Smithfield 2020 Notes from project team meeting of December 7, 2011

Present:

Rick Bodson Trey Gwaltney Amy Ring
Margaret Carroll Mark Hall Peter Stephenson
Bill Davidson Randy Pack Judy Winslow

Sheila Gwaltney Russell Parrish

Admin / updates

Rick Bodson noted that he respectfully declines re-appointment as Smithfield 2020's project manager in January. Several candidates to backfill the position have been identified to committee chairs Mark Hall, John Edwards and Judy Winslow.

Project updates

Façades Improvement Matching Grants (In Devt) – Motion was made and approved by unanimous consent, with Mark Hall abstaining, that \$2317.50 in matching funds be awarded to 319 Main, LLC, for the completed façade and landscaping improvements to the east side of the Centers at 319 Main Street.

Public Art / Porcine Statuary (In Devt) – Judy Winslow reported that, at Smithfield Foods' request, two statues will be painted and positioned on their property in addition to the six planned for the Historic Area. A full work-up of the project costs is in hand and Judy will be presenting a proposal for underwriting support by mid-December. The statues will be painted in the Arts Center @ 319 in early 2012 and will be installed in May.

Announcements

The Town Council has agreed to fund the application fee for the America in Bloom program and Smithfield has been formally entered into the judging for 2012. The Chamber of Commerce, with the Leadership Class, is developing the project plan to prepare for AIB's visit.

Several Tourism initiatives have been identified to celebrate the "grand re-opening of Smithfield" at the conclusion of the Church Street beautification project in May 2012. Randy Pack, Trey Gwaltney, Margaret Carroll, Bill Davidson and Sheila Gwaltney volunteered for the planning committee that Judy will chair.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 8:30 am, Arts Center @ 319 classroom.

These meeting notes submitted by Rick Bodson.