

Committee Business

The committee reviewed the meeting notes from May 30th (emailed to them by B&L earlier in the month) and agreed that they were complete. Mr. Welti suggested that a hardcopy of the notes from these meetings be filed at Village Hall. He also suggested that a .pdf version be made available on the Village website if possible. It was noted that the Village website is in the process of being updated and that the new site will be finished within the next two weeks. Ms. Dominguez noted that a page for the project could be created on the new website. This could be a place to post meeting notes and other information related to the study. Mr. Welti agreed and said that he would send the Mayor a short description of the project that could be used for the webpage. It was also noted that the Haverstraw Happenings Facebook page and the Village's IRIS notification system could be used to distribute information about the study such as the date/time of the upcoming public workshop (discussed further below).

Existing Conditions Summary

Mr. Welti distributed copies of a short existing conditions report to the Committee. The report contains information about the site, Village demographics, housing and economic characteristics, site zoning, flooding and sea level rise concerns, and environmental contamination issues. Included as appendices to the report are a community profile prepared by Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress and the Regional Plan Association as part of Pattern's Urban Action Agenda in 2015, the General Use Table for the WD Zoning District, and a new aerial image of the site that outlines both of the Village-owned parcels.

The Committee took an initial look at the report and discussed some of the information presented. In response to a question about the zoning table, Mr. Welti reviewed and explained the "Uses Permitted by Right", the "Uses by Special Permit", and other regulations presented on the table. There was also a discussion about the Food Desert map on page 5 of Pattern's Community Profile and the Village's attempts over the years to attract a small supermarket downtown.

Mr. Welti encouraged the Committee to review the document more carefully in the coming days and to send along questions, comments, or suggestions via email.

The Committee discussed the name of this Study. Many members refer to the site as the Chair Factory Site due to its past use. The grant application to Hudson River Valley Greenway called it the Riverside Development Concept Plan. After some discussion, the Committee decided that "Downtown Waterfront Development Concept Plan" would give people a better understanding of what the study is about. This will be the name used for the study going forward.

Public Workshop

Since the last meeting, the Village reserved the Community Center for a public workshop on Tuesday, July 25th. The public workshop will run from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Mr. Welti described his ideas for the format of the public workshop. The meeting will include a presentation to introduce the project, to provide background information about the site and its context, and to provide "food for thought" in terms of possibilities for the future. Attendees will then be split into smaller groups to work on ideas for the waterfront with a facilitator from B&L. The

groups will work at tables with maps, markers, and other resources. At the end of the workshop, the groups will briefly present their ideas so that everyone has the benefit of hearing the ideas generated by each group. The committee liked the process described and bilingual members of the committee volunteered to provide translation services as needed at each of the group tables.

The Mayor described the room at the Community Center and noted that tables and chairs are available. Mr. Welti accepted the Mayor's invitation to go over to the Community Center after the Committee meeting to have a look at the room.

The Committee felt that it might be possible to get as many as 75 people to attend the workshop if they work hard to get the word out. B&L will prepare a draft press release and flyer with info about the workshop. The Committee will translate these materials into Spanish so that they will be available in both languages. The press release will go to local media and the flyer will be distributed around the Village by the Committee after the July 4th holiday. The flyer will also be distributed electronically via the new website and the Haverstraw Happening Facebook page, and information about the workshop will be sent out via the IRIS notification system. The flyer will also be sent to the Rockland County Planning Department, Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, the Hudson River Valley Greenway, and other regional entities and organizations that might wish to participate in the workshop.

Next Steps

It was decided that that the next Committee Meeting would be held on **Monday, September 11th** at **6:00 PM**. The location of this meeting will be determined later. Based on the input received at the public workshop, B&L will prepare preliminary concepts for the committee's review at the meeting on September 11th.

Members of the committee also made plans to do a site walk later in the week once the weather has improved.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance at this meeting.

Wrap-up and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.