

Dobbs Ferry Energy Task Force Minutes

April 2, 2013

Attendees: Nina Orville, Paddy Steinschneider, Holly Malekian, Jeff O'Donnell, Rob Baron, Cathy Bobenhausen

1. Minutes

- Minutes from March 5th were approved.

2. Reappointments/Appointments

- Jeff O'Donnell met with the Mayor's Nominating Committee, and is an official Task Force member.

3. Rivertown Square

- Planning Board is meeting April 11th, and the Task Force plans to have a letter submitted as part of that meeting. Nina will send previous Task Force comments with developer response to Rob and he will prepare a draft of new letter. Holly stated that site issues should also be incorporated. Paddy completed a LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) scorecard for the project, and it did well, approaching Gold. Task Force will request that a LEED-ND be released. Rob will represent the Task Force in voicing concern about walkable access and bike trails. Vote expected early May.

4. Climate Smart Communities Program

- Meeting with VHB – Nina, Marcus Serrano, Liz Dreaper, David Fisher, Meghan McLoughlin met with VHB's Angela Vincent and Lauren Wang. Dobbs Ferry's priorities were discussed. Having them develop a purchasing guide for fuel efficient vehicles was what was decided, including process recommendations so that it can be used in future years. They will do it by May.
- Only Albany and New Rochelle have accomplished as much as the Village had presented in its profile.
- Discussion on anti-idling, and also use of electronic communications rather than paper. Jeff offered to speak with VHB about paperless communications for Village use.

5. Complete Streets

- Rob spoke about a crosstown route for the Village from Old Croton Aqueduct to the South County Trailway: pedestrian, bike route with long shallow ramps. Pedestrian and bike phasing for crossing Ashford to Lefurgy. Key for Rivertown Square – traffic should be calmed along Ogden, two speed humps. Crosswalk at school should have a speed table. One of trails leading to Middle School, "Spoilers' Run" – public right-of-way - needs to be preserved. Neighborhood between Ashford and Cricket Lane – kids come down using Spoilers Run as the safest route.
- Rob suggested revisiting idea of unlocking a Walden Wood gate to permit kids walkable access to school – earlier idea had been to swap land for a land easement with one of homeowners.
- NYMTC – Rob went to meeting for transportation improvement program – unfortunately March 22nd deadline for proposals – but future funding may be available for Broadway, a State road. The funds are for road modifications.
- Safe Roads to School – Village has not signed contract but DOT has set up initial meeting next week. Includes Police Chief, DPW Superintendent, Paddy and Marcus – have been sent the booklet and preparatory work to become familiar with process. Paddy suggests that minutes from meeting be distributed to interested parties, and then a committee be formed to facilitate the work. Paddy is suggesting consulting and small demonstration/trials. Discussion, include the routes that pedestrians take to Broadway (e.g., Appleton).
- Nina said that parking is now prohibited along Appleton because of potential for head-on accidents around blind curve.

6. Waste

- Village target proposed: 20% waste generation reduction by 2020, and tie in with the energy target. Cathy will contact Kimiko.
- Cathy will send Holly resources she has discovered for reuse.
- Recycling/composting in cafeteria – Roots & Wings may decide to provide funding. Parents are in support, and teachers. Synergis offers a solid waste reduction program – but schools do not pay for carting. Jeff will do due diligence on the consulting, funded through the Foundation. Pilot in Dobbs Ferry, fee would only be around \$3K.
- Composting will be incorporated in plan for new cafeteria.

7. Energy

- Community: outreach for NYSERDA Home Performance Program, using EnergyDobbs Ferry brand. Pitch will be made to Greenburgh mayors in May.
- Solarize: to aggregate demand for solar, developing with NWEAC.
- NWEAC/SWEAC: Pace Law School – topic will be permitting for solar installations – for planning and building staff.
- May 18th: SunPlugged in Hastings-on-Hudson.

Next Meetings: First Tuesday of every month. May 7th is next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Bobenhausen