

Destination Sykesville Minutes

Tuesday, 11 September 2007, began 7:00pm adjourned 9:15pm

In Attendance: Mayor Jonathan Herman, Mike Kasnia, Melissa Delbusso, Anne Sulewski, Jennie DeArmey, Heidi Schroader, Kari Greenwalt

Topics Discussed:

Apple Butter Market

- Path cleared to river during Saturday before August market. Patrons seemed to take advantage of the shade and pathway.
- Could booths be set up within the river path to provide shade? It was deemed not enough time to do so for September, but goal for October market.
 - Maybe scouts or high schoolers could get involved in clearing.
 - Jennie DeArmey will contact Clare Linthicum (LHS forestry/landscaper architecture/FFA teacher) to see about long term project with school system.
- **Site clean-up scheduled for Saturday, 29 September, 10:00 – Noon.**
- Five new vendor applications received after August turnout.
- Mike Kasnia expressed interest in some sort of high school art showing/sale at market.
 - Mike will contact Century, Liberty and South Carroll High's regarding a possible showing at the October market.
 - Committee decided to place the show along the building line and re-arrange vendors currently located there.
 - Melissa Delbusso or Mike will contact Gail Rately, South Carroll Fine Arts League president/market vendor, about borrowing fencing material they use for Art in the Park.
- Mayor Herman asked if anyone knew what is in the Apple Butter Market Budget.
 - Melissa stated that she does not know the specific figure. Due to the current lack of a town treasurer, there has been no tally sheet.
 - She and Ann Sulewski have copies of all paperwork pertaining to the Market, and could go through to find exact figure.
- Kari Greenwalt stated there should be several WWII re-enactors set up at the October market. Committee decided to place them along the tree line.
- Mayor Herman discussed calling warehouse building a "pavilion" to use without electric, bathrooms, etc. for future markets, by putting a locking fence on each end for access. He will investigate with Howard County.
- **Next Apple Butter Market is Sunday, 30 September; 10:00 – 3:00PM.**

Planning Charrette

- Mayor Herman reminded the group that a follow-up meeting for the South Branch Park planning Charrette with Shawn Davis will take place at the

next Mayor and Town Council meeting, 24 September at 7:00pm. He encouraged everyone to attend.

South Branch Park

- Melissa expressed wish to have a “park-like” setting within South Branch park area – maybe two picnic tables near/under shade to tie in with Apple Butter Markets.
 - Mayor Herman suggested that Melissa contact Parks & Events Committee to see about funding/partnership.
 - Melissa stated she planned to attend their next meeting.
- Committee suggested tying in either historic markers or some sort of archeological dig with clearing underbrush new river for potential market vendors.
 - Kari Greenwalt suggested partnering with local colleges to create ongoing program with artifacts going to Sykesville Gate House Museum
 - Mayor Herman offered to contact McDaniel and Carroll Community Colleges.

250 Successful Small Towns

- Mayor Herman discussed recent MML conference where he attended a workshop on 250 successful small towns and what they had in common.
 - He was so impressed he asked the presenter to hold a similar program in Carroll County
 - This **meeting will take place 1 November; 7:00PM at Carroll Community College’s Scott Auditorium** and is free to the public. He encouraged they committee to attend.

Newsletter

- Someone asked if there is still a “family fun” component in the newsletter. Kari stated that has not appeared lately because the committee member previously working on that has not submitted items.

Destination Sykesville needs a hook

- Mayor Herman expressed concern at lack of attendance at Destination Sykesville and that it may need a new hook.
 - Goals of initial meetings are met: South Branch Park is leased to the Town, a book store and coffee house are now on Main Street and the Apple Butter Market is established.
 - Mike stated bar may have been set too low: other goals batted around were tabled to focus on two-four smaller goals at a time. Maybe all of the ideas should be assigned to small committees within the committee.
 - That was already the case, stated Melissa. Those working on some of the other ideas stopped attending.

- Mayor Herman suggested potential of interfacing with Parks and Events Committee; Destination Sykesville may lose specific identity, but Apple Butter Market could continue as a sub committee.
 - Some discussion followed in which members were concerned of losing group's identity.
 - Discussion on tying in various groups in town – SBA, Parks & Events and Destination Sykesville.
- Mayor revisited idea of “Main Street Manager” – issue of funding position.
 - Seems that Destination Sykesville has grown into need for paid staff member – they could contact/coordinate needs with Howard County and agriculture extension programs, as well as some of the other group goals, and report back to committee. Members have a lot on their plates already.
 - Previous “friends of Historic Sykesville” event planners discussed – pros/cons. Outgoing personality and community connected individual needed.
 - Suggestion of checking with local colleges for possibility of an internship in planning/events.
- Discussion tabled until next meeting.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 10 October; 7:00PM at the Town House.