

June 19, 2018 - Revised Committee Document - includes all prior suggested projects –must be confirmed by the meeting participants on July 9th. Includes Transformation Ad Hoc Committee notes from June 7, 2018.

I. Brief Review of the committee's Purpose: Make a list of ideas that would have a transformational impact on an aspect of the Village of Arden. Each idea will have a description of how it would create a transformation for the village.

II. Brief Review of the committee's Guidelines: Meetings are open to all in the Village. The features of transformation are economic, ecological, cultural, and/or social and have tangible benefit to the community. The transformative projects (initiatives) must be lasting and sustainable and accessible to all residents. Those who wish to propose an idea must present a written description (what) covering purpose (why), framework for moving forward (How & When), outcomes and long-term benefits, (the fully imagined What).

III. Minutes and summary of previous suggestions of Meeting
May 17, 2018 – Buzz Ware.

(Please refer to the previous meeting notes in chronological order.

Objectives for this meeting:

Categorize the suggestions under broad Community Planning Headings and prioritize by vote of the group assembled.

- **Land Use:**
- Examine our community documents, supporting our natural habitats, recreation.
- Entertain possible limited commercial development that would bring money into town coffers or be functional non-profit.

- Plan for and fund a pedestrian walkway over Harvey Road- that would have artistic and place-making value. Also enhances pedestrian safety.
- Initiatives for Forest: Ash Borers, have trees tested.
- Create Geothermal initiative - detail needed.
- Create Micro-grid providing energy to the Village, could include, solar, wind, installation of solar panels might be placed on canopy structures over roadways or greens with goal of disconnecting from Power Grid.
- Arden should have (or does it already?) its own Zoning Plan & housing regulations. (Listed under Governance also)
- **Forests:** identify projects desired for utilizing Johanna's gift to the Village. (understood that Forest is leading this discussion).
- **Conservation:** Water management system; rainwater, streams.
- **The Greens** – other Open Spaces
- It was pointed out that a long-term plan for landscaping exists (1997 document).
- Also note that CPC is in touch with Public Administration at U. of D. They are exploring a comprehensive Stewardship policy.

Governance Initiatives:

- Timely minutes - distribution and posting, example the Advisory Committee Meeting minutes should be produced & distributed in 1 week after meeting.
- Special Town Meetings for the purpose of instruction, review on procedures, open discussion on issues of concern, without the goal of voting immediately.
- Arden should have (or does it already?) its own Zoning Plan & housing regulations.
- Professional person or volunteer with expertise would be hired to review our Charter, explain, clarify & make suggestions for processes.
- Robert's Rules – hire a parliamentarian. They could hold workshops with residents. Reactivating the Legislative Reference committee was also suggested.

- Mike Curtis brought up a voting issue with regard to absentees – meaning those not in attendance at the meeting. – Their votes are counted as “NO”.

**Communication:
(Technical improvements & interpersonal communication)**

- Establish free-Wi-Fi and hire specialist to up date Town website regularly,
- Hire interpersonal communication specialist to do workshops with residents to improve our Civil Discourse, verbal, behavioral communication and teach/do workshops on Conflict Negotiation.
- An Arden Community Cable TV program. (getting more Info.)
- Repeated - Hire a commissioner to monitor & advise on town leadership roles and responsibilities.
- Hire a communications & conflict resolution specialist to help resolve personality issues.

Community Development:

- Professionally designed and maintained Village website managed by one, paid individual to gather information from Officers and Chairs and update the site regularly and to make village documents easy to find.
- Aging in place - community services: rides, grocery shopping, medicine pick-up, "checking-in". and others things. A community owned one- story residential housing unit so seniors could stay in Arden if they choose. (Note: This needs more detail).
- The Ivy Gables Expansion plan - This was mentioned with regard to safety concerns & traffic.
- Temporary Housing for Apprentices, volunteers helping with Village projects.
This could be dorm style bunks in the BWVC or in a property purchased by the Village, which could house guest artists, or consulting professionals helping on projects. It would be multi-purpose, all ages, and pedestrian friendly access. (This might become relevant in the Airbnb discussion at Town Assembly). Arden School -

It has been suggested that the Arden school be brought back & serve in this multi-purpose capacity described above.

- Allow limited commercial ventures developed to profit the community coffers – suggestions should be taken & discussed.
- Initiate limited commercial/business opportunities for certain Gilds.
- Provide housing to theatre apprentices, culinary apprentices, museum studies & preservation students, crafts people, artists, who would spend time here and help with projects.
- Hire professional grant -writer to advise us on the perceived value of our community arts programs and other projects that seem viable for grant applications.
- Consider other educational and cultural initiatives
- Initiate a senior housing project – perhaps as a cooperative effort in the renovation of a one-story building such as the Buzz or a private home.

Other topics:

1. The mysterious cherry trees in the Memorial Gardens.
2. Clarification from Mike on the voting issue – can that addressed under governance?
3. Use of Go Fund Me - Internet fund raising.
4. Set meetings for July & August - (July is set for Monday July 9th. 7:pm-Buzz).
5. Suggestions