Committee members present: Mayor Tim Helms – Chair

Mari Gramling

Richard DuBose

John Casper

Dr. Bill Seaman

Maggie Elliott

Committee members absent: Daniel Hewitt

Dr. Paul Maurer

Town staff present: Angie Murphy, Town Clerk

There were no members of the public present at Town Hall. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Agenda Approval**

Mr. Richard DuBose moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Mari Gramling seconded and the motion carried 5/0.

**Minute Approval**

Mr. Bill Seaman moved to approve the June 21, 2022 minutes as presented. Ms. Mari Gramling seconded and the motion carried 5/0.

**New Business**

MS Consultant Project Manager Drew Draper took a moment to welcome everyone and to explain that the purpose of today’s meeting was to de-brief everyone on the week’s Community Meetings. Mr. Draper felt that the Community Meetings earlier in the week were very well received by the public and a lot of ideas were generated. Ms. Katie Sieb stated that there were approximately 40 people who attended the two sessions on July 26th. Several Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Members attended the sessions and reflected on the enthusiasm that was brought to the room. Mari Gramling suggested another “unstructured” Community Meeting where individuals could speak freely about their wants and needs for Montreat. Maggie Elliott was excited to share that later on in the afternoon she was going to host a mini-meeting at the Monte Vista Hotel with a diverse crowd. Chairman Helms remarked on an email he had sent out to the Steering Committee in which he asked the leaders of the mini-meetings to be facilitators and to ask open-ended questions even if the topics appeared to be difficult or controversial. The Chair also cautioned the members on asking leading questions. Ms. Sieb stated that MS Consultants did get a lot of questions about the mini-meetings and encouraged those interested to contact a member of the Steering Committee for more information.

Ms. Sieb passed around some notes and comments from the activities at the Community Workshops for the Steering Committee members to reflect and comment on as a group. Ms. Shannon Fergus of MS Consultants briefly touched on the brainstormed ideas of stormwater management, parking for the trails, the possibility of retail/commercials spaces and other ideas that were considered “top-of-mind” at the Community Meetings. The Steering Committee Members discussed transportation efforts and speeding as a concern in Montreat. Mr. John Casper requested that the Committee try to determine why some of the items of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan have no determination as to whether or not they have been completed.

Ms. Sieb moved to wrap up the meeting but mentioned that another Steering Committee Workbook might be in the Committee’s future. Ms. Sieb felt that another committee meeting would be necessary in September after MS Consultants had enough time to digest the information from the Community Meetings.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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Tim Helms, Chair Angie Murphy, Town Clerk