

Slinger Begins Process of Visioning

Wednesday, July 30, 2003 –The Village of Slinger continued its Smart Growth Planning Effort this evening with a Visioning Meeting held at the High School Cafeteria.

Ms. Amy Emery of OMNNI Associates, the Village’s planning consultant, facilitated the meeting. After a brief presentation summarizing the planning effort and the meeting held in June, participants worked in groups to discuss the vision for the Village.

What is a Vision?

Webster’s Dictionary, defines a vision as: (1) *sense of sight*; (2) *something supposedly seen by other than normal sight; something perceived in a dream*; (3) *mental image*; (4) *The ability to perceive something not actually visible, as through mental acuteness or keen foresight [a project made possible by one man’s vision].*

In planning, the term “vision” is an expression or idea of the desired future.

To facilitate discussion, OMNNI Associates, provided a worksheet that included a series of open-ended statements for participants to finish. The idea is to complete the sentences to describe conditions in the year 2025. What follows are the partial statements included on the worksheet.

- Residents of the Village take great pride in ...
- Attractive and desirable housing in the Village can be described as...
- The Village provides the following services for residents ...



Groups of residents, business owners, elected and appointed officials, neighboring town residents, and others stakeholders discuss the future of the Slinger.

- The Village offers (may be provide by others i.e. schools) the following facilities for residents ...
- Recreational opportunities include...
- For entertainment and cultural activities, residents of the Village ...
- Downtown commercial development in the Village includes...
- Commercial development adjacent to STH 60, near USH 41, includes....
- Industrial development in the Village includes.... and is located
- The Village works harmoniously with neighboring towns to...
- Looking down at the Village from an airplane a resident would see ...
- The *Slinger Comprehensive Plan* was ...

In small groups, everyone shared their ideas. Each group then developed a consensus answer. The meeting adjourned after each group had the opportunity to share their answers.

This information will be used to develop vision statements that will be included in the Village Plan. Eventually, the plan will include a vision statement for each of the nine (9) required plan elements:

1. Issues & Opportunities (overall vision)
2. Housing
3. Transportation
4. Utilities & Community Facilities
5. Economic Development
6. Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources
7. Land Use
8. Intergovernmental Cooperation
9. Implementation

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