

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

**Meeting Notes from Committee Meeting
Held on **April 4, 2006**, 3:00 P.M., City Hall**

From: Cate Allgauer

**Ref: City of Newburgh Comprehensive Master Plan
Committee Meeting 04/04/06
James Raimo, Chair: Cate Allgauer, Dick Bedrosian, Gordon Rauer, John,
Gordon Rauer**

- 1. Volunteer from Economics Opportunities & Development Committee to develop visioning statement for Town Meeting, dated May 2nd at 7:00 PM. Committee Meeting to precede at 2:30 PM, review and make any additions/deletions. Decide who runs the meeting: Ian and/or Sarah. Create agenda. Expect 40-50 people. Meet at Mount Saint Mary College – location to be decided and arranged by Jim Raimo – either Hudson Hall or Aquinas Reception Room. As for Community Visioning Survey, expect approximately 3,000 returns by (WHAT DATE?) Dick questioned the quality of return given that the population is between 26,000-28,000. Suggested tracking returns by census groups, zoning, school districts, and ethnicity.**
- 2. OCCC Broadway Location: Gordon pointed out that mostly night classes for adults will not impact on Broadway traffic and parking**
- 3. Zoning in City of Newburgh overwhelming R#1 – prohibitive for development.**
- 4. Goals and Assets were reviewed. Melissa’s list to be compiled into general categories that reflect all components. The following is suggested:**

EMPLOYMENT:

- Newburgh’s workforce is fully employed in safe, adequately paying jobs.**
- There are enough opportunities at all income levels to work close to home or at home, including telecommuting.**
- Convenient transportation**
- The City has a well trained, adaptive workforce and the spirit and skills for an entrepreneurial economy.**
- Newburgh’s economy provides opportunities that stimulate young people and open doors to diverse careers.**

- **The support system for employment, training and social service is effective in reaching full potential and reducing dependency for people with disabilities, will promote retention and avoid Brain-Drain and Youth-Drain.**
- **Newburgh has a work force that is highly skilled in arts and sciences of restoration and preservation of buildings and land, and support an array of successful business ventures in these industries that are well integrated in the City. Cooperative efforts with OCCC and Mount Saint Mary College could offer degree programs in this arts/architecture/history/construction profession, at the Community College level or baccalaureate level.**

ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- **One-stop shopping for business inquiries, services, establishment of, operation, seeking employees, etc.**
- **Business Incubator enterprises for newly established concerns**
- **Fast Track approval process by City**
- **Business Registry**
- **Newburgh's natural market processes work well to foster new business creation and expansion. Zoning issues must be addressed.**

QUALITY OF LIFE

- **The economy is richly multicultural. Newburgh is a user-friendly City with a rich, vibrant social and cultural atmosphere and a safe city in both perception and reality.**
- **There is a vibrant economy along the Broadway corridor complemented by appropriate mixed-uses in the city's neighborhoods; commercial space is well utilized.**
- **The City is rich in industries that meet basic human needs, including food, regional markets and quality health care.**
- **The City has a physically clean, safe and attractive atmosphere, in neighborhoods as well as commercial districts.**
- **Educational opportunities are readily available on all levels (academic, technical, training and re-training relating to economic opportunities.**