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MCINTOSH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

March 21, 2018

Attended:

Dr. John Barge	Mandy Harrison
Wally Orrel	Michael Hardy
Patrick Zoucks	Kathleen Russell

Missing:

David Stevens	Griffin Lotson
Russell Kent	Chris Harper
Pete Snell	

Guest: Kim Dulek

Bridge Task Force: A meeting is scheduled for Monday with Engineers. The goal is to check on the progress of the Darien bridge. An additional meeting is scheduled with the Historical Preservation to discuss the design of the bridge.

Education Task Force: New leadership is in place and is going amazingly well. Received a large grant for audio and visual for schools. Ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Thursday at MCA for the new bus that will travel through the County and assist children with their homework 3 days a week. Working with Technical College and developed 3 new courses including Commercial Fishing. Hope to start courses for 2019-2020 school year. Also, had conference call concerning qualifying for Impact Aid.

Tourism Task Force: Met on March 14th and discussed about prioritizing and looking for options for a temporary Visitor's Center.

Community Enhancement Task Force: Working on plan for grant money from State for enhancements around Exit 49 & possible sidewalk from Hwy 17 to Exit 49. Reached out to Coastal Wildscapes, Keep McIntosh Beautiful, and DNR concerning some projects.

Retail Development Task Force: A data company has been hired to help focus on Exit 49 area and to get ideas on how to improve that area of McIntosh.

Branding/Marketing Task Force: Cards and stickers have been printed to help encourage people to visit McIntosh County.

Communication Task Force: Currently working on printing flyers to help communicate the message that the Steering Committee is working hard to improve McIntosh County. Also, advertises in the weekly Darien Newspaper.

Action Items Discussed:

- **Next Steps:** Although successes have been made, consolidation is needed for some of the task forces. Planning to restructure and regroup also need to find new people that are willing to help assist the leaders in their task forces.

Next McIntosh Community Development Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for April 26th, 2018. Time will be determined. Please inform Mandy by 2p.m. on April 25th if you will be attending the meeting.