

CITY OF NEWBURGH
SUSTAINABLE MASTER PLANNING

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES & DEVELOPMENT FOCUS GROUP

Meeting Notes from Committee Meeting
Held on February 7, 2006, 3:00 P.M., City Hall

Date: February 16, 2006
To: James Raimo
From: Cate Allgauer

Attending: James Raimo, Chair; Cate Allgauer, Melissa Everett,
Ian MacDougal, Bob McKenna, Gordon Rauer, Dan Stanley

1. Meeting time for the committee scheduled at **2:30 on the first Tuesday** of the month, not second or third as listed on the website.
2. Two Mount Saint Mary College students, working with Reva Cowan – Education Department, will volunteer to collect data. Part of Social Policy class.
3. Stakeholders meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 2/21/06, will consider consolidating Focus Groups. Economic Opportunities group not affected.
4. Surveys: the goal is to complete the information gathering by mid-March 3/18-19). Survey form needs better organization; form groupings for the various subjects. When to expect the final versions of the questions?
5. Envisioning Liberty and Grand Street Heritage Corridor (Renwick/Clinton Streets to the Old Town Cemetery): two meetings scheduled: Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 6:00 PM Newburgh Free Library for open discussion, and Saturday, February 18 at 10:00 AM for public presentation of results.
6. Economic Opportunities Focus Group has established a goal for its process: **THINK TOGETHER, STAY ON TRACK IN A DISCIPLINED MANNER** in discussion of goals and objectives for the CMP.
7. In planning for business expansion, recognize that the market drives which business will be attracted to Newburgh.
8. Comprehensive surveying requires clustering, block by block, district by district in describing downtown Newburgh. For example, the Government Center area also includes police headquarters, the court and the OCCC extension. Important to plan for the commercial districts recognizing that the residential areas are merely one block in from Broadway.
9. Assessment of Assets vital to planning; be certain to include all educational services available. Bob will speak with Steve regarding Assessor's calculations on property codes and census data.
10. **NB: Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th at 2:00 PM. (Please note that as we agreed this meeting will begin ½ hour earlier on 3/7/06 and will end by 3:15 pm.)**