

Meeting Notes: Project Partners Meeting – 9/16/09

Present:

- Tim Adams
- Cari Golden
- Sandy Mason
- Chris Lundburg
- John Carney (by Skype)
- Dahvi Wilson

Storytelling Timeline

- We are still hopeful our timeline can unfold as planned, but we don't anticipate it will work to its fullest potential unless we invest some more resources into it.
- In the case that we are not able to collect values through stories as we had hoped by the end of this year, we will need to discuss whether we want to:
 - recommend that Orton extends the project timeline beyond 2 years and push back our own planning timeline in order to give us more time to collect values through storytelling;
 - proceed with values collected through a less ideal method and move into our visualization/ planning phase along the current timeline (storytelling may still proceed and part of strategy can be focused on integrating ongoing collection of values); or
 - attempt to shorten the period of time in which we work with the public on the plans within the two-year project timeline, or reduce the plan-related outcome objectives of the two year EV project.
- We will revisit this in January

Story Fellow

- a storytelling fellow will help us push the storytelling effort ahead and strengthen our ability to achieve our initial timeline goals. Do we want to hire a storytelling fellow to do this work?
 - all other H&S project communities do seem to have someone like this involved already.
 - If we do choose to hire someone, how should we manage the application/ selection process?
- Partners agree that the idea of hiring someone else seems good - it will focus the story sharing energy to get another person working on it.
- Sandy- if we're going to try to do this quickly... maybe we shouldn't do a full-blown public job posting... this should go out to people who have been involved with Envision Victor in the past and through word of mouth.
- Tim - does it affect Barbara's budget?
- Dahvi - No.
- Tim - Can we run it through Orton so it doesn't go through the city of Victor payroll-wise?
- John - Thinks so. He has to double check.... Orton feels like it makes sense so long as the partners agree and we have a clear idea of what they'll do and what

- we'll get out of it.... There are more local resources in other places, university, etc... each place is different... not trying to make you guys work harder....
- Sandy - the goal is not just to collect stories, but getting to the values part.... expanding into story circles....
 - John - the values harvesting is something that has a lot to it. To think this fellow is going to do all of that is not a safe characterization. They're going to help us distill values and collect stories... help us with the cross-checking and going back to the people to make sure we've got the values right.
 - Tim - the hardest part is distilling the values... and there might be a few ways of putting them out there to see what comes back.
 - Chris - the most important part of having the fellow is having someone with dedicated time... everyone is on different schedules.... we need someone with a very flexible schedule. Maybe in three months, with enough of that, that could really push things.... **DAHVI WILL ADD THIS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION....**
 - Tim - I would go more that the contract is for a certain amount of money for three months with these objectives...
 - John - that's tough because the hazard is that people show up saying I'm working more than you're paying me.... the best way to address that would be to make sure the outcomes are very clear....
 - Tim - I can go either way with that.... Dahvi will be managing this person, so she should have a hand in how that might best take place. The more concise we can be with those outcomes and objectives, the better the bang for our buck, we might receive.... I think its a great opportunity, it's short-term, not a lot of money, and I think we'd want to move forward with that.
 - Chris agrees
 - Sandy - do you want other input in terms of the hiring? I don't know what my input will be..... seems you should have the majority of the vote....
 - John - I agree with that, but I think it might be more helpful if the partners are there as support...
 - Chris - we can be there for support, but decision should be made by Dahvi. Then, if there's more of us in the room for the interview, that helps perception...
 - Tim - my suggestion would be not to start it on October 1. Maybe October 12 or 19? Maybe move close to January 15..... more time after new years, and more time after retreat....
 - Sandy - holidays - can be opportunities or can take time away. We should try to use them. I think we should extend the job a few weeks, but start it as soon as possible.... maybe include time for vacation (holidays?)
 - Cari - the first week of december is the Victor holiday festival.... maybe we could get memories of Christmas at that event.....
 - Sandy - if you're going to hire someone... start looking now. Actively interviewing them now....
 - Dahvi – I will stick to proposed hiring schedule, and I will send the announcement out to list and extras....
 - Tim – Should we pay 15 per hour or 17? 17 is good for the job. If we have to extend it by a few hours, it won't cost that much money.... **POSITION SHOULD END NO SOONER THAN JAN 15....**

- DAHVI WILL WORK ON DEVELOPING CLEAR OBJECTIVE SET TO BE USED TO GUIDE CANDIDATE. THIS WILL BE DONE BY THE TIME INTERVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED.
- DAHVI WILL RESCHEDULE THE BIG PICTURE MEETING.... PARTNERS WILL SCHEDULE DAHVI'S EVALUATION MEETING for 8:30- 9:30am on Sept 30 at Pendl's; We will conduct first interviews between 9:30-10:30; or on October 1st after 1pm, before 2:45....
- PARTNERS WILL REVIEW JOB DESCRIPTION. PARTNERS WILL REVIEW OBJECTIVES ONCE DAHVI SENDS THEM.
- Tim will get evals out to everyone by the end of the week....

Updates

- Kiosk update – will be finished and on street within a week.
- Transportation plan - we should get a proposal from the cVis consultant this week, and we will share it with others... PARTNERS WILL REVIEW PROPOSAL AND SEND COMMENTS.
- Story sharing computer – we'll try to get it up in the library this week... maybe it will go in the “Future of Victor Victor’s Center” if that happens....
- Story trainings at high school, Community School, Boy Scouts, and Young Ladies of the LDS church went well. All have been taught how to do interviews. All say they will do some, and some will make movies.
- Pierre’s event –
 - if we can't get old timers.... think about getting some new comers as well....
 - the screen is up in Pierre’s already.... we should try out projecting some of these movies first. We should try to make it as good as we can...
 - Hopefully Pierre’s will have movies going before this event. We can use the city's sound system if Pierre’s isn’t set up for that yet....
 - Pierre’s is going to have a movie on the 17th....
 - \$10 ticket seems high.... perhaps there’s a way to do donations of food or something at the door.... kids should be free....
 - Possible you could get something else with your \$5 ticket (like food).... if you buy an advanced ticket, you get a meal....
 - Another thing to talk about with scouts is - if they were willing to do reminders about event shortly before it....
 - There might be a handful of people that you give tickets to.... personal invitations....
 - The best way to get attendance is to delegate some kind of job they need to do, and ask them to bring something....
 - Maybe ask audience members to tell stories on the fly
 - Ryan Kearsley might be a great storyteller. CARI WILL CONTACT HIM.
 - City council and city staff should receive free tickets and be encouraged to attend.
 - We should solicit some photographs of Victor for a slideshow behind the storytellers.

- City staff story training postponed until the 29th.
- Podcasts of stories up online
- Tee shirts now available - \$10 each; postcards now available and for sale at the Emporium
- Next landscaping day scheduled for the 26th of Sept.
- Our Agriculture action project has become revitalized.
- Work on the Gateway project continues, Charlie Otto met with ITD today.
- Meeting tomorrow at 8am about possible “future of Victor” visitor’s center