

20/20 VISION
VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE COMMUNITY PLAN
COMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE

APPROVED MEETING NOTES - SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Community Plan Committee Attendees: Walter Pacer, Douglas Adema, Thomas Claxton, Nancy Delo, Kim Giannelli-Calos, Paul Iskalo, Pastor Timothy Madsen, Victor Paquet, Carolyn Schlifke, Edward Zabel

Absent: Mary Carr, Kevin Lester, Todd Nelson, Wesley Stone, David Sutton

Village Trustees: Mary Lowther, Richard Sweeney

Village/Town Staff: Allison Dubie, Jocelyn Gordon, Joelle Guy, Dan Howard, Lynda Juul

MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Zabel and seconded by Pastor Madsen to accept the minutes of the August 23rd, 2005 meeting, as corrected.

Douglas Adema abstained from voting.

Motion carried.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY MEETING #1

Jocelyn Gordon reported that the Community Meeting will be held in the Williamsville South High School cafeteria on November 2nd at 7 PM. There will be a Village-wide mailing to all residents to inform them of this meeting. There will also be a press release, as well as notices at Village Hall and in other public places. This meeting will take the place of the November Community Plan Committee meeting.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

The survey will be mailed on Friday, September 30th. The recipients will have two weeks to reply. Surveys will be returned to the offices of peter j. smith. The results will be available at the November 2nd Community Meeting.

The Committee discussed and agreed to make the survey available for those who did not receive it. It will be made available, but not included as part of the scientific study. The cover page of the survey will be changed to reflect this. The survey will not be available to the public until approximately October 17th, after the scientific surveys are due back. This will help avoid any confusion. The surveys for the general public will also be on a different color paper.

INVENTORY & ANALYSIS REPORT

Jocelyn Gordon reported that the Inventory & Analysis Report was reviewed by the Technical Committee and the Town Planning Dept. before being mailed out to the Community Plan Committee. The implications are a result of all the planning done to date. The consultant is developing a rationale for what they are doing based on firm data. The document will be reviewed tonight, with the hope that the CPC will approve this in draft form to be put out to the public for review before the community meeting.

Jocelyn asked that the Committee return any comments or revisions to Sally Kuzon by October 15th. This document will still be considered a draft until the process is completed sometime around February. Information obtained in future steps of the process will be incorporated into a different part of the document. The results of the scientific survey will be included in each part of the Inventory. The survey was crafted to relate to this document. Other chapters will be added to this document to reflect the community meetings. Jocelyn then reviewed the planning implications sections of the Inventory and Analysis report chapter by chapter.

COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

The Committee raised questions on the derivation of population and housing projections, and if more detailed demographic information of renters and owners could be determined (i.e. are the data influenced by an aging population in one or two apartment buildings?). Median home sale prices were also discussed by the committee.

LAND USE PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

Discussion centered on the definition of drive-in service (Jocelyn will clarify this point and get back to the committee), affects on property values, connectivity of parks, adding a section describing the characteristics of the various neighborhoods, and adding sidewalk and trees to this document.

HISTORY-ORIENTED PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

There was no commentary on this chapter.

CIRCULATION & INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

The parking deficiency was discussed, as well as the analysis method used to come up with the deficiency. Other methods can be used, but there is a definite need for parking. Paul Iskalo commented that the Village Code is more stringent than the Town Code for parking, and he is not sure why. The Town Code seems sufficient. As a result of this process, there may be recommended changes to the Village's required parking. It may be useful therefore to look at other standards in determining the parking deficiency. Jocelyn will look into this.

Vic Paquet questioned how street parking was counted; Jocelyn will also look into this.

Lynda Juul commented that she felt the water system comment was not complete; debt service is only one of the issues. This implication will be removed.

The Committee then discussed the GBNRTC classifications. The classifications as shown on the map are the actual GBNRTC and DOT classifications used for funding purposes. Some committee members felt they were incorrect. Dan Howard commented that roads on the Inventory Report are those on the Federal Highway System: for roads on this system, traffic volume is one consideration, but there are other considerations as well. The Committee is picking up on a theme that the Town dealt with as well. The regional function of the road can be different than the local function of the road. The report reflects the regional function. We can explore how to deal with this in the planning process and look at things such as context sensitive

highway design to influence what happens on these roads. The report may simply need to stress where the classification comes from more strongly. The Committee suggested changing the first paragraph on page 51 to add Evans, Mill, and Reist. Also the map should be relabeled to reflect that it's a DOT classification.

Sidewalks were then discussed. Some of the newer neighborhoods don't have sidewalks (Cadman, Farber, etc.). Vic Paquet stated that he has a map that shows where there are sidewalks and where they are missing. Jocelyn asked him to get the map to Sally so they can expand the description a little bit.

NATURE PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

Ed Zabel questioned the funding of the tree plan. Jocelyn responded that it is funded, but not fully. Nancy Delo suggested qualifying this in the plan.

ECONOMIC PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

There was no commentary on this chapter.

COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS

The Committee agreed to release the report to the public in draft form. The cover should be changed to reflect that this is a draft, and that there are chapters to be added in the future. There are three items to be addressed before this goes public:

- Changes to streets under Circulation and Infrastructure
- Removal of the water system implication under Circulation and Infrastructure
- Modification to street tree funding under Nature

Walter Pacer then requested that any other comments be put in writing to Sally Kuzon. Tom Claxton requested that the Committee be e-mailed when the Inventory Report is put on the web site.

The Committee also discussed the lack of a cohesive shopping experience as described on page 81 of the Inventory & Analysis Report.

Motion made by Ed Zabel, seconded by Victor Paquet, to accept the Inventory Report as a draft to be released to the public.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mary Lowther, Mayor of the Village of Williamsville commented on the GBNRTC calculation of new housing units anticipated to be required in the future. She was concerned where the research is coming from. Jocelyn will look into this further, and it will be revisited at the next meeting.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Motion made by Walter Pacer, seconded by Carolyn Schlifke, to adjourn.

Motion carried.