

Our Town Panel Comments – August 12, 2013

I received today via NEA staff member Jenn Hughes the comments from the NEA Panel that reviewed Our Town applications for the 2013 application cycle.

Sadly, “There was lots of support on the panel for this proposal.” In other words, we were one of the last ones out.

The panel praised the clarity of goals and purpose and the timelines.

They liked the level of cash support from the Town of Carrboro very much.

They thought the public engagement and planning process was exemplary.

Negative comments:

- 1) Unclear who the chief district designer would be
- 2) Did not describe in detail a process where by artists and artisans would be selected to participate
- 3) Specific roles of consultants not spelled out
- 4) Shortage of work samples directly related to creating a cultural district