

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

MEETING SUMMARY

Purpose: Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) Meeting #11
Date and Time: April 21, 2014
Location: City Recreation Center Community Room, 15 Vanderbilt Avenue
Attendees: See attached Sign-In

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<p><u>Item #1</u> Welcome</p>	<p>Geoff began the meeting and briefly discussed agenda.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p><u>Item #2</u> Public Comment on Agenda</p>	<p>Comment #1 (letter handed out as well): Still quite a few residences on Beekman Street. Residents need and expect quiet residential area. Narrow streets already too busy, parking issues. Neither want nor need additional density. Definitely do not want to be part of the downtown center of the City</p> <p>Comment #2: Regarding #13 of Economic Strength and Stability, Local: All the areas listed are in a Special Development Area (SDA) except Beekman St. Art district. Please do not put into a designated area. Don't expand Beekman St. Art District, the neighbors all loud and clear. Hundreds of home owners agree.</p> <p>Comment #3 (letter handed out as well): Supports community character and stability by keeping residential neighborhoods residential; against commercial expansion. Requests 3 members recuse themselves from proposal to expand Beekman Street commercial district: Geoff Bornemann, Jamin Totino, Mark Torpey.</p>	<p>Keep in mind when discussing and revising Action Items</p>

<p>Administrative</p>	<p>Tony Izzo, Asst. City Attorney, gave an update on the Conflict of Interest Guidelines and handed out a memo. The CPC is an Advisory Committee (special board) which doesn't make any final decision</p> <p>There is no requirement to disclose in any particular manner</p> <p>Document outlines "rules as CPC sees them"</p> <p>The number of parcels affected is not required during disclosure</p> <p>Simply state if you have private interest in anything</p> <p>Private interest - not defined (controlling interest of some type, may not be financial)</p> <p>Applicable to both interest in property and policy</p> <p>The CPC can make stricter guidelines proving that they don't conflict with state/local law</p> <p>Basically, give a statement once saying what you are a member of and your role</p> <p>It was suggested Tony come up with a template statement for members to use when stating disclosure.</p>	<p>City Attorney to update as necessary</p>
<p>Item #3 Review / Decision Draft Action Items: Economic Strength and Stability</p>	<p>The Committee went through a matrix of draft Action items provided by the Consultant. The matrix included where the origin of the Action (i.e. 2001 CP, public) as well as items not proposed for inclusion in the Plan, which were crossed out.</p> <p>Geoff disclosed that is a volunteer for Beekman Street Association. He serves as a technical advisor, not a policy maker.</p> <p>Jamin disclosed that he owns two properties on Beekman Street and has attended Beekman Street Association meetings.</p> <p>Todd disclosed he is president of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce, which obviously has as focus on Economic Strength & Stability and therefore he has some kind of interest</p> <p>The discussion that ensued is summarized by the revised Action Items document, which is attached.</p>	<p>Consultant to revise based on the Committee's discussion and comments.</p>
<p>Item #4 Review / Decision Draft Action Items: Community Character</p>	<p>Due to time restrictions, this topic was not discussed in the CPC meeting.</p>	<p>None</p>

<p>Item #5 Review of Schedule and Next Steps</p>	<p>CPC requested a draft of the revised Action Items already worked on (Transportation, Environmental). – The Consultant indicated they would be able to provide Transportation immediately and Environmental would be forthcoming.</p> <p>Many items have been moved from other areas to Community Character; an addendum including these items will be issued to supplement the existing Community Character Section.</p> <p>May 12th will need to be added to the existing meeting schedule and will cover the Comp Plan Map.</p> <p>Next meeting scheduled for May 5th and will cover Community Character Action Items.</p>	<p>Consultant to Issue Addendum with Additional Community Character Actions that have been moved from Other Sections</p>
<p>Item #6 Public Comment</p>	<p>Comment 1: Please keep in mind when discussing Community Character that people living in their own homes in residential neighborhoods don't want to be forced to live in commercial areas with increased density. Westside neighborhoods don't want to be singled-out.</p> <p>Comment 2: Thanked Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Tony for providing disclosure guidelines. Suggests keeping in mind common sense and that the goal is to foster public trust. I.E. Will any of you profit, directly or indirectly from any Comp plan decisions?</p> <p>Gateways – in the 2001 Comp Plan growth was focused into 7 SDA's which translate into transect areas in zoning. All SDA's are downtown, except Weibel but that's near "big box" retail. Recommendations for gateways which are really "rural" character would be a <i>big</i> change and needs to be discussed openly/carefully.</p> <p>The word "incentivize" comes up a lot.... what is meant by that? Who is providing? What are they providing? What are direct or indirect costs?</p>	<p>Keep in mind when discussing and revising Action Items</p>

This meeting summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and agreements reached at this meeting. Please forward any additions, corrections and/or questions to my attention.

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