

Baileys Harbor Downtown Group Meeting Notes

April 2, 2016

Meeting Location: Baileys Harbor Town Hall, 9:00 A.M.

Members Present: Mariah Goode, Pam Goode, Terry Goode, Nancy Miller, Francha Barnard, Jean Davison

Meeting Focus: Review ideas from previous meeting regarding town garden planters, signage, archways, and outdoor furniture for town-owned water access properties

Garden Discussion

We discussed plantings in other Northern Door County communities and plans for garden planters in Baileys Harbor, including hanging baskets on utility poles (not allowed) and sidewalk planters. Discussion also occurred regarding the interests and plans of the separate town garden group/committee that would like to explore growing edible plantings at various locations throughout the community. Rather than replicate efforts, our downtown group plans to focus on signage, arches, and furniture at public water access areas instead of garden planters. A summary of our discussion will be shared with the town garden group at their upcoming meeting.

Our suggestions for consideration by the town gardening group include:

- Initially focus on garden planter placement on 6 town owned properties: Anclam Park, Toft House (Community Association/Historical Society), Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor Marina, water access parks on Lake View Drive (next to condominiums on Ridges Rd. near Blacksmith Inn), and Bluff Rd. (next to Yum Yum Tree)
- Explore planting bulbs in the Fall of 2016 for spring blooming flowers (daffodils, crocuses, etc.) by the Baileys Harbor town entrance sign on the southern edge of town, the sign by County Q entrance, and other town-owned areas to enhance appearance in the spring. These plantings could be easily maintained and mowed down as part of usual routine by town work crews in the summer, to rebloom again in succeeding springs.
- Consider using native plants of Door County in planters as well as edible vegetation discussed by gardening committee.
- Share websites downtown group has researched regarding possible plant containers with the garden group.

Archway, Signage, and Outdoor Furniture Discussion

Our discussion included signage and archways at the Baileys Harbor Marina and other town-owned water access areas, as well as providing benches and picnic tables in the water access area on the southern edge of town near Frogtown Road. The group set a tentative focus for the areas listed and a timeline for completion.

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- Share the downtown group's suggested plan and timeline with members of the Baileys Harbor Town Board, requesting permission to proceed to action steps.
- Explore potential funding sources for signage, entrance archways, and outdoor furniture at specified locations.

During Spring/Summer 2016 (if permission and funding are approved)

1. Install sign noting public water access (approximate cost: \$185 – small / \$275 – medium to large size) at currently unnamed entry park on southern edge of town. This sign would be like the signs installed near other water access locations in town. This water access park will also need to be named.
2. Explore feasibility of creating, at a later date, a gravel pathway from street-side parking along Highway 57 near the Square Rigger Motel to the park area as well as a gravel path behind the guardrail for pedestrians to safely travel to and from Frogtown Road to town.
3. Pursue potential funding sources through the town board and grant writing for benches and picnic tables for water viewing enjoyment (approximate costs for picnic tables: \$375 – plain or \$500 with memorial, benches: \$250 – plain or \$300 with memorial)
4. Request that the town install split rail fencing (approximate cost is \$250/10 foot section) denoting northern and southern borders of this entry park.
5. Ask the town board to provide garbage receptacles for the area.

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1. Explore potential archway/structures for entrances to both water access areas on Lake View Dr. (near condominiums on Ridges Road) and Bluff Road (next to Yum Yum Tree). Archway structures could be commercially purchased or designed and created by Door County artists at town's request. Our discussion included using metal for longevity of arches/structures. Group also discussed utilizing natural materials like Door County fieldstone in some way for columns, planters, short walls.
2. Additional public water access areas within the town borders include: North Cote Drive by Kangaroo Lake, Point Drive near Toft Point. No recommendations were made at this meeting regarding posting signs at these water access locations. Future discussions may include these areas.
3. An archway/structure and signage at the marina will be discussed further within our downtown group, requesting guidance from town board members regarding their vision for marina and practicality of any signage design that might be developed.

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 16th at 9:00 A.M. We will meet at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall and take a walking tour of town that had originally been planned for our meeting on April 2nd but was postponed due to wintry weather.

Group Homework:

All members: Review grant funding resources listed on Excel spreadsheet attachment that was sent out to group earlier via e-mail. Additional project funding ideas are welcome!

Look at rustic guardrail appearance in other villages (Fish Creek) in case this appearance may be appealing for guardrail along Highway 57 at southern entrance of Baileys Harbor.

Mariah:

- Look at parking for boats and trailers at lot by town fire station. The parking situation may impact how Brann Park is used for overflow boat and trailer parking and other potential town activities.
- Share this current meeting summary of the downtown group with the garden group/committee at their next meeting.