

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

APPROVED MEETING NOTES - OCTOBER 25, 2005

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

Community Plan Committee Attendees: Walter Pacer, Douglas Adema, Mary Carr, Kim Giannelli-Calos, Paul Iskalo, Pastor Timothy Madsen, Todd Nelson, Victor Paquet, Carolyn Schlifke, Wesley Stone

Absent: Thomas Claxton, Nancy Delo, Kevin Lester, David Sutton, Edward Zabel

Village Trustees: Mary Lowther, Brian Geary, Richard Sweeney

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

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Vic Paquet, seconded by Pastor Madsen, to accept the minutes of the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting.

Kim Gianelli and Wesley Stone abstained from voting.

Motion carried.

### **INVENTORY & ANALYSIS REPORT**

Jocelyn Gordon reviewed the changes that were made to the Draft Inventory & Analysis Report at the last meeting. They included changes to information on the Water Fund, street tree funding, and cover of the document to reflect that it is a draft. The document has been put on the web site. She then addressed issues pertaining to the report that were brought up at the last meeting to be followed up on:

### **POPULATION PROJECTION**

The Committee discussed their concern over this issue and if it is realistic. Growth is a positive thing, but does it work in an area as dense as the Village? Dan Howard spoke to this issue. This is a GBNRTC projection. Their rationale is realistic; they are projecting that growth will be pushing back into the city and first ring suburbs. These are regionally accepted assumptions with a methodology behind them. One of the assumptions is that there will be a limitation in infrastructure in the outer areas. Investments will be turned back into the inner ring. If that's where the investment will be, that's where the housing will be. 300 units is not a lot of units. Paul Iskalo stated that growth is a good thing for the Village. Growth in the outer lying regions causes an impact on Village traffic. These people are driving through but not stopping. By adding units to an already densely populated area, this will support the shops and the retail businesses. He doesn't feel this is inconsistent with what is in the best long-term interest of the Village. The plan can guide where this growth would occur, and what it should look like. Doug Adema felt that if the Committee was going to accept this projection, they should also indicate

where these housing units would be and what they would look like. This will be done as part of the planning process to come. Paul Iskalo felt this was just a projection showing the demand side; the supply side is yet to be determined. Jocelyn will incorporate a paragraph indicating the rationale, and that how the Village decides to deal with this will be determined during the planning process.

### PAGE OF DEFINITIONS

Jocelyn stated that she will make sure there is a page of definitions included in the report.

### SIDEWALKS

Vic Paquet sent Jocelyn a map indicating where sidewalks exist, as well as where they are missing. She will put this into their electronic mapping and incorporate it.

### PARKING ANALYSIS

A chart will be put into the report that will look at Village code, Town code, and planning standards. Paul Iskalo stated he felt that there is a need to be less restrictive in a densely populated area.

### STREET PARKING

The consultant did not use standard 20' when estimated parking spaces. They measured from curb-cut to curb-cut and estimated how many cars could realistically fit in each area.

### CLASSIFICATION OF ROADS

Dan Howard handed out a couple of pages explaining the GBNRTC definitions. If there is still an issue with this in the future, it can be looked at again. These are looked at every 10 years, and were just reviewed a year ago or so.

### OTHER

Figure 2.21 on page 33 shows the property at Essjay and Evans as vacant – it is no longer vacant. The same is true for the Castle Creek Development – it is mentioned as only half developed, but there are only two or three lots left.

The legend to the map on page 66 has the colors for the escarpment and the flood plane reversed.

A question was raised about the racial homogeneity of Williamsville. Should there be any conversation about the values? Planning policies could be based on this data. Jocelyn will make sure they bring this up in planning and policy.

The Community Plan Committee agreed that they are comfortable with the inventory with the above changes. This will then finalize the inventory with the Committee.

### COMMUNITY SURVEY

Jocelyn then reviewed the survey results (attached). She reported that 192 surveys were received by the deadline, plus another 10 came in afterward. The report being reviewed tonight shows the first 192; the tables will be adjusted to include the last ten.

Several issues were discussed, which the consultant will incorporate into the survey results. These included age breakdowns in the recreation section, walkability/use of automobile issues by quadrant, and more detail as to how many surveys were sent and received back from each quadrant.

The public version of the survey is out and results will be collected for one month.

The scientific survey results will be posted on the web site.

### **COMMUNITY MEETING #1**

Each table at the Community Meeting will have a map. There will be a core group of approximately eight people per table. The facilitator for each table will mark the maps. There will be a reception table where people will sign in and get a workbook. It is helpful that if there is a large group with one particular interest, they are dispersed among various tables.

Jocelyn then reviewed a workbook that the consultant recently used, which they will be using as a model for next week's meeting. The breakdowns may be similar to the survey, but the booklet will only be four pages.

The Committee asked what their role will be. They can attend, and can act as a facilitator if they would like. The Committee's attendance is encouraged. Mayor Mary Lowther then stated that she will be sending a mailing to the members of the Williamsville Business Association to personally invite them.

The Committee asked what will be done with the information obtained from the Community Meeting. The consultant will calculate the responses as they did with the survey, and will graphically summarize the information.

Suggestions for the workbook included showing the entire scale of 1 through 5, so people don't think they are restricted to only ones or fives as responses. The consultant will also be taking a lot of photographs. This is the opportunity to get people up to speed and involved in the process. The vision statement sets the tone for the plan. Every recommendation and plan must tie back to the vision statement; it's the primary rationale.

A suggestion was also made to try to diversify people by age. Dan Howard suggested reaching out to Mill Middle & Williamsville South HS students. Mayor Lowther stated that she could e-mail Jim Mills at South. If anyone else has a contact, please try to get some of the kids involved. They should be village residents.

The vision statement will be in front of the committee in December.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **CLOSE OF MEETING**

A motion was made by Vic Paquet, seconded by Pastor Madsen, to close the meeting.

Motion Carried.