

Village of Hastings-on-Hudson
Comprehensive Plan Update & Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
(CPU & LWRP) Committee
Regular Meeting – Sept. 14, 2022

MEETING OPENED: 7:00 PM

PLACE: JAMES HARMON COMMUNITY CENTER 44 MAIN ST.

PRESENT:

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

MINUTES

Adoption of July Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2022 meeting by Chris Thomas, and seconded by Meg Walker. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion of Comprehensive Plan achievements

The committee agreed that the Comprehensive Plan Accomplishments January 2010 to June 2022 prepared by Mayor Armacost demonstrated an impressive summary of accomplishments and is very helpful and useful. Committee members were each assigned a section of the current Comprehensive Plan to color code as items accomplished, items not yet accomplished, items that should be added, and items that are no longer relevant. This will be ready for the committee's October meeting and will be shared with the consultant.

Yellow for accomplished

Green for needs to be accomplished

Pink for new things needed

Blue for things no longer relevant

Discussion ensued around areas of focus in the updated plan and the necessity for radical thought and critique. Stormwater, affordable housing, new demographics and equity were subjects identified as important. Climate change should be an organizing principal. As priorities are identified, thought should be given to the influence of implementation of one priority on another.

Discussion of retention of consultant process

Interviews are being conducted and we are close to choosing a consultant. The Village received seven responses to its RFP. Three candidates have been interviewed. Each has broad experience in comprehensive planning and local waterfront revitalization planning. Additional follow-up is scheduled.

Identification of community / civic groups and target populations that will need to be engaged once we have a consultant onboard.

Included should be the school, religious organizations, Village Committees, downtown businesses and residents, environmental groups, volunteer groups, emergency services, Veteran's groups, Village staff, and neighborhoods. We want to be sure to include seniors and youth, apartment dwellers and single family owners, those that don't come to meetings and don't read newsletters, foreign language speaking residents, people who don't live in Hastings (twenty something's), those that represent the future of the town, those who frequent the Village but don't live here, those that have been priced out or aged out, and those who don't normally engage. The consultants will help identify groups particularly the non-obvious and updated demographics will also assist in identifying target groups. It was noted that the Regional Planning Association is currently working on the fourth regional plan, and this may provide useful input.

Public Comment:

Comments from David Skolnick were received.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Richard Bass and seconded by Patrick Diggins. The vote was unanimous.