

# MINUTES OF MEETING



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**Date:** May 24, 2007  
7:00-9:00 PM

**Reference:** Village of Fayetteville Comprehensive Plan  
Public Workshop #2  
EDR Project No. 07026

**Present:**

**Mayor**  
Mark Olson

**Public:**  
Bob Hall  
Mary Coleman  
Dr. Alex Friedman  
Paul Anbro  
Tom O'Shea  
Tom Reitano  
Lynn Falk  
Greg Duck  
John Bianchini  
Andrew Leary  
Ann Olson  
Kristin Palazzoli  
Greg Ketcham  
Dan Kinsella  
Michael Konrad  
Dan Roche  
Fred Pierce  
Trevor Iskander  
Suzanne Heiligamn  
Sara Bollinger

**Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC):**  
Jennifer Champa Bybee  
Molly Loh  
Mariana & Greg Mangan  
Kristen Pechacek  
Dan Reisman  
Mike Small, Chairman  
Bob Twichell

**Consultants:**  
David Crandall, EDR  
Paul Fritz, EDR  
Sage Ferguson, EDR

## Comments:

1. The purpose of this meeting was to engage the public and listen to their comments on certain planning issues in the village.

Environmental Design & Research,  
Landscape Architecture, Planning,  
Environmental Services,  
Engineering and Surveying, P.C.

2. Mayor Mark Olson welcomed the workshop attendees and introduced Mike Small (Village Trustee and chairperson of Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee).
3. Mike introduced the advisory committee made up of village residents. Mike also introduced EDR, the consultant hired by the village to complete the comprehensive plan.
4. Meeting participants were divided into three groups. Each group was given two questions to discuss for a half hour: 1) What would you change about Fayetteville if you could?; and 2) What are the underutilized resources or places in the Village? Each group also spent another half hour discussing a certain topic. The group topics included **Transportation Character**, **Neighborhood Identity**, and **Pedestrian Connections**.
5. The following is a summary of the notes taken from the comments under each group topic:

## **GROUP 1**

### ***WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT FAYETTEVILLE IF YOU COULD?***

- TRAFFIC ON GENESEE STREET
- MORE ENFORCEMENT ON TRAFFIC LAWS
  - CROSSWALKS
  - SPEEDING
  - CELL PHONES
- VILLAGE SUPERMARKET – WALKABILITY
- PROPERTY VALUES – SLOWING ACCELERATION
- TRAFFIC OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE
  - INVESTIGATE BUSING/PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPPORTUNITIES
  - SURVEY IMPACTS OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE EAST
  - CONTACT SEN. VENESKY'S OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE

### ***WHAT ARE THE UNDERUTILIZED RESOURCES OR PLACES IN THE VILLAGE?***

- COMMUNITY GARDEN – USE EX SPACE AT SENIOR CENTER; REJUVENATE PROGRAMMING
- USE DUGUID PARK LAND AS A DOG PARK
- CREATE A VIABLE-MIXED USE PLAN FOR O'BRIEN & GERE PROPERTY
  - CONSIDER ADJACENT RESIDENCES
- HIGHLIGHT LEDYARD CANAL HISTORY
  - CONSIDER OWNERSHIP ISSUES/LIABILITIES/MAINTENANCE
- LIMESTONE CREEK ACCESS/TRAILS

- IMPROVE ACCESS AT TOWN OFFICE TO SOUTH PORTION OF VILLAGE
- CONSIDER MAINTENANCE/ COSTS/LIABILITIES
- PROVIDE CANOE/KAYAK OPPORTUNITIES
  
- LINEAR PARK THRU BISHOP'S BROOK CORRIDOR/ CIRCULAR CONNECTION
- TRAIL TO GREEN LAKES
- LIMESTONE FEEDERS (PASSIVE PARK CONNECTIONS)
  - CONSIDER STATE OWNERSHIP ISSUES

