

Fishkill Avenue Concepts Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

6:30 -8:00 PM

City Council Meeting Room, 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon NY 12508

1. Confirm Meeting Minute Notetaker for November 6, 2024

- Brent Stapleton

2. Vote to Approve October 2, 2024 Minutes

- Approved

3. Review of Best Practices for Committee

- Transparency and an opportunity to listen to multiple perspectives.

4. Report back from Zoning subcommittee – Approx 6:40pm-7:20pm

- Identify and list goals of the Zoning subcommittee
 - Garret: Review of Goals and Land Use Recommendations
 - Seven goals included and shared on a working document.
 - Includes 7 zoning districts of the corridor
 - 1 district might not make sense for the entirety of the corridor
 - Redevelopment opportunity
 - Identifies River Ridge, Roundhouse and Greenway Trail as examples of public projects that we could derive inspiration from.
 - Influences in decision making
 - Camp Beacon
 - Residential plans for previous prison site.
 - Speaks to the need for housing and the consideration of this need in our recommendations.
 - Three zoning considerations detailed on document
 - Support and enhance the industrial sector
 - LI and HI District: light industrial vs. high industrial-high industrial typically produces more environmental impact.
 - Viewshed protections
 - Improve efficiency and cost of redevelopment
 - LI: allows multifamily and heavy industrial usage
 - Natalie: added opportunities for visuals to zoning committees' document.
 - Mayor mentioned opportunity near Groveville (FCD).

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- JC mentions current viewshed protection recommendation sites of consideration from City of Beacon
 - Natalie added that Nick had completed a viewshed analysis as well

- JC added a document named “walkable street” to review
- Natalie: organize goals .doc:
- Actionable: Other committee members add recommendations
- Natalie: Poughkeepsie report on Parker Avenue (might be helpful with zoning recommendations)
- JC: John proposed zoning recommendations

- Discussion of Deliverables & Timetable

5. Report back from Complete Streets subcommittee – Approx 7:20pm-7:55pm

- Update and list goals of the Complete Streets subcommittee
 - JC: outline of goals (5 goals) to develop further
 - Potential connections to rail trail
 - Presents maps for potential connection sites for pedestrians to rail trail:
 - Presents map of 6 potential connection sites along the corridor.
 - Garret: 1st two connections (could they potentially be completed now?) JC: physically, yes, however, there are considerations of current land owners and engineering.
 - JC: existing multiuse path from Wilkes/along the park (possible extension to connections). JC mentioned that there is a proposed speed table at crossing point for 52 (by Ron’s).
 - Natalie: possible easement for property owners @ connection sites to encourage longevity of connections
 - Current bridge as a connection
 - JC: Explanation of maps/options:
 - Shows what the city owns along 52 highway boundary and curb-line
 - New sidewalk on west side of 52
 - 42-46 ft. (curb line). Options:
 - A. Current city proposal=sidewalk on 5-7 ft. on both sides (tree lined)
 - B. 28.8’: 4ft dedicated bike lane next to sidewalk
 - C. Add 4ft of pavement 32’8: 5ft bike (extended sidewalk) lane: planting along curb line
 - D. 36.8’ 5-9 ft. of sidewalk and bike lane.
 - Yvonne mentions that there are flaws to raised bike lanes because of maintenance issues like plowing.

- JC mentions that all options do not encroach into private properties.

- Discussion of Deliverables & Timetable
 - Slides for options (A-D) JC.

6. Discussion of Planning Bd Application for Dunkin Donuts – Approx 7:55pm-8:00pm

- 420 Fishkill Avenue application submitted on 10.29.24 for PB meeting on 11.12.24
 - JC: opens the discussion regarding our thoughts on proposal
 - Yvonne: Dunkin' Donuts encourages car usage which is an issue
 - Brent: Note cohesive of aesthetic

7. New Items

- If no new items, meeting to be adjourned