

# Unity Comprehensive Plan Committee

Agenda December 5

Koons Hall Room #201

Attendance: Chia, Lori, Don, Ken, Jim, Isaac, Emily, John M

How was John Piotti's presentation?: Good mixed crowd. The food hub will be good for the community so long as it works. Impressive facility. Like that it will be on national historic register. Locally-derived solution –not a one size fits all solution for any community. Allows opportunities for farmers to make niches (like growing many carrots that they can sell outside of farmers markets and CSAs). Will have code commercial kitchen. Projected to complete late next fall.

Review notes from last meeting. **Don – highlighted some of the responses:** We want: a clear vision of what the community wants with specifics; to test the results of the survey; to know who is there; new ideas; to mix up the conversation tables; define terms like “box”, “government”, “chain”; visuals; Various communication options; learn about others' ideas; a facilitator and a scribe for each discussion group; structured for civility; have community leaders in the room. Thought shared that part of the opening remarks of the visioning session should be “we are here today to get your input. Nothing will be decided today.”

Update on Inventory Needs **Emily – talk about 6 discussion areas:** (Based on Emily's talk with Sarah Curran this week) Most community visioning sessions are more open, topic-wise. The way that we have structured our session around six topic areas based on the survey results allows to focus on those topics for now in our inventory as well. But those six areas do need to have complete inventory because Sarah and Marc need to have an understanding of “what is” so they can help facilitate the visioning session. Final inventory can be compiled after the visioning session (not long after), and for now we need to make sure we have comprehensive data on: Town Governance, Economic, Land Use (incorporated into economic discussion), Recreation (now coined “Community Spirit”), Natural Resources, Farming & Agriculture, and Partnership with Unity College.

In addition to inventory on these 6 discussion areas, Sarah has asked if we would elaborate on them a bit. I have asked her to help us frame the discussion by providing ideas for prompts and introductions to the discussions. We got to these 6 topics by refining the survey results down so all we really need to do is back out and add those keywords back in, but some of the topics didn't have a lot of keywords from the survey. The group worked together to fill out the discussion topic areas. *See document titled “6 Topics”.*

An idea came out to make word/picture clouds (posters) to have on display near the discussion groups to sort of jog the brain of what sorts of topics would be part of a given discussion. Basically making the six topic blocks into pretty eye-catching displays.

## Planning for Visioning Session

### Specific leaders we need:

**Small Group to finalize the overall plan including details. One, maybe Two meetings outside of Thursday meetings.** Chia, Lori, Don, Jim, Emily, Sara will meet Monday Dec 9

**Person to facilitate completion of details (by delegating, and keeping track of task completion)**  
Jim and Emily

**Food Coordinator** Jean was suggested but not present to affirm.

*All others will have assignments of their choice of tasks to carry out. Checklist coming at Dec 12 Meeting!*