

Meeting Minutes for **Wednesday, May 8, 2019** at 6:00pm

Roll Call : Distribute sign-in sheet and assign note-taker & timekeeper

Present: Gabe Berlin, John Harper, Kippy Boyle, Ali Church, Naomi Hersson-Ringskog

Absent:

Guests/Advisors: Anthony Grice, Jessica Ridgeway, Caitlin O'brien, Liz Velez, AJ Sumahit, Robert Sklarz, Jill Verrichio, Deborah Danzy

1. Public Comment Period (30 minutes)

1. Deborah Danzy of Planned Parenthood- She lives on Lake Street and works with the seniors at Burton Tower. The issues are: intersection where the school picks up children is dangerous, the bus shelter is poorly maintained, the bus does not service that area, difficulty to cross the street at Washington and Lake Streets. Traffic light does not have enough time for pedestrians to cross. Poor visibility of bus passengers that need to flag the bus down, otherwise they miss the drivers. The drivers are rude. Want a bus stop on Broadway by the Post Office because the Fullerton to West Street is too far to walk. Cerone Place has no sidewalk, even worse in the winter time.
2. Jill Varrichio, Chief Advancement Officer of Independent Living.
3. DOH and Catholic Charities Listening Session (Caitlin O'Brien)- 34 people attended but hoping for 50 members of the community. Identifying boundaries in accessing healthcare. Last year there were four priorities: housing (instability, poor conditions, evictions, condemned) mental health and chronic stress (resources/communication), and transportation and public transportation. Problem that there is no late night and weekend services. Feeling is that the city is not walkable or safe to walk- cracked sidewalks, dark roads. Transportation is also key to accessing health and jobs. It creates a snowball affect. We wanted to report back what we learned from last year and ask folks to give feedback on priorities and to engage on the topics. Catholic Charities will do another one. Nobody leaves the mid hudson do one in the summer. We want 100 people to attend.
4. Uniform numbers of the businesses to prevent car crashes and less wasteful driving. (James Schreiber??)

2. Topics (1h 30m)

• **Pedestrian/Walkability/Bicycle (30min)**

- **Tabled:** BRDNA site visit and letter of recommendation submitted to City Planner (Naomi). Waiting for feedback from City Planning and Dept of Engineering, and then Naomi will share with City Manager and Residents unless otherwise noted.
- Newburgh needs to get into the habit of recording each incident. Call the police to report an incident whether its a crash, littering, speeding etc. TAC can help by getting the numbers, emails and FYI Newburgh.
- (Cameras are exorbitantly expensive. Speed cameras are difficult because you need a permit from NYS to enforce traffic.)
- **Outstanding:** Bike Locker at Waterfront (Gabe)- Liz Velez will reach out to John Miles, former partner of People's Bicycles. Is John interested in doing activities at Velocepede?

- **Update:** Crosswalk taskforce (Jessica)- Processing data that was collected and plotted in Arc GIS. We want a spatial analysis to determine high priority intersections. Data inputs will be shared at the next meeting.
- **Update:** Complete Streets Policy Public Campaign (Kippy)-Will write up a one page review of Complete Streets Policy with bullet points that streamline the wording and outline the features of complete street design. She will disseminate to the different boards. Jessica has drafted language for land use planners that she'll share w Kippy. Together with Ali, to create a Planning Board checklist. Implementation is specified in the policy. How to work with existing businesses/owners versus new business/owners?
- **Update:** Bike & Scooter Survey/Legislation (Grice)- Lu from 511 wants to do a pop up with a bike company. Newburgh doesn't have legislation for scooters without docks. Grice wants to avoid people being priced out of bicycle rentals and dockless become clutter. Gabe will email Lu with questions. Newburgh Illuminated could be a demonstration day. Grice will ask Lu if he can do that date. Dock has to be on city property and that means they get automatically have to coordinate. Citibike in NYC : EBT members have a discounted membership. Need alternate ways of paying through their phones. Caitlin could help with survey.
- **New:** Yale Day of Service's Reimagine Lake Street Corridor (Naomi). Building off a 2016 plan. Interested to see how we can do small scale improvements and build momentum for a major redesign TAP program.
- **New:** Side Walk Repair Program (AJ)- what is the policy for improving sidewalks? Can 2015 program be reinstated? City covered 50%. No cost to business owner if they planted trees. Example is on Broadway at DMV- worn out side walk. Program is no longer in existence. Low-income home owner repair assistance. Different circumstances now because of the ADA curb compliance. City asked HUD for ruling to get money for the rest of the block, and use blue stone alternative "stamps".
- City owned lots. Call Codes 845 569 7400.
- Possibility to do a fall workshop on repointing the blue stone with GSAPP Historic Preservation (Naomi)
- **Feedback:** Traffic Calming Equipment- Ped Yield Sign Bway (Jessica)- component of environmental change, education, enforcement. Three e's. One of those signs costs \$250.
- **Feedback:** Walking Film at Library (Naomi)- turn out was good and inspiring movie. Do it in Newburgh to collect data and like a Jane Jacob's day. (AJ) We are building resources ie walking groups, running groups and bike groups. Caitlin to ask Bob from health department does history walks.
- **Buses (30 min)**
 - **Update:** Leprechaun Bus Lines (Gabe/Bob)- Can we get more dial-a ride? Gabe for Rob Parrington to brainstorm. Disseminate a flyer with alternative options in the meantime.

What are the communication/community networks we have in the area?

- **Update:** Bus Survey & MSMC Interns (Gabe)- Students will be compiling data.
- **Update:** OCTC's new shelters and schedules (Chad/Ali)
- **Car & Parking (30 min)**
 - **Update:** Short term parking on Liberty St (Ali)- will follow up.
 - **Update:** Progress on Muni Meters (Ali)- in July there was a study. City manager. Phase 1 is a study of the whole city. Phase 2 is implementing it and getting waterfront revenue to do the rest. There will be muni meters at the municipal parking lots. Costs a lot less cost per area than bway.
 - **Update:** South & Dubois incident- how to work work state road? We need pedestrians to have LPI *-leading pedestrian interval*. NHR follow up with George re CenHud submission and installing traffic calming equipment.
 - **Update:** Bank of America drive-thru (Kippy). Ask if they can paint all cross walks. Great community action.
 - **Update:** Clean Energy Communities (Alice)- set up a meeting. LED lights replacement. training of building enforcement.
 - **New Requests:** Handicapped Parking, Waterfront Parking (Ali)- follow up w site visits.
 - **New Requests:** Parking on Washington Street (Ali/Naomi)- eliminate 27 & 39 spots for fire trucks. Can it be put on the May agenda?
- **Ferry-** Update on pilot weekend service and marketing strategy. Ferry survey - who has past surveys? Ali? Kippy & Gabe will draft it. Alternative boat that was proposed by Kaja Kuhl of GSAPP HVI's <https://harborharvest.com/about-us/>
- **New Item!** Opening Newburgh-Beacon Bridge 10pm.
- **New Item!** Street Seats guidelines.

4. Admin (5 min)

- Write process for responding to requests and outline decision making flowchart. Include due diligence, site visit, recommendation, monitor and evaluation? (Ali/Chad)
- Review applicants-

Next Meeting: Wed. June 12, 2019, 6pm @ The Heritage Center on 123 Grand Street