

NBR Review Committee

9/6/17 5.00-6.30pm
Village Hall

MINUTES

Members Present: Jo Margaret Mano, Brad Barclay, Dennis Young, Michael Zierler, Don Kerr, Jacob Lawrence, Sue Wynn

Absent: Floyd Kniffen

(a proxy vote for substantive approval of final drafts of the NBR Review Committee's Executive Summary and proposed new MUR Code was received from Floyd Kniffen).

1. Public Comment. There was no public comment.
2. The 8-8-17 Minutes were approved unanimously after name corrections were made. Moved by Dennis Young and seconded by Sue Wynn.
3. The committee discussed which photo images to use as examples of Building Design Guidelines for the new MUR code. Committee members had been emailed images from Michael Zierler and Jo Mano of downtown New Paltz prior to the meeting. The committee chose 7 of the 14 images as the best examples of appropriate building designs for the code. Mano and Zierler will put them in a tabular format with appropriate captions for use in Appendix 1.
4. The committee discussed final revisions to the Executive Summary of NBR Review Committee's process and findings. There were some concerns raised about wording in two sections in the Critical Issues section-- Transportation Planning and Historic Huguenot Street. Textual changes were discussed and agreed upon in terms of recommendations for the Henry DuBois/Rt.32N intersection and the recognition of Broadhead Ave and Mulberry Street as gateways to HHS that should be enhanced. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the final version of the Executive Summary substantially in the current version with the included changes (moved by Michael Zierler, second Dennis Young).
The original and amended versions follow.

Text changes for NBR Committee Findings Section 4 Critical Issues (page 4)

8-15-17 versions

Historic Resources -- Historic Huguenot Street borders this zone on the west. It is a National Historic landmark and a unique treasure which is both a tourist destination, and a center for community celebrations. It is imperative that this area be buffered from negative impact of developments in the adjacent current NBR zone, particularly from traffic, noise and light intrusions.

Additions in red (from 9-6-17 meeting approved suggestions)

Historic Resources -- Historic Huguenot Street borders this zone on the west. It is a National Historic landmark and a unique treasure that is both a tourist destination, and a center for New Paltz community celebrations. It is imperative that this area be buffered from negative impact of developments in the adjacent current NBR zone, particularly from traffic, noise and light intrusions. **Furthermore, since the southern part of the zone is the major gateway to Historic Huguenot Street that factor is a key element in planning decisions and opportunities to enhance visitors' experiences, particularly on Broadhead Avenue and Mulberry Street.**

Transportation Planning Needed--There is a critical need for a detailed transportation plan for this zone outlining streetscape requirements for developers. (See proposed zoning for MUR and appendix to this document.)
A major critical challenge in the southern part of the zone is the intersection of Henry W Dubois Drive with Rt.32 North. This intersection is expected to be a key part the Empire State Trail. ~~It is already plagued with long wait times, and promises to become even worse with more dense development. The Committee recommends that these traffic issues involving pedestrians, bikes and vehicle traffic can best be managed with the installation of a traffic light at this intersection. Other traffic studies have had conflicting suggestions, none of which appear practical.~~

Transportation Planning Needed--There is a critical need for a detailed transportation plan for this zone outlining streetscape requirements for developers **as part of the adopted Complete Streets Policy.** (See proposed zoning for MUR and appendix to this document.)
A major critical challenge in the southern part of the zone is the busy intersection of Henry W Dubois Drive with Rt.32 North. This intersection is expected to be a key part the Empire State Trail. **It is already plagued with turning challenges and long wait times, which will be exacerbated by increased traffic. In order to mitigate this situation and allow for denser development, traffic management techniques must be employed to provide gaps in traffic for pedestrians and bicycles to safely cross Rt.32N. The Committee recommends that traffic issues involving pedestrians, bikes and vehicle safety be a key priority in transportation plans.**

5. The committee discussed the final draft of the Redline version of Zoning code for MUR (southern section of current NBR south of Tributary 13/Millbrook). Dennis Young will submit an edited version of the schematic on page 6 clarifying it with the caption "An example of how lot frontage can be designed to create the appearance of distinct buildings" and an arrow. Michael Zierler noted that the newly assembled Attachment 1 must be noted in the zoning text as "Building Design Guidelines are found in Attachment 1" (p.5).

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the final version of the Executive Summary substantially in the current version with the included changes (moved by Brad Barclay, second Jacob Lawrence).

6. In other business, Don Kerr suggested that a presentation be made of our work and to the Village Board and Michael Zierler, Jo Mano and Brad Barclay will do that at the Village Board's convenience.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 6.20 pm.