

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE & LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

MEETING SUMMARY

Purpose: Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU) and LWRP Committee Meeting #4
Date and Time: March 1, 2023, 7:00 pm
Location: James Harmon Community Center, 44 Main Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706
Attendees: See Below

Agenda Item	Discussion	Key Decisions & Outcomes
Welcome & Introductions	<p>Ray Dovell, CPU & LWRP Committee Chair, welcomed Committee members, Village staff, consultants, and members of the public to the meeting and initiated introductions.</p> <p>Members of the CPU & LWRP Committee in attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ray Dovell • Mary Beth Murphy • Trustee Drake • Trustee Fleisig • Chris Thomas • Dave Gunton • Edward Kuch • John Patrick Diggins • Meg Walker • Meghann Donahue • Natalie Barry • Richard Bass • Samantha Merton • Sarah Dupere Ostro <p>MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., the lead consultants assisting the Village with the Comprehensive Plan Update & LWRP process, was represented at the meeting by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaclyn Hakes, AICP • Sarah Starke Hesse 	N/A

<p>Approval of Minutes/Meeting Summary</p>	<p>Ray Dovell, CPU/LWRP Committee Chair, initiated the approval of past meeting minutes and summaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary for February 1, 2023 meeting approved. 	<p>Meeting Summary for February 1, 2023 meeting approved</p>
<p>Project Status Update</p>	<p>Ray Dovell introduced Jaclyn Hakes (MJ), who provided an update of the project status.</p> <p>Key project milestones include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall 2022 – Project kick-off, data collection, public participation plan and project website. Winter 22/23 – First round of public engagement, comprehensive plan vision and goals, LWRP policies Spring 2023 – Second round of public engagement, comp plan strategies and recommendations, LWRP proposed projects Summer 2023 – Third round of public engagement, initiate Draft Comp Plan, and Draft LWRP Fall 2023 – Public hearing, Draft Comp Plan, and Draft LWRP Winter 2023 – Spring 2024 – Final Comp Plan, Final LWRP, Adoption 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Public Engagement Update</p>	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) provided an update on Public Engagement.</p> <p>The Community Survey is now live through April 15. The survey is available online through the project website and also through hard copies available at key locations in the Village including Village Hall, the Library and the Community Center. Publicity for the survey includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village and Project Website Village email Survey cards CPU/LWRP Committee Flyers 	<p>Committee members are encouraged to share the survey through their networks</p>

