

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2012

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 7:35 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Swiderski, Trustee Bruce Jennings, Trustee Marjorie Apel, Trustee Meg Walker (7:40 p.m.), Village Manager Francis A. Frobel, Village Attorney Marianne Stecich, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

ABSENT: Trustee Nicola Armacost

CITIZENS: Six (6).

Mayor Swiderski: Trustee Walker is running a few minutes late, and Trustee Armacost is away on business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION of Trustee Jennings, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2012 were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

On MOTION of Trustee Jennings, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, the following Warrants were approved:

Multi-Fund No. 21-2012-13	\$362,900.74
Multi-Fund No. 22-2012-13	\$ 12,706.83

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Gonder, 153 James Street: We have one of the best police departments in the county. But again, I urge you to think that we need more police. Today I went across Ravensdale Road headed west. Car coming down Southgate, right through the stop, almost collided. I made a left on Saw Mill River Road. At the entrance to Mt. Hope Cemetery a car in front of me turned around and backed right in front of me. Lucky my brakes were good. The night before, I went up to James and High, the stop sign. The first seven cars did not stop, the eighth one did stop because a car was coming rapidly down High. The ninth and tenth did not stop. The tenth one was on a cell phone. About 20 minutes later, another three cars went through. One stopped, again, a car came down High. And then the next four did not stop.

Last month, in the crosswalks, 30 in two days people caught in the crosswalks. They get fined real high. I noticed other times people in the crosswalks. I also notice speeding all the time. Broadway, I think the speed is 30, some places 15. They are going 45. You know why? Because we just do not have enough police.

Tim Downey, 520 Farragut Parkway: I would like to weave two parcels of a story together, an issue that had arisen with the Little League and my view of how to use the old quarry site as opposed to the plan for another future park. We could realize \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year annually if we did our own in-house green waste disposal. I am not talking composting. I am talking about a different technique for managing our waste. If we were to take that \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year annually and, instead of writing that check to the city of Yonkers, we wrote it to the Little League, we could expedite that issue that is paralyzing the Little League with the Uniontown parking area. If we had a plan laid out in more of a community fashion, as opposed to making a big capital project out of it, we should accomplish it sooner for maybe half or two-thirds of the projected costs. For instance, if we have a mild winter perhaps Manager Frobel and the DPW, we could get together and do the land clearing ourselves at Uniontown.

It is not an insurmountable project, by any means. Perhaps we could ask for a donated service or a scaled-down fee to the company that does the tree work for the Village. Since they get the work here in the Village, without bid, maybe for a park issue they would be willing to contribute some efforts with their boom truck and the higher and more dangerous work. So if we got the land cleared there and we did it at the right time of a season, whether it was in the summertime during the drought when the ground is firm, or in the wintertime when the ground is frozen, then we could capitalize on the opportunity of soil that would be available for filling, for example, from the big mansion being built on Broadway. Boom, we would have free soil going there. Even if we had just a grassy meadow for a season or two or three until we had the funds for the playground, at least we would be that much further down the road and would not rely upon a big capital project blowing up the baseball field and running everything over. Those funds could be realized from the project on the Aqueduct.

I have heard the counter that it is a national park, it is on the National Registry. It is not as though I am saying we have to abandon the park and blow it up and get rid of it. All I am talking about is a small stretch probably the width of Five Corners. As it is, traffic already goes over the Aqueduct in, many locations. You take it from Pinecrest to Flower. No different than if we were to do a short passageway over there. So we reinforce it. We do what the blacktop does, in essence. We have the legal, grandfathered right to have access to it.

A woman came up to me recently who lives in the Village and walks along the Aqueduct. She said she does not feel safe sometimes on the Aqueduct, particularly around that area. The last thing I would like to see is a park and the riff-raff to sit there and have to feel concerned going past there. I do not walk there and had never thought of it from that perspective. But if we open another park we are stretching our police resources even further. So I think it warrants a discussion. All it would take is a little swallowing of the pride, for example, what Gene did in the parks meeting last month. Gene, while he wants the parking lot, conceded in a very graceful fashion. He said everyone here is in favor of the playset coming from the North Yonkers Community Church. But go along with it, and it is already going in the ground as we speak.

