

Baileys Harbor Downtown Group Meeting Notes May 14, 2016

Members Present: Francha Barnard, Jean Davison, Nancy Dickson, Mariah Goode, Pam Goode, Terry Goode, Ken Uhlhorn, Rori Uhlhorn

A brief review was given of the group's progress, including the walk around the downtown and public water access areas in April.

The focus for the group's work this year continues to be the town's three public access waterview areas which includes seeking Baileys Harbor Town Board approval in: naming the areas, providing signage, benches and picnic tables, and garbage/recycling receptacles. Discussion also included landscaping and clean-up measures that would enhance the appearance of these three small park areas.

The group discussed seeking public input on various names for the park areas, but ultimately recommended asking the town board for approval of the following names:

Harbor View Park – area between Blacksmith Inn and Harbor Sands Condominiums

Bluff End Park – area next to Yum Yum Tree Store at bottom of Bluff Road

Lakeshore Park – area on southern entry to town by Frogtown Road

Each park area was discussed with the following recommendations:

Harbor View Park

- Add park name to existing sign post
- Add signage and supplies for dog-owners who visit area with pets, if this is allowed by board
- Add garbage and recycling receptacles
- Long-term ideas include: bike rack, designated parking spaces, modify grassy area near water to allow room for entry gateway structure, continue conversation with garden group regarding using some of space along Harbor Sands property line for garden plantings

Bluff End Park

- Add park name to existing sign post
- Add signage and supplies for dog-owners who visit area with pets, if this is allowed by board
- Add garbage and recycling receptacles
- Long-term ideas include: bike rack, entry gateway structure, paint lines on asphalt designating access strip

Lakeshore Park

The Lakeshore Park area was discussed in-depth, as it is the largest area and requires more landscaping work. Among the topics talked about was the need for town board approval followed by:

- investigating feasibility of shoreline clean-up (following board and county mandates)
- adding signage for name of park (2-sided sign perpendicular to guardrail)
- adding signage and supplies for dog-owners who visit area with pets, if this is allowed by board
- adding entry gateway structure
- adding benches and picnic table
- adding garbage and recycling receptacles
- completing landscape work including a mulched pathway leading into the park and benches/table

The group also wants to explore the possibility of re-purposing and re-using the old marina docks along the lakeshore ridge of the park as a long garden border that would enhance the area and provide some protection from where the land drops off to the shoreline. The docks would be inverted and modified to serve as planting beds for low maintenance and native plants that would not obstruct the water view.

Funding the park improvements was discussed, including following up on the possibility of the Gannett Community Grant prior to the group's next meeting.

A conversation that was begun with The Clearing director in April will be continued regarding potential collaboration between Baileys Harbor and The Clearing's Blacksmith Forge students in the creation of entryway structures for the park areas.

Mariah indicated that the Door County Board of Realtors may be interested in supporting the efforts of this group through their community service project grants. She will follow up to see if there is collaboration potential for this project.

Finally, it was decided that the downtown group has reached the point where our representatives would like to informally meet with the town clerk and specific member(s) of the town board to discuss proposed plans, potential approval, funding possibilities, and a general timeline for completion. Prior to the next meeting, Mariah and Francha will meet with town representatives to discuss:

- Approval of park names and ordering and installation of signage
- Availability and placement of benches, picnic tables, and secured garbage/recycling receptacles
- Clean-up of shoreline, including restrictions and how to accomplish the work
- Construction of shoreline access stairway in Lakeshore Park given the approximately 8 foot drop off from the park's upper level
- Landscaping and maintenance of parks, including a mulched pathway and modification and re-use of old marina docks as garden beds in Lakeshore Park
- Guardrail modification where Frogtown Road meets State Highway 57 to allow safer access for pedestrians
- Additional Little Free Libraries around downtown area with locations yet to be determined
- Concept of directional lighthouse style wayfinding devices strategically positioned to help pedestrians locate areas of interest around the downtown area

The downtown group's next meeting will be set following the meeting with the Baileys Harbor Town Clerk and specific town board members.