

**MINUTES: Facilitator** Sharon Sherman

**Attendees:** Ken Garno, David Kirby, Stark Donnally, Michael Greene, Keith Muhammad, Captain Joe Sweeny, Christopher Montgomery, Chol Majok, Nader Maroun, Linda Erwin, Rebecca Mannion, Peter Sarver, Bob Haley, Charles Miller, Brianne Tucker, Alex Grant, Cassie Hammon, Joe Driscoll, Laura Lavine, Kathy Downing, Brendan Rose, Melissa Fierke, Harry Lewis, Steve Harris, Joseph Spadaro

**Issues for Police/other departments**

- 1) Abandoned car on Jamesville Ave, been there about 1 year, has Maryland plates
- 2) DPW new schedule is stupid
- 3) Flagrant abuse of the parking rules all hours of the day on Harvard Place, is there any chance of getting attention over there? -Captain Sweeny stated that the Police write a lot of tickets on Victoria place and around there, can't be there 24/7. Can't promise that more enforcement goes there. -There are certain streets that people know they will be ticketed less and will park on both sides. Buckingham St, buses use it and everyone uses, double cars park can't get around
- 4) Outhouse tipped over on Lancaster Ave (where construction workers are)
- 5) What is the proper procedure when someone parks across your driveway? -Captain Sweeny stated that the police will only tow the car if the person's whose driveway is blocked is there to talk to the Police.
- 6) Common problem throughout the whole university area, people parking across the sidewalk. The police can issue a ticket but you should call the Ordinance Enforcement Department at 448-8650
- 7) There is no one in the Westcott storefront right now.

**Presentation: Rezone; Heather Lamendola & Owen Kerney**

Rezone started in Fall of 2015, with research and analysis for what is working and what is not working. A plan was developed to address the things that need improvement-those were identified in the outline from last summer. The Project is broken down in 3 parts: New zoning districts, new development standards (current), the third and final will be released in June are the Administration and Procedures. Summer/Fall will draft have the consolidated draft that will be presented to council for adoption.

-Development standards: design standards identify how new developments have to implement: materials, parking, lighting, building design, signage, etc. Having a whole lot of design standards mean you need more staff to monitor it, the City does not have that. Adopt what you can enforce.

-Overall Applicability: standards and what they apply to: new development & existing structures (multi family structures, commercial and mixed use).

- Off street parking/loading: the design of it, how will it look: want to make sure each development has enough parking but not too much. Want to encourage multi-modal transportation, if you are within x amount of miles from a bus stop you can be relieved of parking requirements. Also, want to reduce storm water runoff and encourage permeable surfaces so that if you don't meet the requirement in parking you will get relief if you use this material.

-Signage: want to reduce sign clutter and improve the enforceability. Enforcing comes from code enforcement and want to make it easy for them. Have to protect the first amendment, can't tell them what they can say on the signs. Want to make sure signs are done in a way that you can find the place and you know what that land use is about and not overdo it.

-Site and building design: want to minimize impact of large building and encourage pedestrian friendly atmosphere and design. Roof line articulation, relief, different materials, large storefront, building close to property line that creates safe experience. Compatibility with existing buildings: mimic certain components of existing structures around new developments such as roof line or window structures.

-Residential Compatibility: Want to ensure respectful transitions from commercial to residential.

Landscape buffering/screening: stabilize soil, reduce runoff with plants, create barrier to parking, etc.

**Q.** Do your beginning standards come from the state or a design source that you adapted?

**A.** Basically best practices from across the country.

**Q.** In regards to specifics on signs for corner stores, how many signs would be viable do you have a number?

**A.** Yes, it is identified in the new module 2, based on the design and the zoning district.

**Q.** Are there any ways to amend things? **A.** This is a change in the law. People sitting in city hall can't make things happen unless there is a law. By having regulations, its cut and dry, predictability and streamlining.

**Q.** For off street parking requirements, how discretionary will this be? Will you take into consideration what neighborhood it is for the required number. **A.** Let's say they need 20 spots and they only have 10, there is the flexibility for something like Westcott street where you are in a walkable area and there is off street parking. Parking has been reduced in general, not for residential but for certain uses in certain districts. MX1, like Euclid, an older house can be converted into a coffee shop in the bottom with an apartment on top without requiring additional parking. It is determined by the character of an area, the district and the land uses.

**Q.** It was a shock that we have no enforceable standards, are there other places in central NY that are the same?

**A.** Nationally we are behind, but Rochester, Buffalo, etc have recently adopted enforceable standards.

**Q.** New buildings, have they had to go through a standardization? **A.** They have to submit plans, they are available at the zoning office and are public information. Things that are currently on the books they have to comply with, the things discussed tonight are not in effect and they do not have to comply with. Every planning commission has application and plans on the City website. Call Heather anytime and she can let you see whatever you need. Resident thanks Owen and Heather for a great presentation.

Modules posted on the project website. All 65 pages on the new design standards are there.

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### **WNA Neighborhood Signage Update**

Brendan Rose representing Westcott Neighborhood Association, presented designs for the neighborhood signage funded by UNSACC and Eastside TNT. Landed on 3 pieces: Genessee and Westcott, Euclid and Westcott, Where Harvard intersects with Westcott. Pieces have coloring that are based on Westcott branding identity. Sitting with DPW to get confirmation on design and location approval. Concrete base with heavy plate metal with lettering cut out with offset lettering to produce shadow effect, powder coated with one color. 10' tall and 2' base. **Q.** Are they tippable? **A.** They will be mounted to a concrete footer about 3' down.

**Q.** Will it be that color? **A.** Yes, it's the neighborhood colors.

**Q.** Can you use one design, like the W, in all 3 areas? Could something shadowing the W come into the end pieces?

### **TNT City-wide Updates**

Ken Garno stated that we had the second Strategic planning for the City-wide regarding structure and communication. There will be a third meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, afterwards smaller groups will be putting together a plan. We are a 501c3, separate from the city, so it is looking at forward thinking of the organization. Sheena Solomon and Heidi Holtz are facilitating the strategic planning.

A resident stated that I-690 on Teal will not have the roundabout that was presented to the group last summer. This week begins a new era for people who live on the Eastside, we will bear a disproportional burden of the traffic. We have an irresponsible DOT; no guidance to our citizens other than a few insertions on the media. We need to have our city officials speak to the DOT for them to be more proactive, it could be as simple as having a website to find out what's going on today. A resident stated that this project has been around for 2 years, has been presented to Eastside area, was announced in the paper last week, plan was in and then they close it. It is a design/build contract. All the creative thought has been dropped out by the contracting method, the process is confusing. Design/build project has not been used before with DOT. They provided 3 studies and the contractor picked one of the studies without allowing community input. Hon. Maroun has placed a call in with the contractor in regards to information getting out to the community. He will ask the DOT specifically for the plans that Peter mentioned. Nader will follow up and provide it to Tina to disseminate to the TNT group. There are two projects on Teal: From Fayette to Lynch Ave: that's the city project (will start this year as well) and from Lynch Ave to Burnett Ave is the state project.

**Next month we will discuss the vacant properties with NBD and SU. Melissa Fierke with SEUNA was asked to present any data as well.**