I do not know why this park is not planned for two, three, four seasons out, with all the funds and grants we are trying to get. Why can we not use the ground until then? At worst, we would have a stockpile of dirt or compost or wood chips available to the construction of the park if my idea did not work out. You have not lost anything. You have given a chance for an experiment to be tried. I think this warrants some consideration.

I did not partake upon the awards this spring that was given to Hastings from Westchester County. Mayor, you were there accepting the award. I thought was disingenuous for us to receive that award. It was not because we developed a brilliant green strategy. We did not. The data suggested that somehow we were better managing our green waste. In fact, we were not. What happened was, we had put a law in place with some stronger enforcement: \$5,000 for a dumping fee. So we just chased it out of the town. We did not do anything about managing better. The only thing we did manage better was the technique I taught the contractor who was taking care of the Village, Ryan & Ryan, and some of the contractors in the Village. That was where the reduction really was, from that idea. But it was not something the Village had done in terms of waste reduction.

So I think it warrants further discussion. All I have heard up to now, despite the different ideas presented by Trustee Walker, it distills down to me to not in my backyard or not in my former backyard. And she wants to keep a promise to her former neighbors. I do not think that is fair to the rest of the community to have to subsidize that.

Mayor Swiderski: The plans for Uniontown, both the moving of the playground and the location of any parking lot, have never been formalized or approved by the Board. It is still open to discussion at some point. We need to reopen that and decide whether that is a good idea, or not. It is far from determined.

Mr. Downey: Yes, I should apologize and retract that. I should not be implying it was a done deal.

Mayor Swiderski: No apology necessary. I wanted to be clear that that is only a proposal, and it has not been vetted by the community at large. That still remains to be done.

61:12 HASTINGS FARMERS' MARKET – APPROVAL OF USE OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING PARKING LOT

Sue Smith, 645 Broadway: I do not know how many years we have been doing the winter market, five, four? We have thought, in the past, about a second week but were not quite up for it and did not know what that would mean. Today there was an article in *USA Today* about how winter markets are becoming so popular, New York being one of the most popular states for it. Being in a cold state does not seem to make that much of a difference. There is interest on the part of the vendors as well as the shoppers, so we thought it would be, maybe, an experiment and worth a try. People like it, they miss the market when it is not here, and I cannot see us going to a full market season myself. But you never know what people might want in the future. We take it one step at a time and see how that goes.

Mayor Swiderski: In years past, this has happened inside at the Community Center. Is this in addition to those?

Ms. Smith: It would be January, February and March in the Community Center. Then in the spring, it is nice to be outside again. It is cold, but not that cold. January and February and March would be tough, I think. But markets should be outside if they possibly can be.

Trustee Apel: What happens if the weather is bad?

Ms. Smith: We are a rain or shine or snow market. You cannot change your mind at the last minute and be in another place. We might call it off if it we knew ahead of time it would be a dangerous situation, like a hurricane. But if it is uncomfortable we come anyway. The vendors say people in Hastings are incredibly loyal. They come anyway, which is wonderful.

Trustee Jennings: Last year there was a conversation about working cooperatively between the vendors and the DPW people in terms of the refuse cans. Did that get resolved to your satisfaction?

Ms. Smith: We have made good steps. We have been very deliberate about how to deal with it. Part of it is pizza boxes, and he has not been here every week. But I think we have got a way to approach that. He is taking the pizza boxes back, and we have got another large bucket there. We are trying to encourage people, widening the little circle and making it just

as big as the cans. We got it a little bit bigger so it will fit plastic recyclable cups. And we are looking, at the end of the day, to remove anything that is excess on top. Vendors are not allowed to leave their waste trash here. They have to take it home. We try to be very vigilant about that so it reduces the volume. So I think things are doing pretty well.

