

Village of Hastings-on-Hudson
Comprehensive Plan Update & Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
(CPU & LWRP) Committee
Regular Meeting – Oct. 12, 2022

MEETING OPENED: 7:00 PM

PLACE: JAMES HARMON COMMUNITY CENTER 44 MAIN ST.

PRESENT:

Trustee Fleisig
Trustee Drake
Chairman Dovell
Natalie Barry
Richard Bass
Patrick Diggins
Meghan Donahue
Sarah Dupere Ostro
Dave Gunton
Edward Kuch
Samantha Merton
Chris Thomas
Meg Walker

ABSENT:

Village Manager Murphy

MINUTES

Adoption of September Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 meeting by _____, and seconded by Chris Thomas. The vote was unanimous.

Update on retention of consultant

Chair Ray Dovell shared that the CPU & LWRP consultant had been selected; as the contract was in the process of being negotiated, the consultant's name will be announced at a later date. The hope is to have them onboarded in time for the Committee's November meeting.

Review of Comprehensive Plan – Color coding

Committee members presented their review of the current Comprehensive Plan for items accomplished (marked in yellow), items not yet accomplished (marked in green), items that should be added (marked in pink), and items that are no longer relevant (marked in blue).

Chapter reviews were as follows:

Chapter 1. Introduction: Meg Walker noted that the three current categories of this section are overview, process and goals. She recommended that the Village consider making the section more aspirational and visionary and that the outreach be to a broader audience.

Chapter 2. Overview: Natalie Barry noted a need to update the photos, demographics and other information.

Chapter 3. Downtown: Ed Kuch & Samantha Merton highlighted that the recommendations in this section are ongoing and many issues including parking, signage, and relationships among the Village, businesses and residents evolve and change with time.

Chapter 4. Large tracts: Chris Thomas & Sarah Dupere Ostro noted that the 2011 vision was to maintain status quo and preserve single family nature of Village and open space. There was discussion about tax implications, zoning, wetlands, open space maintenance, walkability and the Waterfront.

Chapter 5. Circulation: Richard Bass noted that this section contained a shopping list of community desires such as sidewalks, crosswalks and traffic control and ideas were discussed about new issues to be considered.

Chapter 6. Environmental Sustainability: Patrick Diggins noted that sustainability overlaps with all other sections and should be incorporated therein. It is suggested that this section needs to focus on Climate change and its vast array of impacts.

Chapter 7. Sustainable Infrastructure: Dave Gunton noted that this section was primarily focused on stormwater.

Chapter 8. Quality of life: Meghan Donahue commented that this section concerns many diverse issues and currently is a good starting point but noted that there is room for thought and community input. It was noted that the schools were not previously included.

Chapter 9. Implementation Matrix: Ray Dovell noted that the Consultant would be setting up a web site for the Committee and that all committee members must submit their hours to VM Murphy monthly.

All members of the Committee agreed to continue into sub-committees relating to the chapter that they reviewed.

Public Comment:

Comments from David Skolnick were received.

Adjournment: 9:08 PM. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Chris Thomas and seconded by Patrick Diggins. The vote was unanimous.