

Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee
Minutes
May 22, 2006

PRESENT: Jody Kablack, Eva MacNeill, Scott Carpenter, Frank Riepe, Joe Sziabowski, Rich Davison, Larry O'Brien, June and Clay Allen, David O'Connor (Cecil Group), Ginny Adams (PAL)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. A quorum was present. The minutes of April 13 and 27, 2006 were approved.

The Cecil Group produced an agenda for tonight's meeting.

1. Base Plan Progress

The base map is under development. Much of the data was obtained from the Engineering Department. Some field measurements have been taken. Further refinements are needed at the Goodman's Hill intersection, Old Sudbury Road bypass and walkways. The map will be ready for the May 31 visioning session.

2. Historic Resources Interviews

Ginny Adams from Public Archaeology Lab was in attendance to discuss the data she has collected to date. She held a meeting with the Sudbury Historical Society and photographed the History Trail maps (created by Maria VonBrinken). They have thoroughly assessed the Mass. Historical Commission records for Sudbury. They have plotted much of this information on a base map of the project area.

The group discussed the influential time periods in the development of the Town Center. There are photographs of some eras: an original lamppost exists, which is in a Wayland museum; the Goodman Improvement Society (precursor to the Sudbury Historical Society) was discussed. Minutes from meetings of the early historical groups were requested to be researched to see if there is any important data on development of the center.

Ms. Adams stated that their preliminary indications are that there is a low probability of Native American artifacts in the project area. They are still investigating this. Colonial remnants are also still being explored. The SCIAC requested that historical maps of the center be available for the visioning session so the public can see how the center and the roads have changed over the years.

3. Stakeholder Interviews

The Cecil Group has conducted interviews with the Peter Noyes principal, Town Clerk, Veterans Agent, Memorial Day Committee members and Sudbury day organizer. They have identified several areas that have large impacts on traffic volume and circulation – Peter Noyes school traffic, Village Green redevelopment access, walkway across the southern section of Concord Road, Sudbury Extended Day pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The Revolutionary War Cemetery is also very threatened by its proximity to Concord Road. One final interview with the Sudbury Police Chief is scheduled.

4. Traffic Counts

Mark Howland is proceeding with the scheduled traffic counts, and is on target with his projected dates outlined in a memo dated 4/21/06. Traffic counts will be completed prior to the end of the school year for seniors at the High School. 24 hour counts are being done by the Sudbury Police Dept. Manual volume and turning counts have been completed at 5 locations in early May.

5. Revised Goals and Objectives Statement

The Cecil Group handed out an updated list of project goals and objectives. The committee added a goal on lighting to the “Enhance Visual Character” section for the project. No other changes were made to the document. This document will be discussed at the visioning session to obtain consensus of the participants on the project goals.

6. Visioning Meeting – Wednesday, May 31, 2006, 7:30 PM, Town Hall

Publicity: press release in Boston Globe West Weekly (but early); press release in Sudbury Town Crier on 5/25; an article in the 5/25 Sudbury Town Crier; web article; 4 signs will be placed at the intersection reminding people about the meeting; notices will be sent out to boards, committees and interested residents.

David O’Connor outlined how the meeting will flow. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- ◆ Get residents to understand the goals of the project and buy into them
- ◆ Get residents to understand what is at play and the complexity of the problem (public v. private land, what we have control over, etc)
- ◆ Record what the values/observations are of the participants.
 - ◆ An introduction will be made by Larry O’Brien, Selectmen representative.
 - ◆ Cecil Group will have a 15 minute PowerPoint presentation on the historical view of the town center, illustrating what was there before and what is there now.
 - ◆ Traffic trends will be discussed. The SCIAC requested that traffic trends be put into context with population growth.
 - ◆ The Goals and Objectives will be discussed.
 - ◆ The participants will be broken into groups to discuss strengths, weaknesses, observations and opportunities for the Town Center. This discussion will be

facilitated by the team members. The SCIAC should break up so as not to all be in on one group discussion.

- ◆ A spokesperson from each group will state the results.
- ◆ The Cecil Group will tabulate the findings and try to gain consensus and prioritize issues.
- ◆ These discussions will form part of the record for the next step, which are design concepts for the center.

7. Next Steps/Action Items

We will attempt to combine meetings 3 and 4 into one meeting so that only 1 meeting is needed in June, and none in July. The Cecil Group will be working on the Interim Report and the design concepts.

8. Discussion on the Wayland/Route 27 Mixed-Use Project

Jody Kablack will be researching the approved zoning and any proposed plans for this property and will report back to the SCIAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wed., May 31, 2006 at 7:30 pm at Town Hall.