

Freehold Participatory Budget Meeting
February 1, 2022

In Attendance: Carrie C., Annette J., Mark B., Joanna C., Kathy E., Ted E.
Meeting called to order 7:02 PM

Old Business: Status report on ongoing PB projects

- New Welcome to Freehold signs ordered. Awaiting delivery. Anticipate March installation
- Water fountains cost has doubled from \$2000 to \$4000. Consensus decision to reduce number to two fountains and place one in Liberty St. Park and one in Veterans Park
- Anticipated date for installation of basketball courts in Liberty St. Park is Sept/Oct 2022
- Lake Topanemus trail extension has been measured and work will begin once weather improves
- Traffic light generators await DOT approval
- Plans are in the making for a ribbon cutting in March for the ADA compliant playground equipment

New Business:

- Annette will speak with Kathy Mulholland of the Freehold Library about possibly creating two “little books” about PB. One would explain what PB is and the other would detail projects that have been accomplished through PB. Both would display the QR codes that residents could use to obtain further information.
- Members reviewed the timeline that had been formulated at the last meeting and no revisions were needed. Members clarified that projects will be vetted as received up to and including August 2nd.
- Members reviewed the list of community organizations for potential outreach compiled at January meeting and volunteered to contact the organizations and schedule outreach presentations as follows:

Joanna Connelly: Neighborhood Connections, Community Affairs Resource (CAR with Carey), Casa Freehold (with Carey); St. Rose (with Carey);

Annette Jordan and Joanna Connelly: Downtown Freehold Partnership (May Meeting); Tennant Association (with Carey); Mayor’s Wellness Committee; Historical Preservation Committee (with Carrie); Latino Festival (with Carrie)

Carrie Conger: BOE Foundation, PTO’s (with Annette), Student Government, BOE, Clergy Group

Annette Jordan: Recreation Department, Board of Health, Veterans Group, Girl/Boy Scouts; Dem Club of Freehold

Chris Velasco: Knights of Columbus, VFW, American Legion, Elks

Ted and Kathy Eckhardt: Carnegie Library, Little League, Senior Citizen Housing

- Suggestion to have two “townhall/information” sessions at the Library in March. One will be in English and the other in Spanish. Annette will work with Kathy M to get dates set up.

- Suggestion was made that members provide applications for PB projects while they are presenting and residents could complete them at the time of the presentation if able or take them with them for future use.
- Mark B. reported that he has created a draft of the flyer promoting PB and will forward it to all members
- A question was raised about involving new businesses that are not part of the Downtown Partnership and a suggestion was made to see if PB material could be included in the information packet they receive from the town as well as presenting the business with the flyer to display.
- Annette is going to forward the PB power point and list of completed and ongoing PB projects to all members.
- Carrie will start engaging the PB Facebook page and include photos to get excitement for new applications.
- Annette will check on the possibility of creating plaques to locate at the existing PB projects and for future projects that will identify them as such.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

2022 PB Timeline

March/April/May – PB Community Presentations

May 1 - Start to receive project applications

July 31 - All projects are due to PB for review

August 2 - PB will vet projects

Aug 3- Sept 9 - Professionals will vet projects that PB submits over

Sept 15 - Presentations at the Council Meeting

Sept 16 - Voting Starts

Sept 17 - LatinoFest

Sept 25 - End of Voting

Oct 3 - Announcement of winners at Council meeting