

Village of Hastings on Hudson
Comprehensive Plan Committee

Minutes of Meeting No. 10
March 12th, 2008 at 8:00 pm

Media room of the James Harmon Community Center, 44 Main Street

Present: Ellen Hendrickx, Jim Metzger, Rebecca Strutton, Kathy Sullivan, Harry Thomas, Carolyn Summers, Lynda Merchant, Richard Bass

Excused: Bob Mayer, Betsy Imershein, Steve Corrigan

8:15 Welcome /Roll call/ Acceptance of Minutes

8:20 Report

WHOH CPC meetings will be aired at 10 AM & 8 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. The meeting will be aired at other times as the air time is available.

Joint meeting with Planning Board, March 6th This meeting was an open and informative conversation with the Planning Board. They spelled out the process that is required for items to come before the board and also the history of the various revisions and vision reports and a history of planning in Hastings.

Transportation work session: Jim Metzger reported that the Board of Trustees rated the plans and discussed them. There will be no immediate actions except to send the entire plan with a cover letter for comment. It seems that one action that was taken was to table the roundabout at five corners for a later date.

Joint meeting with LWRP was held. Meg Walker and Phil Karmel met with us to discuss the LWRP and the process the committee used to accomplish their goals.

Hunter Update; Richard Bass reported that the history and demographic chapters are nearly finished. A month from now they will begin writing and compiling the chapters that have been assigned. On May 14th CPC meeting we will have a presentation from the students. It might be nice to have it in Village Hall with the Board of Trustees. Kathy Sullivan will check on this. There is a zip code analysis about where village employees and school employees live. A zip code analysis from 1980 to 2008 would be helpful. The students have two surveys one for business and one residential to distribute. Rebecca Strutton remarked that the survey on the students' website should be reviewed and that the tone of some of the questions may need to be changed. Jim Metzger will check with WHOH about getting a 30 second spot on the channel to highlight the Hastings Studio and their work. Richard Bass has a copy of the Large Tract Report. Kathy Sullivan will check with the village to get copies of the report for the CPC.

Website: Kathy Sullivan reported than Jen Corso has been wonderful about updating our web site. Kathy is happy to continue to help update, all should feel free to send Jen directly information to post. Jim Metzger will send Jen a copy of his neighborhood map to be put on the web.

Public participation: Small meetings Betsy and Carolyn Strutton reported that she and Betsy Imershein have met and put together a detailed list of the procedure to hold the small meetings. The CPC committee was particularly thankful for the training piece that is outlined in the report before the meetings begin. At these meeting there will be a host and at least one if not two members of the CPC in attendance. They suggest some meetings in homes and some in public places. Some questions that remain are about the size of the meetings- How small is small?; One suggestion was to allow people to request meetings with the CPC as long as there are enough people in attendance to warrant the visit. A discussion was had regarding the public versus private space issue. We came to consensus that the committee would prefer meetings to be held whenever possible in public spaces and that the list provided would be extended to include other areas such as religious or cultural centers, VFW, Southside Club and the American Legion. Carolyn also reported that there will be a special meeting with school children probably the high school to ask what the children think Hastings should be like. Jim Metzger will check into dates that are available for our meetings.

Planning consultant: Richard, Ellen, Harry: Ellen Hendrickx reported that she has requested RFQ (Request for Qualifications) forms from neighboring villages and Angie Witkowski will be getting us some templates to adapt to our use.

Budget: Kathy Sullivan spoke with Fran Froebel about the budget for next year. In May the budget is really finalized. It seems that the \$15,000 greenway compact grant and the matching \$15,000 were approved by the Board of Trustees. Ellen had met with Fran earlier that day and he suggested that other sources for funding should be investigated as well.

Town of Greenburgh Comprehensive Plan update: Kathy Sullivan is talking to the chair of this committee. Greenburgh feels that this process will take 30 months to complete. Their first big meeting was held on a Tuesday night at 7:30 PM in a public place.

Scheduling Meetings and Kickoff: Kathy Sullivan distributed a calendar of holidays, school and village wide activities, so we could plan our public outreach. She will ask John Dennehey about his availability on June 11, 2008 for a visioning session. She spoke with Liz Liebeskind, a resident that frequently plans large community gatherings. Liz recommends that planning for something like a kickoff start 6 months before the event.

9:00 Topic Updates These agenda items was tabled until the next meeting

Topics:

1. *Land Use and Zoning: Carolyn and Jim*
2. *Transportation and Infrastructure: Steve, Rebecca, and Betsy*
3. *Economics: Rebecca, Ellen and Bob*
4. *Community Background and History and Planning History: Richard and Lynda*
5. *Demographics: Steve, Richard, Bob, and Hunter Studio:*
6. *Regional and Local Setting & Intergovernmental & Municipal Structure: Betsy and Kathy*
7. *Community Facilities and Cultural Resources: Lynda and Harry-*
 - a. Secret Gallery on Main Street added to list.
8. *Community Services & Scenic Resources and Historic Resources and Recreational Resources and Natural Resources: Carolyn, Jim and Harry*
9. *Sustainability: Ellen and Kathy*

9:35 Public Comment

Next Meeting March 26th, 2008 8:00 pm

9:40 Adjournment

Action Points

- Kathy Sullivan will check into inviting the Board of Trustees to the Student presentation and for the possible use of the Board room in Village Hall.
- Jim Metzger will check on producing a 30 second spot on WHOH advertising the student's presentation on May 14th.
- Kathy ;Sullivan will get copies of the Large Tract Report for the CPC.
- Jim Metzger will send Jen Corso the neighborhood map for the web site.
- Jim Metzger will also check into dates available for our meetings with the high school students.
- Angie Witkowski will give the CPC templates for the RFQ for Planning Consultants
- Kathy Sullivan will ask John Dennehey about his availability for June 11th, 2008 visioning meeting

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