

CITY OF NEWBURGH
SUSTAINABLE MASTER PLANNING
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES & DEVELOPMENT FOCUS GROUP

Meeting Notes from Committee Meeting
Held on **January 11, 2006**, 3:00 P.M., City Hall

To: James Raimo

From: Cate Allgauer

Ref: City of Newburgh
Comprehensive Master Plan
Economic Development Committee Meeting Notes

Attending: Cate Allgauer, Dick Bedrosian, Melissa Everett, Damon Finch, John Lonczak, Bob McKenna, Logan Miller, James Raimo, Gordon Rauer

1. The next Key Stakeholders meeting is scheduled for 01/17/06. Presentation by Gwen on Community Visioning process, according to Logan. The questionnaire should be accompanied by demographics, it was suggested. Gordon suggested that the high school be enlisted for recruitment of volunteers for distributing surveys. Committee members can distribute questionnaires to the service organizations to which they belong (Rotary, Lions, etc.). Also, could be distributed as social calendar events. Need to get community calendar.
2. Translating data after the surveys are returned; input data into a data base in three areas: information separated out for each specific committee, e.g. Land use, Transportation, Economic Development, etc.: a generic Visioning statement. What would follow is a public vote on priorities.
3. NYS Comprehensive Planning Outlines distributed by Betsy; each member choose one and will be prepared to make presentation to the rest of the group at the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 2:30 P.M. Cate-Gaining Ground: Melissa-New Haven: John-Portland: Gordon-Town of Poughkeepsie: Damon-Newark: Bob-Syracuse: Dick-Seattle: Jim-Buffalo
4. 2000 Census Data: The unemployment level for people 16+ years of age in the City of Newburgh is approximately twice that of New York State (06%): Newburgh (12%): Orange County (05%). Approximately 30% of the residents speak English as a second language. Approximately 30% report disabilities, yet half of the respondents also work. Approximately half the households with children reported a single parent households – implications: the need for Day Care. People are employable although non-skilled; which industries should Newburgh try to attract for job creation: Health Care: Warehousing: Light Manufacturing and companies that do on-the-job training.
5. Assets: The City of Newburgh's assets include land, buildings, adaptable work force, location, education and training (Mount Saint Mary College, OCCC, BOCEES). Start with certainties/assets here and for the foreseeable future.
Melissa volunteered to work with Logan plugging in the information