<p>Vision, Goals and Smart Growth Principles Discussion</p>	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) provided an overview of a Community Vision.</p> <p>A Vision statement establishes the direction of the community over the next five to ten years. It forms the basis for the comprehensive plan. All subsequent recommendations aim to achieve the established vision. A vision also uses present tense (as if you are 10 years in the future).</p> <p>Subjects typically addressed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common values of a community • Qualities, resources are assets that make a community unique or describe its identity • Attributes people like and want to be sure to keep or want to change about their community • Preferred future for each subject area of the community <p>The consultant team drafted a community vision which incorporates themes from the previous Comprehensive Plan, Committee Feedback from the January Visioning session and Community feedback from the first Public Meeting:</p> <p><i>The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is a dynamic, creative Hudson River community in Westchester County, New York. Efficient connections to metropolitan areas and employment centers complement the high quality of life within the Village, built on a strong foundation of excellent schools, vibrant public spaces, and a wide range of housing options. As an inclusive community with a holistic and forward-looking approach to environmental sustainability, the Village demonstrates adaptability and resilience. By fostering a walkable, bikeable, and accessible public sphere, the Village enhances its charming character with recreational, cultural, and commercial amenities that serve the needs of Village residents and visitors.</i></p> <p>Sarah Starke Hesse (MJ) led a Committee discussion to gather feedback on the draft Vision. Feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision should be less generic, passive • Weave waterfront throughout Vision • Hastings is small, hilly • Shorten vision • Connection to water – ravine, rivers/streams, groundwater • Inclusive • Natural resources and topography 	<p>Committee members to provide additional feedback on the Vision and Goals via email.</p>
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<p>Vision, Goals and Smart Growth Principles Discussion (cont'd)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York City • More about people, volunteerism, how they come together • Talk about people, culture <p>Draft Goals assist in achieving the community vision and are detailed, attainable and action-oriented. Goals incorporate Smart Growth principles. Key themes heard through Committee discussion and public engagement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connections • Walkable, bikeable • High quality of life • Excellent schools, • Vibrant public spaces • Charming character, cultural amenities • Housing options • Environmental sustainability, adaptability and resilience • Recreational opportunities • Strategic/ Goal Driven Growth and Development <p>These themes were incorporated into a Draft Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen mobility, multi-modal connections, and accessibility throughout the Village. • Complement the charming character of the Village by supporting placemaking efforts that enhance public spaces, services and quality of life for residents. • Diversify housing options within the Village to provide for a range of housing types for all ages and income levels. • Lead the region in environmental sustainability efforts to ensure long term climate resilience. • Enhance Village parks, recreational opportunities, and public access along the Hudson River and Saw Mill River. • Foster a strong economic environment with a compact, walkable downtown that offers a mix of uses and amenities. <p>The Committee considered the draft goals and provided feedback which included:</p>	<p>Committee members to provide additional feedback on the Vision and Goals via email.</p>
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<p>Vision, Goals and Smart Growth Principles Discussion (cont'd)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include viewsheds, river access • Enhancing interpersonal connections, checking in on seniors • Community activities, ways the community comes together • Create places that bring community together – programming, events • Activate parks • Different word for community character • Identity, historic connection on river, quality of life • Enhance circulation by strengthening mobility • Diverse character • Spirit of community • Goals should be “within existing fabric of community” <p>Discussion of housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADUs allowed but people not utilizing, can be cost prohibitive and not supported by the current zoning code • Missing middle housing (2-8 family range) • Consider slow, incremental changes • Consider school and infrastructure capacity <p>Additional discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of Governor’s housing initiative • Downtown area is underbuilt • Consider gateways – potential of cluster housing (discussed in previous plan) • Current ADU law does not provide relief from FAR, parking requirements, setback and lot coverage requirements 	<p>Committee members to provide additional feedback on the Vision and Goals via email.</p>
<p>Introduction of LWRP Proposed Land and Water Uses and Proposed Projects</p>	<p>Sarah Starke Hesse (MJ) introduced proposed land and water uses and proposed projects as part of the LWRP program.</p> <p>Proposed land and water uses and proposed projects will serve to implement the goals and objectives of the LWRP.</p> <p>Incorporates the existing and future needs of the community, as well as recreational, and water-dependent uses.</p> <p>Committee to identify future uses based on existing land uses map and brainstorm potential land and water use projects.</p>	<p>Committee members to provide additional feedback on future uses and proposed projects.</p>

	Suggestion to create database of volunteers and volunteer groups.	
Subcommittee Tasks	<p>Sarah Starke Hesse (MJ) provided an overview of the upcoming tasks for the Committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist in promoting the Community Survey 2. Provide feedback on the Draft Vision and Goals 3. Identify potential land and water uses 4. Brainstorm potential projects 	Committee to complete tasks prior to the next CPU/LWRP meeting.
Next Steps	<p>Sarah Starke Hesse (MJ) provided an overview of the next steps in the process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Survey is now live • Stakeholder Group Meetings • The next CPU & LWRP meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM • Committee tasks include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assist in promoting the Community Survey ○ Provide feedback on the Draft Vision and Goals ○ Identify potential land and water uses ○ Brainstorm potential projects MJ to Continue Data Collection & Analysis 	The next CPU & LWRP meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Public Comment	<p>There will be a dedicated time for public comment at each CPU & LWRP meeting.</p> <p>David Skolnik provided the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak louder • Westchester municipal office drafted document in response to the governor’s housing initiative • Recommend to read LWRPs • Comments on Wharburton 	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking why previous LWRP not approved. Wants to know what's missing. <p>Ray Dovell thanked all those in attendance and closed the meeting.</p>	
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This meeting summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and agreements reached at this meeting. Please forward any additions, corrections and/or questions to my attention.

Submitted by:
 Sarah Starke Hesse, MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.
 cc: Consultant Team, Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, Village, File

Comprehensive Plan Update & LWRP Committee

Name	Present
Ray Dovell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Beth Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trustee Drake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trustee Fleisig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chris Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Gunton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Edward Kuch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Patrick Diggins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meg Walker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meghann Donahue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Natalie Barry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Richard Bass	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Samantha Merton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Sarah Dupere Ostro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Village Representatives & Planning Support

Name	Present
Fiona Mathews	

State Representatives

Name	Present
Joshua Hunn	

Consultant Team

Name	Affiliation	Present
Jaclyn Hakes, Project Manager	M.J. Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Starke Hesse	M.J. Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Members of the Public

The following members of the public were in attendance:

- David Skolnik