Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Comprehensive Plan Update & Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (CPU & LWRP) Committee Regular Meeting – July 13, 2022

MEETING OPENED: 7:00 PM

PLACE: JAMES HARMON COMMUNITY CENTER 44 MAIN ST.

PRESENT:

Trustee Fleisig
Village Manager Murphy
Natalie Barry
Meghan Donahue
Ray Dovell
Sarah Dupere Ostro
Dave Gunton
Samantha Merton
Meg Walker
Edward Kuch

ABSENT Trustee Drake Richard Bass Patrick Diggens Chris Thomas

MINUTES

Adoption of June Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2022 meeting by Dave Gunton, and seconded by Meghan Donahue. The vote was unanimous.

DOS Workplan

The Chairman explained that the workplan is broken into tasks that we are required to complete and submit to DOS before moving on to subsequent tasks.

Task 1. Initial Meeting: This task is complete. An initial meeting with DOS representative Josh Huhn which included Mayor Armacost, Trustee Fleisig, Village Manager Murphy, CPU/LWRP Chair Dovell, and grant consultant Fiona Matthews was held on June 17, 2022. Minutes were drafted, submitted to DOS and DOS comments were received. Comments of significance related to the intention to black box zoning and adoption of a consistency law. It was noted that whether additional zoning must be addressed will be determined after further clarification from DOS. Other than that task 1has been completed.

Task 2. Establishing a committee: DOS must approve the members and requires that the committee be representative of the Village as a whole. We will send resumes of committee members for DOS to review. A question was raised whether we need a state or county agency member for purposes of the LWRP. The second part of task 2 is to prepare a document to assist the consultant in getting up to speed. It was noted that the Mayor has drafted a list of Comprehensive Plan accomplishments to date, which will be forwarded to the CPU/LWRP and DOS.

Task 3. Preparation of RFP: DOS emphasized at the Initial Meeting that the MWBE component must be met. The Village will send the RFP to DOS. Task 4. Local Procurement Policies: The Village Procurement Policy must be followed. The Villages procurement record and consultant selection are subject to approval by DOS.

Task 5. Committee meeting: First meeting should be with DOS, consultant and committee. Summaries of all meetings should be prepared.

Review of Comp Plan

Committee Members offered comments on various aspects of the Comprehensive plan ranging from affordable housing, equity and demographics to climate change, architectural character and zoning. Public input was identified as important as was an integrated approach to incorporating objectives and goals. Committee members agreed.

LWRP Summary (by Committee Member Walker)

Ms. Walker described what the LWRP is and what it is intended for. She explained what the components are and how the Village 2007 draft LWRP compares to what is required now. Ms. Walker explained that the LWRP expresses a community's vision of what it wants to see on the waterfront and what tools are needed to implement that vision. It is based on state policies, which are based of federal coastal policies One of the key benefits is that after a community finds consensus on the vision, then every govt agency has to be consistent with the policies in the LWRP. Technical assistance from DOS and opportunities for funding are also available. Also, without LWRP the coastal policies are viewed through the DOS lens, without Village input.

The components of the LWRP include: introduction, statement of goals (not prepared in 2007), boundaries, inventory and analysis demographics, history, navigation and dredging, flooding and erosion, coastal resilience, tourism, air and water quality, asset inventory, analysis of risk and resiliency, proposed land and water uses, harbor management.. The LWRP also has a new emphasis on economic analysis both local and regional.

Previously the State had 13 coastal policies to consider. Current requirements include 44. The increase seems to be from a restructuring of what were formerly sub-policies. Additional policies in areas such as energy facilities have been made.

Public Comment:

Comments from Arthur Riolo were received

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Edward Kuch and seconded by Meg Walker. The vote was unanimous.