

BML Strategic Planning Minutes, July 19, 2022

Convened at 4:50 in the Quiet Reading Room

Present: Ann Varilly, Starr La Tronica, Lindsay Bellville, Leo Schiff, Kate O'Connor, Howard Burrows, Jeanne Walsh

- Agenda changes/additions: none
- Minutes of June 21: approved
- Public comment: none

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Planning Progress

- Survey
Thanks, Leo, for sending thanks to the community!
- Micro-forums
 - Two general meetings at the library**, in-person + zoom
 - Leo & Kate(?) will co-facilitate in-person session, Weds. Aug 24th at 7pm
 - Ann & Kate(?) will co-facilitate zoom session, Thurs., Aug 25th at 7pm
 - Groups**
 - Senior Center: Starr will connect with Kathryn Turnas and will set something up. Ann will join.
 - Rotary would be a good connection. Kate will be in touch. They have an early morning session. Leo will join.
 - Brattleboro Housing Partnership sites: Melrose and Ledgewood. We just connected with their new outreach person, Matt.
 - The Root Social Justice Center? Starr will reach out to Sheila and see if The Root might be interested.
 - Howard will connect with the Town Meeting members.

The Questions:

- What are we doing well?
- What would you like to see that you're not seeing?
- How can we be more vital to the community?

Next steps/ requirements for consulting and budget

We reviewed our agreement with Greg and where we are in the process. We clarified which pieces of the work Greg has already done, what was included in the original work plan, and what we still need. We discussed the degree to which we can expect Greg's involvement in the writing of the plan, and noted that the staff/BOT session was an information-gathering session, not a retreat for writing the plan.

We discussed what we want the plan to do for us, priorities, shared values. "We have to pick the problems we want to solve." We have lots of opportunities, how do we choose among them? We want to be nimble and responsive, but there's a difference between nimbleness and over-reacting to every change.

Starr will connect with Greg.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 30th, 4:45

Adjourned at 5:50