

Monthly Departmental Report: Navigator 2018



Historic Butler District Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy

January 2018: The community meeting was canceled. We plan to meet in February.

February 2018: The community meeting was held on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Councilman Tre Gammage sponsored a nonbiased forum that asked those in attendance four (4) specific questions regarding needs of the Historic Butler District and how the Byerly Foundation can address those needs.

March 2018: A community meeting was held on Thursday, March 15, 2018. The conversation surrounded getting back on track. The attendance dwindled and several meetings were cancelled.

April 2018: A community meeting was held on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Brenda Kelley presented a report of the accomplishments that had been made as outlined in the South Hartsville Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy. Mary Catherine Farrell prepared the report. Dr. Heatley informed the group that The Rotary Club wanted to partner with the Butler Heritage Foundation to do a project. The group brainstormed ideas for a project. No decision was made. Brenda Kelley announced that the Great American Clean Up was scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2018.

May 2018: The May 17, 2018 meeting was cancelled because of scheduling conflicts.

June 2018: No update.

July 2018: No update.

August 2018: No update.

September 2018: No update.

October 2018: No update.

Comprehensive Plan

January 2018: During its January 29, 2018 meeting, the Planning Commission finalized the core team members. Each commissioner gave an update from the Public Kick-Off Meeting that was held on Monday, January 8, 2018. The commissioners accepted the 2018 calendar, which included the regular planning commission meeting, team member meetings, and quarterly public meetings.

February 2018: The core team members for each of the elements met on Monday, February 12, 2018 at Coker College Davidson Hall. The team leaders gave an overview of the elements and the type data to be included. Members provided input into the planning process. Some teams have started to develop goals and objectives.

March 2018: The core team members for the elements with the exception of Education and Community Facilities met on Monday, March 12, 2018 at Coker College Davidson Hall.

April 2018: The core team members for the elements with the exception of Education and Community Facilities met on Monday April 9, 2018 at Coker College Davidson Hall.

May 2018: The teams met on Monday, May

June 2018: The Planning Commission held a public hearing in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, June 25, 2018 to give an update of the comprehensive plan. Fifteen persons signed the sign in sheet. Four persons presented their concerns and provided input.

July 2018: The Planning Commission held the Comprehensive Plan meeting on July 9, 2018 at Davidson Hall. The commissioners provided an update of their element at the regular Planning Commission Meeting on July 30, 2018. The plan will be submitted to City Council by October 2018.

August 2018: The Planning Commission held the Comprehensive Plan meeting on August 13, 2018 at Davidson Hall. The commissioners provided an update of their element at the regular Planning Commission Meeting on August 27, 2018. The commission is still scheduled to submit the plan to City Council by October 2018.

September 2018: No update.

October 2018: The Planning Commission continues to refine its narrative in preparation for the final document. Staff is providing statistical data. There has been some discussion about hiring a technical writer; however, no money is budgeted.

Ordinance Revision

January 2018: The Planning Commission reviewed the General Provisions section of the Ordinance. They made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to adopt the amendments.

February 2018: No update.

March 2018: No update.

April 2018: No update.

May 2018: CD of Pope Flynn is reviewing the sign ordinance to determine if it is in compliance with the Reed vs. Gilbert case.

June 2018: No update.

July 2018: The Planning Commission reviewed the sign ordinance that was drafted by attorney Rhodes of Pope Flynn. The commissioners had a difficult time following the ordinance as it was submitted. They tabled the revision and asked Ms. Kelley to redline it and resubmit for the August meeting.

August 2018: The Planning Commission reviewed the portion of the sign ordinance in response to the decision by the Supreme Court of the United States in Reed v. Town of Gilbert. The case dealt with Freedom of Speech and content neutrality. The commission voted unanimously to make a recommendation to City Council to adopt the revisions to bring this portion of the ordinance in compliance.

September 2018: City Council approved the first reading of the sign ordinance revision that would bring the City of Hartsville into compliance with the Supreme Court case.

October 2018: City Council approved the second and final reading of the sign ordinance revision that brought the City of Hartsville into compliance with the Supreme Court case. The Architectural Review Board and the Planning Commission reviewed a mural ordinance. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance will be submitted to the city attorney prior to submitting to City Council.