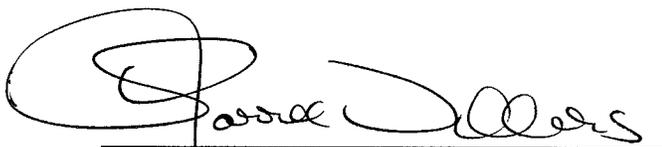
- Everyone felt Bedford needed better signage to direct visitors to the downtown area.
- The areas on Broadway Avenue starting at Rockside Road and downtown needed to be cleaned up. The sidewalks, weeds and debris needed to be addressed by the businesses, the City or a volunteer type committee.
- In the downtown area, the thought was to have the businesses maintain the sidewalks in front of their storefronts either by the business owner, landlord of the building or one of the seasonal Service Department employees. It could be as simple as; in the summer time the Service Department seasonal employee could blow off the sidewalks after they were done watering the plants almost every morning. Another thought was to have the downtown business owners/building landlords' form some type of an Association with a small monthly fee to hire a person to clean the sidewalks, debris and snow removal on a daily basis year round to ensure the downtown area would be beautiful year round.

This Committee was very interested in forming a volunteer type committee to assist in cleaning up the entire area on Broadway Avenue from Rockside Road to downtown on both sides of the street. They thought some of this could be addressed through either the Economic Development Director Mr. Mallis contacting the business owners and suggesting to the business owner that they clean up their storefronts for the betterment of Bedford or the Building Department enforcing the City codes. It was important enough to the Master Plan Review Committee to clean up this stretch of Broadway Avenue starting at Rockside Road to welcome visitors into the downtown area. This Committee was willing to form a volunteer type committee with the area Boy Scouts, Bedford Garden Club, Historical Society, churches, businesses and other Boards and Commission members to do the cleanup labor for free if the City would provide some type of dumpster/dump truck to get rid of the rubbish. They also were interested in this type of City-wide cleanup throughout the summer months for the neighborhoods. Maybe this could be brought up during the Ward Meetings this year. This kind act was to hopefully encourage everyone in Bedford whether they were a property owner, renter, resident, or business owners to take pride in where they lived and where they conducted their business. The Committee had some concerns as to what they were allowed to do as far as cleaning up Broadway Avenue starting at Rockside Road into downtown. They did not want to upset any business owners for their kind volunteer efforts nor did they want to break any laws. They were willing to also continue past the downtown area toward the Union Street area.

They wanted to know if someone from the Administration could be available to answer some questions at the February meeting. They figured they didn't need all the details or particulars because the topics discussed this evening were important enough to leave in the new Master Plan not knowing the status.

The discussion was to set a tentative meeting for Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at either 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. depending if there was a need for a Planning Commission Meeting on the same evening to hopefully address the rest of the Master Plan.

The Master Plan Review Committee Work Session adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



James J. Jones
Clerk of Council



Daniel S. Pouch
Mayor – President of Council