Pascale Le Draoulec, Director, Farmers' Market: The DPW has been coming every Saturday during market hours and emptying the cans. One of the big problems was that we were starting on market day with full cans so that put us at a disadvantage. They have been good about coming around 9, 9:30 and emptying the cans. That has helped tremendously.

Trustee Jennings: Are there a sufficient number of containers?

Ms. Le Draoulec: Yes, I think so. The bigger problem is that people are confused about what is trash and what is cans and what are bottles. We are trying to clarify that on the cans themselves. We have enough. We just need people to respond properly to them.

Ms. Smith: Some of it is a summer problem. There is a lot of picnicking up here on Friday. Even though they emptied the trash on Friday morning, by Saturday morning there is a lot there already. That is when the market starts. So that is a summertime kind of thing, but as Pascale said the DPW is being very helpful and we appreciate that.

On MOTION of Trustee Walker, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the use of the Municipal Building parking lot for the Hastings Farmers' Market on Dec. 8 and 22, 2012; Apr. 13 and 27, 2013; and May 14 and 28, 2013.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	Absent	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

**62:12 APPROVAL OF NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT EXTENSION**

Village Manager Frobel: Just extension of our agreement with the New York DOT for maintenance of Broadway during snow events.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Walker the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to sign the New York State Department of Transportation Snow and Ice Agreement Extension for the 2013-2014 Snow Season.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	Absent	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

**63:12 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 of
2012 AMENDING VILLAGE CODE TO UPDATE LIST OF STOP AND YIELD
INTERSECTIONS**

Mayor Swiderski: These are the ones we reviewed last time.

It brings it up to reality. It is not something new, just reconciliation against reality.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter to consider the advisability of adopting Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2012 amending the Village Code Chapter 282, Vehicles and Traffic, to update list of stop and yield intersections.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	Absent	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

**64:12 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. [3]
XXX of 2012 AMENDING VILLAGE CODE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON
BROADWAY SERVICE ROAD**

Village Manager Frobel: You heard last meeting from the Chief. This is a recommendation that comes from the Safety Council. It eliminates two parking spaces that should not be there anyway, given the proximity to a curb and the intersection. Strictly a public safety issue.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Walker the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter to consider the advisability of adopting Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2012 amending the Village Code Chapter 282, Vehicles and Traffic, to prohibit parking on the Broadway service road.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	Absent	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Frobel: I spoke to the Chief of Police in follow-up of our discussion at the last meeting about alternate parking during certain religious holidays. Dobbs Ferry handles it with the Chief of Police administratively issuing that waiver of enforcement. Our

Chief of Police believes he has that authority, and that is one that he would be pleased to exercise in those events. So we leave it up to his discretion.

Mayor Swiderski: The next step, then, is to ask the rabbi or somebody to give us what is considered the holiest of high holy days.

Village Manager Frobel: I asked the Chief that question and he indicated he would rely on the school calendar which reflects those special holidays that are honored.

Mayor Swiderski: So it would not just be necessarily Jewish holidays?

Village Manager Frobel: Whatever the Chief feels is appropriate for the waiver of enforcement of the law.

Trustee Apel: Sounds like a plan. If any clergy have questions they will speak to the Chief in case there is a holiday that is not on that calendar.

Trustee Jennings: I noticed during the Jewish holidays recently, in front of the temple across Broadway there is a wide area where Broadway has been re-stripped. People attending services are allowed to park there. But why do we prohibit parking there most of the time? It is rather far away from the downtown so it will not help assuage our parking space shortage. But it seems silly to me to prohibit parking there. I do not know if it would be a convenience to the local residents in that neighborhood, or not. But it does not impede traffic in any way. The whole point was to create traffic calming on Broadway. I am not making a proposal now. But I do not understand why, back in the day, it was determined that on that stretch of Broadway there should not be parking all the time, only on special occasions.

