

Village of Hastings on Hudson  
Comprehensive Plan Committee

Minutes of Meeting No. 34  
June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 8:00 pm

Media room of the James Harmon Community Center, 44 Main Street

Present: Jim Metzger, Rebecca Strutton, Kathy Sullivan, Harry Thomas, Carolyn Summers, Lynda Merchant, Richard Bass, Ellen Hendrickx, Fred Wertz, Steve Corrigan

Excused: Betsy Imershein,

Vice Chair: Lynda Merchant

Village Liaison: Susan Maggiotto

8:05 pm. The meeting was called to order, and the minutes of the meeting with PPSA were accepted.

Reports:

1. *PPSA had a meeting with Affordable Housing and sustainable Hastings:* Liz Leheny, Jim Keaney, Susan Maggiotto and Harry Thomas met regarding affordable housing. Liz came with the legal requirements for affordable housing. Harry Thomas reported that Jim Keaney is very knowledgeable and stated that they have three sites for affordable housing. Apartment accessibility is controlled by the market. Richard Bass mentioned that affordable housing in Hastings is a production type program presently. HOH needs to build and take advantage of state and federal funding sources. Affordable Housing committee has no pot of money to buy properties. Hastings should apply for federal monies to be able to buy apartments as they come on the market.
2. *Sustainable Hastings:* Greenburgh has identified climate change as an issue in their comprehensive plan. Along with NYC.
3. *Spring Fling:* The Spring Fling is this Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have a table at the event which will be staffed by CPC members. Index cards should be available for comments by attendees with information for the community meeting on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Lynda Merchant will make a flyer for the Monday meeting. Also there should be information on the Blog and website.
4. *BID-* At the Chamber of Commerce meeting Richard Bass, Kathy Sullivan and Liz Leheny had a walk through the May meeting. At the meeting BID came up as a burden but should be in the long term plan.
5. *EDC memo:* Fred Wertz suggested that we go through the EDC memo to see where there might be differences between their memo and the draft recommendations for the Comp plan. Areas that need to be investigated
  - a. In the large tract section speaks to commercial and industrial zoning
  - b. Access to the water front
  - c. Residential on Southside Avenue
  - d. BID- should be on the table as a tool.
  - e. Building reuse

6. Kathy Sullivan suggested that we have someone talk to us about tax cerciory claims by Commercial tax payers to find out the impact of that particular zoning category. Jim M. spoke about a need for monitoring these refunds because Exxon Mobil was given a reduction in property tax because the site is polluted and they are the polluter. Fred W stated that we should make sure that the CP should not be naïve about this problem, but should address it.
7. *Bill Brady* of Westchester County will come to our July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The county has a build out list and Hastings has been bumped to the top thanks to Fred W. we will be able to ask questions at that time.
8. *Meeting on Traffic and parking (5/27)*: There was a great give and take but most people seemed to come from the south end of the village. Thanks to Kathy Sullivan who ran a great meeting soliciting potential problems while not delving into solutions.
9. *Draft Comp Plan*: Sustainability is the theme throughout this draft. Richard Bass suggested that we all read it and get back to Kathy S with comments for Liz by Friday night. Meeting on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> banner will be put up, a village wide email should go out, School email, blog, put flyer at the Spring Fling table, and Kathy has a list of emails from previous meetings, she will send. We should track how people find out about our meetings. David Skolnik suggested a flyer at the A&P.
10. Jim M suggested that at some point we should get other municipalities involved in our plan to help with having a cohesive flavor and elicit responses to our plan

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Village wide meeting Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Community Center.