

Village of Hastings on Hudson
Comprehensive Plan Committee
Meeting #16
June 25, 2008

Attending: Harry Thomas, Kathy Sullivan, Jim Metzger, Ellen Hendrickx, Lynda Merchant, Carolyn Summers, Betsy Imershein, and Rebecca Strutton.

Absent: Richard Bass, Steve Corrigan

Welcome: 8:00 PM

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Kathy Sullivan reported that Bob Mayer has tendered his resignation from our committee. She publicly thanked him for his work. She also reported that the Board of Trustees would appoint a new person to our committee.

8:05 PM Reports

Community planning meeting June 18th, 2008

Initial Impressions: Rebecca said it was great and there seemed to be a lot of team work and cooperation at her table. Ellen reported that she was appreciative of the participants who came out for the meeting. Lynda thanked all participants and said she found it interesting that the village email seemed to bring us the best results for attendance. Jim pointed out that we should do all the advertising we can. Betsy suggested that people do not know about the village emails. Jim pointed out that they should go to hastingsgov.com and sign up for the alerts to be better informed. Betsy spoke about the definite issues of disagreement but the discussion was not combative. She felt everyone respected and was accepting of the differing opinions. Carolyn spoke about how subdued and non confrontational the meeting seemed and that it was a positive step forward. Kathy spoke about after the euphoria wore off we need to figure out how to reach out to others who did not come and voice their opinion. This committee should not jump to any conclusions. Harry Thomas said he hoped the consultant could bring others in. Jim spoke about needing more preparation for the last question. Betsy agreed and said before we do any more of these meetings it would be great to have had more preparation. People needed more time on the questions. Kathy spoke about the late hour of the meeting and that people had to leave. Betsy asked that we have no more public meetings until the consultant is on board to help shape and organize the work.

RFP status: Planning Consultant

Ellen stated that the committee had fleshed out the original outline and that they were using two or three other villages RFP's as a guide. Harry said that there is quite a large scope to the work. We did get a boiler plate from the other villages about what might be necessary to include in the RFP, but we need to get specific about what work we want the consultant to do. Ellen said the committee will meet again to review and amend the instrument and share the result with the committee. Kathy asked if that could be done at the next meeting in July. Harry pointed out that if the village is spending \$70000 on the

8.13.08 Review existing data
 Hunter College Comprehensive Plan
 Look a quality of data
 Get an update on the consultant

9:20 PM Public Comment

David Skolnik asked at what stage is the data consolidation of each table at the big meeting? Kathy reported that after the meeting this evening we will work on that and post it on the web page as soon as it is in an understandable format.

Marcia Brester asked if the data from the large meeting be prioritized at this point. Kathy said no.

Jim spoke to the camera and asked everyone to come to the meeting to listen and learn. He suggested email as a good communication tool to let us know what the public knows and what questions they may have.

8:5PM Next meetings Meeting once per month for July and August
 July 9th, 2008 8 PM
 August 13th, 2008 8PM

We will review the data sheets from the large meeting off camera.

9:30 PM Adjournment

Approved July 9th, 2008