

Key Issues to-do list

TIER 1:

Active Transportation and Connectivity – walking and biking safely to destinations in the Town and beyond

- Do desk-top analysis, including reviewing ideas from public meeting 2 but also other ideas.
- Conversations with Ross, Pine, Marshall, Hampton, etc. about external connections, to refine/add priorities, possibly ID multi-municipal projects.
- Drive/walk the routes, maybe with Bruce, to determine priorities.
- Discuss priorities with John and Bruce
- Hold working group meeting with Bike/Trail/running groups/Allegheny County Planning and transportation/ Allegheny County Parks/SPC/PennDOT to discuss the priority projects, get feedback.

Community / Rec Center - An assessment of facilities and space utilization in the area to help determine the support for and what type of facility might be proposed

Note Amy Steele's interesting example of a for-profit community center/events space on Rt. 19, Wexford.

- Refine inventory of existing facilities.
- Assess usage.
- Find out how other neighboring centers are doing.
- Survey construction costs and operations/maintenance costs per sq foot for other community or rec centers.

TIER 2:

Recreation programs and special events - a review of services and events, and recommendations to fill gaps in offerings based on comparable communities.

Heather:

- Inventory what McCandless does already
- Compare community calendar with those of other similar communities, both for one-off events and programs.
- Assess what is available through CCAC, LaRoche, and other private or non-profit orgs, Your Hangout Space, etc.

Greenway corridors - how we can protect and possibly use those sites for future generations, and other recommendations to make the community more sustainable

- (How does McCandless define "greenway"? is it trail? Or special places to be preserved?)
- Are any corridors being planned?
- Complete the natural resources inventory

- Review Pine Creek Watershed plan
- Work with Bruce to identify potential conservation or land trust areas.
- Two separate ideas for work product: create toolkit for how to handle different situations, OR identify 1-3 corridors that might be worth protecting as greenways. Tour and photograph them and provide ideas.
- Review land use regulations and see if modifications to ordinances could better protect these places.
- What about natural resources conservation/restoration?
- Align with MS4 and town's plans to become "sustainable community."

Redevelopment - Blazier Drive site, southern Route 19.

BLAZIER DRIVE

- Detailed mapping of Blazier Drive
- Get current/recent development proposals from Bruce if possible.
- Hear & view sketch plans at Sept. 4 Council meeting.
- Create a discussion of "what is highest and best use for these parcels?" at steering committee.

SOUTH ROUTE 19

- Tour, photograph and map this area.
- Ask the steering committee: What is ideal land use along the corridor? What should be there to serve the community?
- Illustrate this, possibly with concept drawing, best practices images/photoboards. Recommendations on how to modify zoning to achieve an ideal. Assume this will be a market-driven decision.
- Tee up the community with the "vision to help you attract new businesses to this corridor."

Identifying with the community – two-pronged approach, one dealing with the Town's image and the other on additional opportunities for community engagement

- From public input it seems McCandless sees itself and wants to be known as a vibrant and safe community that is conveniently located in the center of the North Hills.
- How does this translate into community identity/brand?
- How do we engage citizens in civic life?
- Does McCandless want to participate in biannual community quality of life survey that benchmarks them against similar communities nationwide?
- Does community want to create a communications working group (going forward) to ID ways to improve even more?

TIER 3:

- Traffic congestion
- Internet connectivity and other technology issues
- Public transit
- Property maintenance
- Sustainability (incorporate into this section or elsewhere in plan the language to help McC get points or to support actions they need to take to get certification.)