

NY Forward – Capital Region - Coxsackie

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| Subject | MEETING SUMMARY Public Workshop #1 | Date | Tuesday, June 20, 2023 |
| Place | High School Cafeteria 24 Sunset Blvd | Time | 6:00-8:00pm |
| In Attendance | <p><u>Local Planning Committee</u> Mark Evans, Mayor, Co-Chair Jeff Mirel, Co-Chair Sam Pigeon Brittany Parks Robert Van Valkenburg, Jr. Jocelyn Lane Alexandra Tighe Michael Rausch Bob Phibbs <i>Nicole Bliss (absent)</i> <i>Sarah Gray Miller (absent)</i> <i>Bob Irwin (absent)</i> <i>Ryan Palmer (absent)</i> <i>Toni Carroll (absent)</i></p> <p><u>State Team</u> Matthew Smith, NY DOS</p> <p><u>Consultant Team</u> Ian Nicholson, Buro Happold Daniel D'Oca, Interboro Joe Giambri, Interboro Natalie Boverman, Interboro</p> | <p><u>Public</u> Casey Mabee Kenan Moran Amy Bennett Beth Tailleir Chip Tailleir Catherine Benson Joan Tailleir Don McDonald Cynthia Yallstone Donna Wasilewski Barry Jacob Sal Bevilacqua Karen Schneible Chris Chimento Lis Tailleir-Stippa Eileen Tighe Robin Wickman-Drobner Kenneth Drobner <i>[and others that did not sign-in]</i></p> | |

Meeting Summary:

Please see "CX_Public Workshop 1_Slides_record" for the presentation shared during the meeting, which parallels the discussion summarized below.

Please see "CX_Public Workshop 1_Visual Summary" for a synopsis and analysis of the feedback provided during the interactive engagement portion.

Opening Remarks

Mayor Evans (LPC) thanks everybody for taking the time out of their evenings to support the NYF process for downtown Coxsackie.

Overview of NYF Program

Ian (BH) provides an overview of the NYF program and process, including introductions from the state and consultant team present. *[See slides.]*

NYF in Coxsackie

Ian (BH) provides an overview of the boundary and preliminary vision and goals that have been put forward for Coxsackie NYF, as well as an overview of some key demographic information, needs, challenges, and opportunities. *[See slides.]*

Interactive engagement session

Dan (Interboro) provides instructions for everybody on the format for the evening and how to discuss and record feedback which will be reported back to the LPC.

Everybody is seated across 3 identical tables that each include a large map, comments cards, instructions, and photos as well as printed copies of the vision and goals. About 45 minutes are spent in open discussion amongst the 3 tables, followed a readout of topics and ideas discussed from each table:

- Table 1
 - Use the library as a cultural hub / expanding the library – additional parking
 - Northern Supply site and DPW site are worth addressing, perhaps re-zoning?
 - Outdoors, walking loops – extending from Riverside Park
 - Can we re-develop the post office site, perhaps include PO as tenant in new, taller building with apartments above?
 - Betke Blvd is dark at night, back of everything, way to improve?
 - Maybe a park/overlook at the Flach hill site? (could be part of new walking loop)
 - Trucks on Reed St are a nuisance, and they have trouble making the turn onto Riverside
 - Need coffee and groceries downtown
 - Broaden downtown beyond just Reed St
 - Another playground?
 - Turn Reed St to 1-way?
 - Possible to screen the sewer plant a bit more?
- Table 2
 - Need more parking, perhaps at that mobile-home type property on Mansion, or maybe behind the PO?
 - Also need more housing
 - Need to improve sidewalks (no curb/ADA along Mansion)
 - Turn Northern Supply site into youth entrepreneur center?
 - Reed St 1-way?
 - If we get economy going, then arts and culture can take care of itself.
 - Accessibility is an issue
- Table 3
 - Need to talk about kids, a lot!
 - Sidewalk needs improvements and additions
 - Need bike lanes – eliminate some parking to allow for bikes
 - Bad/poor internet and cell service
 - Need better directional signage
 - Dog park
 - Cultural center at Library

- Community center for kids
- 1-way Reed St
- Rec center with equipment rentals
- General Store that's affordable, everyday needs
- General Discussion
 - Village is trying to acquire American Bell property via eminent domain (for park including dog park?)
 - Discussion of housing in general as well as opinions on the DPW site proposal
 - Alternate options for the DPW site include parking potentially with shuttle down the hill, or an e-bike share station.
 - Food options downtown – need something affordable and respectable for everyday residents
 - Lively discussion on business case for retail, required traffic, competition from big boxes etc – need significant housing, and issue of winter drop-off

Closing Remarks (LPC Co-Chairs)

Mayor thanks everyone for their time and contribution.

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