Village Manager Frobel: Let me bring that to the Chief's attention. That was thoroughly discussed during that discussion during the re-stripping of Broadway. There was a reason, and I cannot recall precisely what it was.

Mayor Swiderski: We did talk about the use of that strip as a bicycle lane. But then in the end, it turned out that it did not start anywhere or go anywhere. That bicycle lanes need to have logical routes, and that was too small a strip to be striped as such. But you are right.

Village Manager Frobel: There were lengthy discussions on that. I will have the Chief refresh my memory, and he will report to us as to what the logic was. I know DOT engineers had some input on that, but I cannot remember precisely what it was about that particular stretch of road, why they did not want on-street parking.

Trustee Jennings: Do not go to any big trouble about it, but I am curious. I cannot throw a stone very far, but I could throw a stone down the road to where Dobbs Ferry has people parking. It seems so odd to the naked eye.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. Planning Board – Change of Number of Members

Village Attorney Stecich: I had made the suggestion to reduce the number of Planning Board members only because the Planning Board has been operating for many months now with less than the full complement because of a resignation of one member and illness by another. It is problematic. Generally there is a quorum, but once there was not and the meeting had to be canceled. But even if you do have a quorum, if you have got a seven member board and the quorum is four, but let us say there are five members which has been typically the case, then to get an approval you need a vote of four people, because you need a majority of what would be a full Board, the seven. Now, most of the Planning Board decisions are not that close. But it could be. It seems fairer to the applicants to have a full board. I gather that it is difficult to get enough people for these other two seats, which is the only thing I could think of because they have been vacant for pretty long.

In the 30 years I have been representing boards, the Hastings Planning Board is the only one that has seven members. State law allows a planning board to have either five members or seven members. I did check the rest of the villages in Greenburgh: Ardsley has five, Dobbs Ferry has five, Irvington has five, Tarrytown has five. I am not sure of Elmsford, probably five though. It is something the Board might want to consider. It would be interesting to hear what Patty and other people from the Board have to say. If you want to do it, you would have to pass a local law to amend the code to provide for a five member board instead of seven.

Trustee Apel: So that would mean that if you had five, then the majority would be three instead of having four of the seven.

Village Attorney Stecich: Yes, just the same as your board and the Zoning Board. It was not much of an issue in the past. There were always plenty of people. But there are fewer people who volunteer these days.

Mayor Swiderski: This idea was circulated with Susan, myself and Niki. We thought it had enough merit to put it on the agenda. Patty, can you speak to the idea before we speak to the idea?

Planning Board Chairperson Patty Speranza: I never realized that was an option to have a five-member board. However, after thinking about it I realize the problem does not stem from the number of members, the problem stems from the ability to get members on the board and get members involved. There are a number of other committees, other work being done in the Village, and people are engaged in that. The quorum that we did not have in September, I had a professional obligation and then two of the members had conflicts with back to school night. I did ask the members of the Board for their opinions on this because I am back and forth. While reducing the membership to five members seems an easy way to deal with it because you gave five members now, it does seem that there would be parts of the Village that would not be well-represented. Three of the members on the Board live on Maple Avenue right down here, so I have concerns about the geographic makeup of the Board. Also, we have an architect, two planners and two attorneys. In the past, we have had an individual whose background was in the financial world, someone else who was an educator.

Village Attorney Stecich: And an engineer.

Chairperson Patty Speranza: And an engineer, right, Abba Tor. So that is something else that needs to be considered. The board members that I heard from said no, we have to look for new members. And, in fact, since Sunday night when I got the agenda for this meeting and sent it to them, I have the names of two other people who might be interested in serving on the Planning Board. So I think it is more let us get people involved. The recommendation of members comes from the Village Manager with the consent of the Board of Trustees. So that may be the better way to go. But I am glad the discussion is here because with it in the forefront and being on television maybe we will get even more people who might be interested.

