

MINUTES OF MEETING



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

Reference: Village of Fayetteville Comprehensive Plan
Public Workshop #1
EDR Project No. 07026

Present:

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 listen to the public about what the important issues are in the village.

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Environmental Services,
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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. EDR presented a slide show describing their background and then proceeded to explain the tasks and schedule for the project.
5. EDR started the brainstorm session of the meeting by asking each meeting participant to identify in a brief phrase what he or she values most about the Village of Fayetteville. Below is the list of comments received.

VALUES

- Identifiable center
- Protect historic feel of the village
- Community spirit
- Comfort/people/atmosphere
- Privacy
- Sense of neighborhood/connectivity
- Small size/intimacy/"small town"
- Pedestrian friendliness/compactness
- Location
- Security
- School system
- Access to workplaces/Commute
- Mixed uses/walkable
- Home "feel"
- Special character- worth saving
- Feels like a "whole"
- Friendly/cooperative
- Services-encompassing police/fire/DPW
- Gathering places/parks
- Charm/smallness/children friendly
- Access to retail
- Neighborhoods w/mix of ages/interest
- Nearby open space/access to water
- Unique feature (Erie Canal corridor)
- Commercial core-plow sidewalks

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6. EDR then proceeded to ask the meeting participants to brainstorm about issues and opportunities related to the village. Below are the comments received.

ISSUES/CONCERNS

- Need more employment opportunities (not only retail)
- Lack of walkable grocery store
- Large industrial site redevelopment (needs conscientious development)
- Sustainability – *Economic*
- Lack of sports fields/funding needed for soccer, football, lacrosse, little league
- Recreational (active) for all ages-need walking trails, bike paths
- Need for affordable housing-
 - Loss of demographics (low income range)
 - Availability of older housing stock (250K & up single family esp. new homes)
- Lack of time for volunteer work within community (energies going towards earning living to afford living in town)
- Burdick neighborhood encroachment
- Fear of improvements will increase living costs
- Need for Town code enforcements - public nuisance of certain properties
- Need for maintenance of what we have
- Traffic
 - East Genesee St. corridor-avoid neighborhood bypasses
 - Want focus on main artery and peak time congestion coming/going thru 60 mile radius
 - East of village development
 - Loss of streetscale w/ more lanes
 - Trucks 5am-8am E - W on Rt. 5 (noise)
 - Need traffic calming
 - School- salt springs – Back up – Shared Rt./Straight/Left turns
 - Good intersection at Fayetteville Cleaners (no left turn)-now need make road one way in and out Limestone Plaza.
 - 7-8:30AM, 4-6:30PM = Peak Times
- Large Businesses –All hours –East of village
- Lack of open dialogue with Limestone Plaza business owners
 - Disrepair of historic structures
 - Need for financial assistance
- Vacant Lots
 - Limestone Plaza
 - Inaccessibility to couple vacant lots
- Balance of character and taxes
- Lack of expansion capability
- Cost of living increases
 - Public service workers and elderly cannot afford village rising costs

OPPORTUNITIES

- Traffic: evaluate alternative routes- “Diversion”
 - Coordinate w/ traffic study
 - Encourage mass public transit (see park and ride concept by Centro)
 - Thruway exit alternative (East of Village) with advanced EZ Pass-like system
 - Traffic calming (enforcement/education)
 - Conversation w/large employers (subsidized bus passes)
 - One way scenario @ Limestone plaza and enhancements
 - Limestone Plaza- open dialogue with business
 - Enhance business opportunities
 - Coordinate building owners
 - Farmers Market (@ Limestone Plaza other vacant lot)
 - Vacant lots
 - tax benefits
 - access trouble
 - Recreation (active) space for sports with available land
 - Highbridge St/Genesee St.
 - Potential affordable housing area and option
 - Review programs
 - Provide housing price ranges/including starter homes
 - Small lot sizes
 - Interact with Town of Manlius and east to Madison Country
 - Look to data for housing opportunity
 - Maintenance of current quality of life
 - Improve code enforcement (signage and other areas)
 - Consolidation
 - Employment opportunities (variety/not just retail)
 - Maintain a diverse population
 - Tours- walk to see issues
7. Each participant was provided three dot stickers and asked to identify three comments made this evening that were most important to them.
8. EDR summarized the results from the rating of the comments. Some of the items that were identified with multiple dots included traffic congestion related comments, maintenance of quality of life and village character type comments, code enforcement comments, and affordable housing comments.
9. The meeting adjourned approximately 9:10pm.

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NEXT STEPS

10. The next public workshop is scheduled for 7-9 PM, Thursday, May 24th in the Court Room at the Village Hall. The agenda for this meeting will include a review of the May 9 public meeting and visioning exercises for some of the major topics of concern identified at this meeting.

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.