



Marion Village Historic District Study Committee | Town of Marion
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Minutes of July 13, 2023 meeting

Attending: George Morton, Steve Swain, Will Tiffit, Eric Dray (consultant), Meg Steinberg
Not present: Margie Baldwin, Dan Crete, John DiSalvo, Jill Pittman

Meeting called to order at 5:35. Due to lack of quorum, no votes taken. Minutes of June meeting to be prepared by Will for next meeting.

Discussion of Survey Results:

62 responses out of letters mailed to 205 owners. Excellent response of 35% for surveys of this type. Statistically good and should be pointed out as such in reports. George questioned "why did some people respond negatively?" and could we explore this more at public meeting, possibly in charrette format.

Will's evaluation indicates 52% responded yes to a "Demo, Alterations, Additions of a certain size" option and another 22% interested but asking to know more, fully 74% in favor of this "District Lite" option. All in agreement to consider this option seriously but not lock into it at this time. "Traditional LHD" with review of existing features also received considerable positive interest.

Planning for public meeting:

At least 2-3 weeks before, we should send out a mailing of FAQ's to owners in the district. Also a cover letter inviting them to meeting.

Date for public meeting: September, week after Labor Day. Tentative date of Thursday, September 14 at Music Hall.

Meeting agenda:

- History of Marion Village (based on Eric's article)
- Explanation of LHD process, concept and impact statewide and in other nearby towns
- History of past LHD and demo bylaw efforts in Marion
- Review of Survey Results
- Public comments

Publicity:

- Meg will resubmit request for Eric's article to be run in local papers, with revisions to add context of recent survey and upcoming public meeting. Meg and Eric to revise it together. Goal of late August publication (3 weeks before meeting.)
- Post meeting on Town Signboard 1 week before.

Next meeting scheduled for July 27 at 5:30 pm, tentatively at Police Station. Resume schedule of every two weeks after that.

Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Steinberg