Mayor Swiderski: I will put it out once again. We have tried recruiting but this board is typically not recruited by an appeal but rather by a tap on the shoulder, because it is a more serious commitment than about any of the boards because of the size of the documentation that a project may entail. So we will give it one more shot. Does the Board have a problem?

Chairperson Speranza: I did reach out to Ed Plotkin, who is the chair of the planning board for the village of Dobbs, and has been so for about 45 years. His board is five members, but with two alternates. Right now, they are down one alternate. But he said he expects the alternates at every meeting. So, in effect, they may not be voting, but they are there and he does want them there so that if they have to vote they have seen the case.

Village Attorney Stecich: In Irvington the alternates go to all the meetings. They have five, and I think they have three alternates.

Trustee Apel: I think that is hard. You ask somebody to do something, and tell them they have to do all the same work but they cannot vote, you might as well put them on the board.

Mayor Swiderski: Thank you. Back to the grindstone on that one. We tried to skinny out of it there, but it did not work out.

Trustee Walker: Yes, I thought you had an ingenious solution.

2. Update on the Downtown

Trustee Walker: There is a Friday Night Live this Friday. We are closing Warburton, and it is going to be at VFW Park. We have the jazz group from the high school performing, Mike Rubino's singers and musicians, and Exit 12, a jazz group, and the Blues. We are going to have not just our regular great restaurants and cafés open serving food outside, we will have the fire department serving food, as well, and a few food. We want to welcome some new flavors into the downtown.

I wanted to report on progress. We have an ad hoc committee meeting again on Thursday to talk about some initiatives for the downtown. We are looking at are doing a market study, which will require doing inventories of all the properties, landlords, tenants, building conditions, square footages, and surveys of merchants, landlords and residents. We are also looking into the possibility of doing a popup retail program. First we have to contact the landlords and find out if they are interested. But it is an idea that is working in a lot of other cities. I have been working in Detroit recently, and this concept is being introduced there, to have one entity oversee a number of popup retail shops; some of them could be work-sell.

Mayor Swiderski: Could you define "popup" for the rest of us?

Trustee Walker: Popup means a temporary use that is not long-term. It could become long-term but, typically, these retail uses have 30-day rolling licenses. They do not even have leases. It is the equivalent of a month-to-month lease, without a lease.

Mayor Swiderski: So Halloween costumes, perhaps, in a storefront for the month of October, or Christmas goods in December.

Trustee Walker: That is one idea. Another is to have people who normally work out of their house or their garage. Maybe they are woodworkers, artists, craftspeople, potters. They could set up their studio in a storefront and both work and sell out of it. This has become popular in Brooklyn. Others sometimes are used for performances or evening

activities; classes, things like that. We have been looking at examples in San Francisco, in Oakland, in Newcastle, Australia. .

Mayor Swiderski: And Toast here.

Trustee Walker: Yes, which was a popup café and a popup public space. We are talking about how we could do this collectively, and have one entity take care of the insurance and negotiate the deals for the landlords: get very cheap rents so we can put some activity in the storefronts. It hurts the other businesses to have these empty storefronts in the downtown. It hurts all of us, it hurts morale. So we are going to be talking about that on Thursday.

3. Update on the Waterfront

Mayor Swiderski: On the waterfront, do we have anything? I see a lot of activity.

Village Manager Frobel: A lot of activity. They have finished installing the extraction and injection wells. They are finishing up work on the infiltration trenches. The concrete pads are formed for the transformer and some of the other tanks that they have to place on site. Utility poles are in. They expect to put the wires in this week. So very good progress.

4. Other

Mr. Downey: I had a question for Trustee Walker about Friday Night Live. Last year, when we had the Pete DeLuke extravaganza, that was truly a blowout and a memorable evening. In May of this year we had a very nice event, a very nice evening. This past Saturday, Dobbs Ferry had their Ferry Fest. I am wondering why the choice was to have the number of events we have versus fewer but perhaps bigger, richer events. Dobbs Ferry had a phenomenal night. I do not know if it is a function of topography and their street lends it to a certain flow that we do not have. Is there a reason why we do not go big and fewer, as opposed to more and little? I do not attend with my family unless I know there is going to be bigger action. Often times, you are looking for your life, for the kids zipping down with skateboards and running you over. It is a little crazy with the kids as opposed to more of an adult evening.

