

Gateway Aesthetics

April 25, 2007

Newsletter



Second Meeting

Over 25 community members attended the second Gateway Aesthetics meeting at the Mather Board Room on April 24. A list of participants is available from Gregg Bruff. City Manager Doug Bovin provided an overview of all of the projects occurring in the City as well as snapshots of some on the near and distant horizon. Bob Eslinger then gave a brief overview of initiatives in Munising Township. Notes from Au Train Township were not available. The balance of the evening was spent listing and discussing specific project ideas for the group to develop and work on. The list and task groups follow. There was also brief discussion of various annual events in the City.

Overview of City of Munising Projects

- Tourist Park to Munising Falls bike path
- New playground equipment at Brown's Addition
- Tennis court resurfacing on Lynn Street
- Washington Street court/park revision
- Tourist Park improvements - water system, 12 sites, trail
- Flowers/tree planting
- Sports complex on St. Martins Hill
- Marina improvements
- Alley utility pole improvements and Cherry Street
- Water and sewer improvements and wastewater treatment plant
- Brownfield sites: garage and fire station
- Second year DDA Facade improvements
- Bayshore Committee boat launch & fish cleaning station
- Bayshore Park pavilion
- New sign and painting at cemetery
- Comprehensive Plan with CUPPAD
- Planning Commission: Sign Ordinance revision
- Update Recreation Plan
- City to operate Ice Arena
- Geese reduction efforts



Munising Township Projects

- Dredge Cox ponds to enhance youth fishing
- Paving township streets in cooperation with Alger County Road Commission as funding is available
- Funds for skateboard park (across from ambulance garage)
- Purchasing a new fire truck

To Do Flip Chart Topics

The following list is taken from participant comments and flip chart notes recorded during the meeting.

- Curbside, front yard plantings
- Incorporate community-wide project with Earth Day (April 22) next year

- Sponsor planting contest as incentive to property owners
- Public/private collaboration on planting - group purchase of plants
- Use trustees for some planting work - community service
- Cooperative tree planting city/private 1:1 purchase and plant
- Use City sewer/water infrastructure plan to guide planting of trees, etc.
- Political sign regulations, re: Gladstone
- Murals need themes too - juried designs - maintenance clause
- Group identify specific viewsheds to work on
- Continuity in signage - need a plan?
- DDA (or other group) grant to upgrade signs
- Develop guidelines/photos of examples of preferred sign designs
- High school CAD class develop the above
- Develop a theme for city signs
- Possible themes - maritime, logging, brownstone, turn of the century
- Reward/encourage application of themes in new development
- Replacement signs need to follow new guidelines
- Murals on sides of buildings
- Connect Munising Township/City of Munising sign ordinances as they are revised
- Concept of required consultation/permitting, voluntary compliance with sign guidelines



Task Groups

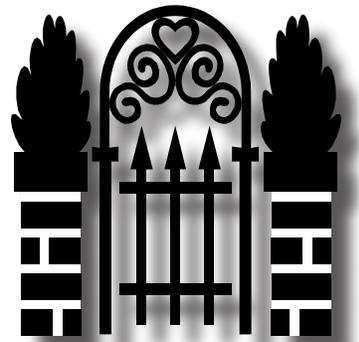
Tree and Flower Planting Group - Grant Petersen, Claudia VanLandschoot, Richard Nebel, Norma Harger, Jim Isleib,

Sign Advocacy Group - Amy Peterson, Joni Flynn, Frank Castiglione, Carl Hansen, Willie Peterson, Vicki Gariepy, Gregg Bruff

Cityscape/Building Mural Group - Leif Street, others?

Upcoming Meeting

The group agreed to meet again on Tuesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the Mather Board Room. At that time, we will learn what the two action groups have been doing. Help spread the word - print and pass this newsletter to a friend. See you there!



Related Events

The Gateway Arts and Culture Group meets Tuesday, May 1 at the Alger Heritage Center. There are some crossover issues between both groups. Feel free to attend and provide your ideas.

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