



City of Faribault: Journey to 2040

"Shaping our Future"

Downtown Steering Committee (DSC) Meeting #1 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting Purpose: Downtown Master plan Kick-off meeting

Meeting Date: May 31st, 2018 **Time:** 6:00 – 8:00pm

Location: Faribault City Hall – 1st Floor

Meeting Goals:

- *Overview of feedback from Steering Committee and Community at large Kick-off Meetings*
- *Overview of Downtown Area background information*
- *Downtown Opportunities Map Exercise*

DSC Attendees: John Carlander, Jose Mendoza, Ron Dwyer, Janna Viscomi, Matt Drevlow, Royal Ross, Kara Sheesley, Ann Vohs

City Staff: Dave Wanberg

Consultant Staff: Ana Nelson, John Slack, and Jay Demma

Meeting Overview:

What we have heard so far: Joint Steering Committee and Community Event Kick-off Meeting

Ana presented an overview of the Joint Steering Committee meeting held on May 10th, 2018 and the Community at large Kick off meeting held on May 17th, 2018.

Overview of Downtown Existing Conditions and Takeaways

Ana presented several maps and analytical information describing background information on downtown Faribault. Various systems such as the existing land use, biodiversity, flood zones, tree canopy, infrastructure, circulation, walksheds, and historic assets. A member of the DSC had a question about whether crash data exists on cars and stationary objects as this is perceived as an issue due to a number of car-building crashes in recent years.

Jay presented maps and data on downtown storefront uses, land value, employment, and demographics. Members of the DSC asked if more economic data could be gathered about the downtown. Some members felt that this type of data was much more important than environmental or natural resource data in making decisions about the downtown.

Downtown Opportunities Mapping Exercise.

The group then participated in a mapping exercise defining various challenges and opportunities downtown. Attached are exhibits outlining the discussion.