Trustee Walker: Initially we thought of Friday Night Live as a way of sponsoring a monthly event that would get people downtown on a regular basis, not so much a big blowout. We have always had a June event, the Spring Thing, our big annual event. But we wanted to have smaller, more frequent events. You have to pay the police overtime to man the barricades, so it does cost money. We are prohibited from doing that a lot. I do not think we need to do big blowout events a lot. If we just did one in the spring and one in the summer and one in the fall that would be sufficient. But we are looking at Friday Night Live

in a new way, possibly. It obviously helps restaurants. They always do well. But the retailers, nobody shops when they go to an event, but they do get exposure. We modeled our Friday Night Live after the Third Fridays in Tarrytown. They do something every single month, rain or shine, all year long. Many retailers are open, even if they are not selling. They are serving refreshments, they sometimes have special classes or special sales. The point is to get exposure and find new customers. We have not found that our retailers are interested in that, particularly. They do not want to stay open Friday night if they are not going to be selling stuff. They work very hard all week long, they do not see the benefit, and we have not been able to prove to them that there is any benefit.

So we have tried a lot of different events, and the ones that always seem to attract the most people are the family-oriented events. This Friday is more geared toward adults, jazz and blues. But the way this has evolved is popular with families.

Mr. Downey: I do not know if this has ever been spoken about in Hastings. There is a stealth way where a lot of revenue is garnered by the Village of Dobbs Ferry. I made a \$35 contribution for a parking ticket. There are abundant areas where you do not realize you are parking illegally. You are caught up in the moment to grab a spot, and you do not see that sign between the pine tree branch. You come back and there is a \$35 ticket. I do not know if we have that same sort of thing occurring here during the events.

Mayor Swiderski: That is certainly not the intent.

Meg is right. This has evolved. It started when we came into office three and a half years ago. It has a couple of components, but the community building component and the sense of getting people downtown proved to be important. Many times people said they had a great night, it was fun, the kids enjoyed running around. It reminds people there is a downtown. It pulls them downtown, they meet their neighbors. We live in a society where people do not go bowling anymore together in large groups, or off to the pub in the same numbers they used to. Especially in a community like ours that is rapidly turning into "just a suburb," the chance to mingle and meet and socialize, it is a nice opportunity and an important one. It was not necessarily what we thought about we originally went for this.

Trustee Walker: It strengthens the downtown as a place. Even though people are not shopping, they recognize that we have a center, we have a place to go in our downtown that is not a park or a restaurant. That is important. There are things we could be doing to enhance our public spaces in the downtown and make them more suitable for events. We could do things to the VFW Park to make it work better for our events. We have not had the money to do that recently, but that is something to look forward to. Events are one of the things that make a downtown successful, when you look around the country. There are a lot of other things we have to be doing too, but events are one of them.

Trustee Jennings: For me and for others I know in town, there is a virtue to the regularity. The once or twice a year, or big events, are great. But I would put Friday Night Live in the same category with the Farmers' Market.. People go to the Farmers' Market to buy stuff, of course, but they also go there to see their neighbors and friends. Every Saturday becomes kind of a ritual. The first Friday night of the month we would like to be able to go downtown. So there is a regularity about it. It punctuates your life. When people get in the habit of it they look forward to it. The challenge is to expand beyond the hardcore people who have gotten into it, and make it more and more inclusive. I also like the participatory aspect of Friday Night Live. It is not just a passive performance. That is unique.

Trustee Walker: Thanks. But it will continue to evolve. We are all open to ideas and to volunteers, as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Walker with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled an Executive Session immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss commission members and personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Walker with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Swiderski adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:20 p.m.