

Delta Community Action Planning

Workshop 3 – Summary

Courtland, California
Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Courtland Auditorium

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Process Overview and Meeting Goals

- The Delta Community Action Planning (DCAP) process seeks to identify key needs and actions to improve quality of life in Courtland. To date, there have been a series of interviews and two workshops toward this effort.
- The process has resulted in a draft action plan, compiled by Blake Roberts of Delta Protection Commission, that identifies community priorities, potential partners and resources, and possible next steps.
- The goal of Workshop 3 is to review and discuss the draft action plan and identify next steps for implementation.
- Key questions for this workshop are: how can we gather momentum and energy around the projects you'd like to see in your community, and make them happen?

Key Outcomes

- The group determined that the key steps for moving forward are:
 - Identify champions for each action in the action plan.
 - Implement the process through the Town Association (which will provide a Steering Committee role).
- This may be an opportunity to refresh and reengage residents around the Town Association, which has been struggling with low membership.

Next Steps and Actions

- DPC to develop a template for each topic with information and volunteer contact information.
- John Stump and Blake Roberts will reach out to potential champions.
- Blake will work with Anna on a communication plan for the Action Plan.
- The next Town Association meeting will advertise and review the plan, and identify, recruit, or confirm champions for each action as needed.
- Blake will explore setting up a project website through DPC.
- Town Association members will develop a plan for refreshing and recruiting new membership to the Town Association.
- Each issue will need a plan and timeline, including check-ins with the Town Association.
- Blake can act as an agency liaison and can offer oversight across the issues.
- Mr. Dahlberg will reach out to friends in Hood about getting involved.

Discussion Summary

Draft Action Plan

- Blake Roberts walked the group through the draft action plan.
- Some goals and actions are unique to Courtland (labeled “Goal C-1” etc.), and others are joint with Walnut Grove (labeled “Goal J-1” etc.)
- The plan helps us show community priorities and support behind these projects, which is helpful when talking to agencies and look for support and/or funding.
- Since the last workshop, Blake has reached out to agencies, such as Caltrans and Sacramento County Department of Transportation, and others who are potential partners, to discuss feasibility, next steps, and funding options for these actions.
- Some actions are shorter term and some are longer term.
- Most actions will require a plan and funding.

Town Association

- The group agreed that the Town Association is the appropriate hub for this plan moving forward, and discussed how to move forward with these items in that context.
- The Town Association would be the hub for recruitment, action, and updates.
- Recruiting new members is a major need.
- The group agreed that there should be a champion for each item, who reports to the Town Association.
- One way to attract people to meetings is with food.

Suggested Champions

- Town Association – John Stump
- Water – Jim Wallace
- Cellular connectivity – Chris D. (librarian)
- Emergency – Chief Welch
- Medical – Dr. Go
- Community Health Center – Kristin Montero
- Long term school land – School Principal
- Public Restroom – Courtland Market, Toby
- For Joint actions, there should be co-leads from Walnut Grove

Funding

- Most actions will require finding outside funding.
- Caltrans and County maintenance funding may exist for some projects.
- Specific plans and actions identified and supported by the community will help draw funding.
- Deciding which actions to prioritize will involve comparing what funding sources are available, and what makes the most sense to pursue.
- Town Association does have some money. Some could be used toward these efforts.

Additional comments

- Rural internet service is terrible.

- Lack of rural internet is a barrier to electronic medical records, a requirement under the Affordable Care Act.
- There are people missing from this room, including Hood residents and Spanish-speaking communities.
 - We haven't figured out how to reach into these communities yet.

Additional actions and ideas

- Barriers to renaming library – Mike Winters will follow up on this with the County.
- Suggestion to explore a “Leadership Academy” model that educates people on the town, history, governance, etc.
 - Blake noted that a Delta Leadership Program recently began that is Delta-wide.
- Suggestion to look at Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funding on healthy eating as a possible funding source.

Attendees

Barbara Arnold
 Bill Dahlberg
 Eva Dahlberg
 Sakura Evans
 Ceci Giacoma
 Henry Go
 Paulette Hennum
 Jim Herzog
 Kathie Pavao
 Mike Pavao
 Mark Pruner
 Joy Smith
 John Stump
 Jim Turner
 David Welch
 Pat Zrelak
 Blake Roberts, Delta Protection Commission
 Mike Winter, Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review
 Caelan McGee, Center for Collaborative Policy
 Sarah Di Vittorio, Center for Collaborative Policy