

Village of Rhinebeck Comprehensive Plan Committee, Thursday, September 22, 2022
APPROVED

The September meeting was called to order by Matt Johnston at 7:00pm at Village Hall with the following members in attendance:

Matt Johnston, Chair
Jeffrey Cotter
Shea Dean
Rachel Cavell
Deirdre Burns
Ernesto Martynek
Steve Rosenberg
John Clarke

Michele Greig and Sharon Rooney from Tighe & Bond
Lydia Slaby from the Board of Trustees
Donna Warner, Becky Tyre, and Michael Slaby from the CECV (in lieu of Eleanor Pupko)

Several other members of the public were present.

Agenda:

1. Hellos!
2. Approval of August 18, 2022 Minutes
3. Re-Cap Community Vision and Values Workshop
4. Review and Discussion of Comprehensive Plan Process/Schedule/Roles and Responsibilities
5. Subcommittee Reports
6. Review and Approval of Revised Community Values Survey
7. Other Business

Approval of Previous Minutes. Minutes of the meeting held on August 18, 2022 were approved with correction by motion of Jeff Cotter and seconded by John Clarke. All in favor.

Vision and Values Workshop. The CPC is now engaged now in outreach, including the Vision & Values meeting on Sept 10~~20~~ at Village Hall, where 40 people attended. People reported that they love walkability, historic character, community feel. People expressed concern about the lack of diversity and affordability. One of the breakouts really focused on affordable housing and the concern about having affordable equal far from the village – how to have affordability achieved in the village. T&B will have a summary of the event by Sept 29 for the CPC to review. More than 80% new people.

Comp Plan Process/Schedule/Roles and Responsibilities. Discussion of the flow chart on Community Engagement Process and Subcommittee/Main Committee Work.

- **Community Engagement:** V&V, Community Conversations, Kitchen Table Conversations, Youth Perspectives, Launch/Promote Survey, Subcommittee Presentations 10/2 and 10/12.
- **Subcommittee/Main Committee Work:**
 - Existing Conditions/Initial Insights (done by subcommittees in partnership with T&B) – proposed date: October 14. Discussion of best date there. **Decision was made to extend that deadline by a few weeks, with discussion to happen at the October meeting.**
 - Draft Plan Recommendations – discussion of how to go about this and timing etc.
 - Questions were raised about the limits of the subcommittee process. Volunteer fatigue was cited. When will the whole CPC wrestle with the big questions.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **CECV:**
 - Kitchen Table Conversations are ongoing. (Donna Warner reporting.)
 - Ten will be complete by 9/29, at least another 10 in October. Targeting underrepresented groups across neighborhoods, ESL, Michael Slaby and Jeff Cotter firefighter/EMS KTC, Elijah is working with veterans/American Legion, Roger Quon is working with youth/families with young children, etc.
 - They will produce the results of the KTC as anonymized raw material. Will produce them as they have enough information to make it anonymous. Two to five bulk reports.
 - October 2 and 12. (Becky Tyre reporting.)
 - Each subcommittee chairperson or a representative will be presenting an overview of the subcommittee’s progress on either 10/2 or 10/12 at the Starr Library. CECV will provide each speaker with an agenda in advance, but basically each speaker will be introduced and then have 2-3 minutes to give a description of their subcommittee’s work. Then there will be 3 breakouts of 30 minutes each with each subcommittee spending 30 minutes with each breakout. CECV will provide a facilitator and a recorder for each session.
 - CECV has printed 22 yard signs that will be strategically placed around the Village to promote the two events. The library is promoting it on their website and calendar and it is currently listed in the events on the Red Hook Daily Catch as well as on social media and the NextDoor app. They will also print flyers to go on message boards throughout the village.
 - They need recorders for both dates. (To record the questions asked and the responses.)
- **Land Use** (Steve Rosenberg reporting):
 - In their past meeting, they discussed the survey to make sure that their concerns were in it. There are three task forces on their subcommittee, each working on a separate issue.
 - Have not yet completed their data gathering.
- **Business Ecosystem** (John Clarke reporting):

- o Past meeting was mostly dedicated to the farmer’s market. They’ve been spending a lot of time thinking about the municipal parking lot and the lack of a village green. So, John Clarke presented three options for the parking lot. Through the village rumor mill, the farmer’s market grew to believe that they were being removed from the parking lot. The subcommittee meeting was spent creating a dialogue with and having a conversation about how the Village can best serve the farmer’s market’s location needs given the larger village concerns about the best use for public/open space (mostly parking lots versus parks).
- **Transportation** (Shea Dean reporting):
 - o Past meeting: Report from Vanessa Bertozzi and the Climate Smart Environmental work, including the tactical urbanism project at the intersection of South Street/Parsonage. Various groups inside the subcommittee thinking about sidewalks, traffic, transportation, and plans that have already been created. Thinking a lot about 25 mph speed limit that is now allowed, last mile connection, intermunicipal work on getting folks coordinated for these larger concerns that cross borders.
- **Historic Preservation** (Rachel Cavell reporting):
 - o Has not met since June. Working with Michele on various questions that can be considered. Excited about the work that the board of trustees is doing to expand the historic district.
- **Housing** (Deirdre Burns reporting):
 - o Working on collecting specific data on what housing we have. Identifying the LLCs behind ownership. And who lives where for affordability questions (24% of the people under 18 are in “poverty”). How COVID has changed the equation?: How to determine if a property is a second home?: A tremendous amount of data collection and analysis.

Review and Approval of Revised Community Values Survey:

- The committee went through the final draft survey and made comments. Matt led the conversation with help from Michele Greig, Sharon Rooney, Mayor Gary Bassett, and Michael Slaby who all worked on this final draft.
- Michael Slaby clarified that the reason why he is on this subcommittee is because of the depth and strength of his background in political polling.
- Matt edited directly into the document.
- Michael offered to host multiple zoom/teams conversations the following week to continue to go through the questions with the CPC and planners.

Other Business:

- Intermunicipal Task Force? Where are we with that? Josh Pulver from the Town Board is going to be working with Ric Lewitt from the Village Board.
- 6 Mulberry Street? Will the CPC be consulted? Yes.
- Arts & Culture? Recreation? Who should be thinking about it? Historic Preservation doesn’t seem to be the best spot for it. Perhaps a KTC about it?

Matt Johnston adjourned the meeting at 9:13pm. The next meeting is October 12, 2022.

