



**Advisory Group Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2013
6:30 pm
Buchanan Center
Minutes**

Advisory Group Members Present: John McGuire, Quentin Kessel, George Rawitscher, Tom Callahan, Meg Reich, Nancy Tinker, Kristin Schwab, Jonathan Sgro, Roger Adams, John Armstrong **Project Staff Present:** Larissa Brown, Goody Clancy; Jennifer Kaufman, Mansfield Tomorrow Project Manager; **Guests Present:** Don Hoyle

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:35. Jennifer welcomed members.
- II. Minutes were reviewed. Edits submitted by George Rawitscher and Meg Reich will be added and the minutes will be filed.
- III. Review revised Draft Vision- Larissa circulated a copy of the revised vision statement. Members suggested that instead of stating “high quality student housing” that the statement be changed to high quality, diverse housing. Larissa will rework the bullet on social services.
- IV. Review thematic content for Open House- Larissa explained how the open house would work and encouraged Advisory Group members to attend.
- V. Review PDA conceptual plan content for Open House- The advisory group commented on the following:
Housing Strategy-Members suggested rewording the balance student and non-student housing but instead promoting housing diversity, stable neighborhoods. Other items suggested for the strategy included:
 - Encouraging responsible landlords
 - Encourage owner-occupied housing
 - Well-designed areas that promote a sense of neighborhood.
 - Facilitating ways for housing in Mansfield to sustain its value
 - Senior housing
 - Co-housing
 - Creating walkable communities-make sure to include the public realm (greens, public spaces, etc.)

- Promote cohesive, interesting diverse neighborhoods
- Avoid concentrations of poverty
- Encourage mixed income neighborhoods

Agriculture Strategy-Member suggested adding items like sustainable agriculture-organic and green growing techniques as well as forest management and timber harvesting.

Planned Development Areas were briefly discussed by the members.

- VI. New issues or opportunities for consideration in the planning process-not discussed
- VII. Public Comment- none.
- VIII. Next steps- there will be another Advisory Group meeting scheduled for the end of the summer.
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.