### **TRANSPORTATION CHARACTER COMMENTS**

- WIDEN LANES OLD VILLAGE CENTER W/ PEDESTRAIN MEDIAN
- NEED ORIGINS/DESTINATIONS STUDY
  - UNDERSTAND DEMOGRAPHICS
  - ADDRESS EFFECTS OF SUBDIVISIONS
- 15-20 YEARS CONGESTION HAS EXISTED
- BURDICK TO 257 IS A PROBLEM AREA
- TOWNE CENTER/YMCA USE ADDS TO ABOVE PROBLEM
- PEAK TRAFFIC TIMES: 7am-8:30 am and 3pm – 6:30 pm
- SATURDAY'S ARE BUSY TOO
- LIGHT CYCLES ARE POOR
- LONG TERM SOLUTIONS:
  - PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
  - PARK & RIDE (CENTRO)
- FAYETTEVILLE IS A BEDROOM COMMUNITY
- CONNECT AND WORK WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES
- SEE SCHOOL DISTRICT TRAFFIC STUDY (COORDINATE W/ OTHER STUDIES)
- CUT THROUGHS/SHORT CUTS VIA RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS ARE BEING USED
- LAND OWNERSHIP PREVENTS BYPASS OPPORTUNITIES
- VILLAGE GATEWAYS:
  - LEAST ATTRACTIVE = SALT SPRINGS/ROUTE 5 FROM CHITTENANGO
  - BEST ENTRANCE = BURDICK STREET/ HIGHBRIDGE/FM SCHOOL/FROM GREEN LAKES
- FAVORITE STREET:
  - ELM STREET/ BRIARBROOK/ LYNDON
- EDUCATE PUBLIC ABOUT ALTERNATIVE ROUTES  
COORDINATE W/ PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSING PICK-UPS/DROP OFFS  
BUS TURN OFF FOR CREATIVE ENV.  
PROVIDE BUSINESS SHUTTLES  
OFFER VILLAGE SHUTTLE WITH REGULAR ROUTES (POSSIBLY ON DEMAND)

**GROUP 2**

**WHAT ARE THE NEIGHBORHOODS?**

- 1) BROOKSIDE – LATE 1950’S – 60’S
- 2) SOUTH OF ROUTE 5, WEST OF NORTH/SOUTH MANLIUS RD. “OLD VILLAGE SOUTH”
  - industrial history
  - commercial
  - rentals
- 3) TREMAIN ST. IS DIFFERENT NEWER CONSTRUCTION
- 4) NORTH OF ROUTE 5, WEST OF NORTH/SOUTH MANLUS ROAD “OLD VILLAGE NORTH”
- 5) WELLWOD AREA
- 6) “DOWNTOWN” – LIMESTONE PLAZA
- 7) THE ORCHARD TRACT
- 8) HUNTLEIGH EST TO BISHOPS DRIVE TRACT
- 9) SIGNAL HILL TRACT
- 10) BRIARBROOK TRACT
- 11) PINE RIDGE TRACT

**WHAT IS SPECIAL/NOT SPECIAL ABOUT NEIGHBORHOODS?**

1) SIGNAL HILL	<u>SPECIAL</u> -relationship to Green Lakes newer attached homes newer	<u>NOT SPECIAL</u>
2) BRIARBROOK	-exclusivity/very \$ -townhouses can be attractive to elderly/retirees - one level units	- “McMansions”
3) PINERIDGE	-single family homes -established neighborhood -mature trees -provides views	
4) HUNTLEIGH	-traditional neighborhood -variety of house styles	
5) OLD VILLAGE SOUTH	-manufacturing history -urban – lots of uses -commercial & residential in	-hard to cross on foot from Limestone to Highbridge area

	<b>proximity/mixed use “not a suburb”</b> -reflects /original includes developments	<b>-commercial development (especially Kirby’s plaza) needs to be spruced up</b> -front yard storage -deferred maintenance of houses
<b>6) OLD VILLAGE NORTH</b>	-history -quality of housing stock -easier to get around -more affluent than south of Route 5 (Old Village S)	-can’t cross easily to S E. Genesee St. (& vice versa) due to only 1 signalized light at Fire Station -hard to shop on North side
<b>7) EUCLID (area behind Craftsman)</b>	-cape cod style houses -post war style houses	-dangerous to cross South of Burdick to go to Target/ P & C complex

**WHAT ARE THE MAJOR CONCERNS WITH COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT?**

- CHURCHES ON E. GENESEE ARE POSITIVES
- ABSENTEE LANDLORDS
- POORLY MARKED CROSSINGS – PEDESTRIANS DON’T FEEL SAFE
- E. GENESEE ST. BUILDINGS - HISTORIC TOUCHES ARE GREAT
- CHAOTIC CIRCULATION AROUND LIMESTONE PLAZA
- CAN’T USE TRIANGLE PARK
- BROKEN CORNER IN FRONT OF POOL SUPPLY STORE

**POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

1. ENFORCE THE EXISTING CODES (EG. LAWNS MOWED, STORAGE, ETC.)
2. CROSSWALK AT ACADEMY & E. GENESEE STREET NEEDS LIGHTING
3. ENCOURAGE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN LIMESTONE & BETTER SIGNAGE
4. CLEAN UP LOWER VILLAGE
5. ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBILITY OF “5 CORNERS” LIMESTONE/HIGHBRIDGE/E.GENESEE
6. DON’T CHANGE OR ADD TO CODES – MUST ENFORCE WHAT WE HAVE
7. DEVELOP DOT PROPERTY – SAME SAY AS PARK, SAME SAY AS COMMERCIAL
8. NO MORE OVERNIGHT PARKING ESPECIALLY FOR TRUCKS
9. FIX BROKEN STREETScape AT TOP OF SPRING STREET
10. ENHANCE THE COMMERCIAL USES WE ALREADY HAVE AND PREVENT “CREEP”

### **GROUP 3**

#### ***WHAT ARE THE UNDERUTILIZED RESOURCES OR PLACES IN THE VILLAGE?***

- OPEN SPACES UNDER DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS /CLEAN UP ENTRY POINTS
- WATER RESOURCES
- BIRD SANCTUARY
- LINKING PARKLAND
- AREAS NOT WALKABLE /SAFE
- RESIDENTS
- CLEARLY MARKED CROSSWAYS
- TEEN CENTER
- 4 – WAY STOPS – ENFORCING
- SUMMER STREET VENDORS/ACTIVITIES (PARKS/OLD DOWNTOWN)
- IMPROVE CURRENT PARK RESOURCES
- HISTORICAL INFORMATION/EDUCATION
- SNOW PLOW DAMAGE

#### ***WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT FAYETTEVILLE IF YOU COULD?***

- NO TRUCKS
- MORE PUBLIC TRASH CANS ON WALKWAYS
- ARTERIAL SIDEWALKS IN NEIGHBORHOODS TO GET TO MAJOR ROADS
- FILL IN BUSINESS VACANT AREAS IN DOWNTOWN AREA
- CONSISTANT VISUAL CHARACTER
  - SAME SIGNAGE STYLE ALONG SIDEWALKS OR LIGHT POSTS (NO NEON) BUT BALANCE WITH BUSINESS NEEDS
- ENFORCE SIGN CODES
- MORE RESTAURANTS DOWNTOWN – WALKABLE (SEASONABLE)
- OLDER VILLAGE INTO 2 NEIGHBORHOODS
  - SOUTH VILLAGE – MIXED USE
  - NORTH VILLAGE – NEWER DEVELOPMENT/ SOME OLD
- REVISE ZONING TO ACCOMMODATE OR ENCOURAGE PROGRAM FOR ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY
- DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOOD INTERACTIONS (RESIDENTS INTERMINGLE)

#### ***WALKABLE ACTION ITEMS***

- SAFER WALK TO SCHOOL
  - CROSSWALKS – MAJOR ROADS
  - MORE CROSSING TIME/ STOP TRAFFIC ALL WAYS

- NEW SIGNS FOR CROSSING
  - SIDEWALKS – CONTINUOUS
  - BROOKLEA/FAYETTEVILLE/ S. MANLIUS
  - UPPER VILLAGE – 2 SPOTS
  - GATEWAY/ ERIE CANAL
- PUBLIC EDUCATION ON ALL TRAFFIC ISSUES
    - DOT INFO SESSIONS
    - NEWSPAPERS INFORMATION/MEDIA
    - ENFORCEMENT – POLICE AT HOT SPOTS
    - TEMPORARY CROSSWALK INFO SIGNAGE
    - POLICEMEN DIRECTING TRAFFIC DEMOS
  - CONTINUE SIDEWALKS WERE MISSING
  - SOUTH FRANKLIN STREET – PARENT PICK-UP ISSUES AND KIDS CROSSING
    - IMPROVE SIGNAGE
    - IMPROVE CONGESTION
  - CONNECTIVITY OF GREEN SPACES
    - PATHS
    - EAGLE SCOUTS PROJECTS
    - BIKE PATHS ON ROADS (WALKING TO PARK TOO FAR)
6. Each group returned to the Court Room and a spokesperson for each group summarized their results to the other groups.
7. The meeting adjourned approximately 9:00pm.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

8. The next public information meeting will occur in the fall of 2007. The next meeting will discuss draft recommendations.

**Paul Fritz** of Environmental Design & Research has prepared these meeting minutes. If there are any discrepancies, please notify our office within three business days of receipt.