



TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

MEETING SUMMARY

Purpose: Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group (LWRAG) Meeting #6
Date and Time: March 21, 2017 3:00-5:00 pm
Location: Town Hall, Room 101, 445 Delaware Avenue
Attendees: See Attached

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action |
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| Welcome | Mr. Leslie (Town) and Ms. Hakes (MJ) welcomed the LWRAG to the meeting and reviewed the meeting agenda. | N/A |
| Review Draft of Henry Hudson Park Master Plan | <p>Mr. Law (PLACE Alliance) reviewed the draft Henry Hudson Park Master Plan. The draft plan incorporates input received from an existing conditions inventory, a walk and talk charrette at the park, and a review of the Town’s vision. The draft plan also includes input received from the LWRAG and the public. All of these resources allowed Mr. Law and his team to compile a list of key design considerations.</p> <p>A sample of these key design considerations are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Who is the park being designed for? ▪ How to accommodate existing uses? ▪ How to improve the park’s functionality, programming, and traffic/parking safety? ▪ How to encourage recreation and physical activity while maintaining the passive nature of the park? ▪ How to design the park so that it is resilient (flooding)? <p>The draft plan identifies the ability to develop a multi-use path, with the potential to expand and/or connect to a larger loop trail within the park. The multi-use path would be approximately 0.66 miles and could accommodate bicyclists. The larger loop trail would be approximately 1.2 miles. The linear nature of the park caters nicely to these potential trail uses, with the ability of expanding into the existing wooded area of the park, as appropriate. These</p> | |

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| | <p>modifications would take into account environmental features such as the existing wetlands found within the park boundaries.</p> <p>The draft plan identifies the re-alignment of parking to improve safety and accessibility within the park. The draft plan also identifies an increase in the number of parking spaces. There are currently 82 formal parking spots located within the park boundaries. The draft plan proposes 103 formal parking spots. It was noted that there may be a need for even more parking due to the anticipated high usage of the park for a variety of activities.</p> <p>The draft plan identifies the movement of the park pavilion (existing or new), the use of composting restrooms, the placement of natural playground equipment for children, and the location of designated picnic and overlook areas.</p> <p>It was noted that depending on the recommendations put forth, specific permits may be required in order to implement the Master Plan. Additionally, recommendations would consider the use of green infrastructure improvements, such as porous pavement, in order to aid in environmental resiliency efforts. It was stated that there should be a greater amount of green space.</p> <p>Ultimately, the final Henry Hudson Park Master Plan document will present several prioritized recommendations for the park, including potential expansion of the park boundaries to the south. The prioritized recommendations will include input from the LWRAG and the public at future public meetings.</p> | <p>Place Alliance will take feedback received from the LWRAG and make adjustments to the draft Henry Hudson Park Master Plan.</p> <p>Place Alliance to develop sample cross sections or profiles to aid with visualizing the recommendations for the draft Henry Hudson Park Master Plan.</p> |
| <p>Discuss Proposed Land Uses</p> | <p>Ms. Hakes introduced a draft proposed land uses map to the LWRAG. The proposed land uses took into consideration several resources. The resources included the 2010 LWRP proposed land uses, the LWRP vision station, the LWRP project goals, existing conditions as identified in the LWRP Inventory and Analysis, and input received by the LWRAG and the public to this point in the project.</p> <p>The draft proposed land uses map contains amorphous shapes depicting the draft proposed land uses. This was done intentionally, in order to show that these are meant for discussion purposes only at this time. In several cases, the amorphous shapes very loosely follow primary corridors found within the WRA.</p> | |

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| | <p>The draft proposed land uses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commercial Mixed Use ▪ Residential ▪ Industrial ▪ Working Landscape ▪ Low Density/Residential/Open Space ▪ Open Space/Recreation/Cultural ▪ Commercial Light Industrial <p>In addition, three (3) proposed potential gateways have been identified within the proposed Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA). These gateways are located at the intersection of US Route 9W and Corning Hill Road; the intersection of Clapper Road and River Road; and the intersection of Exit 22 off of the NYS Thruway and River Road.</p> <p>The LWRAG first discussed the Industrial proposed land use. It was noted that industrial is the appropriate use for this portion of the proposed WRA. The LWRAG agreed on supporting existing industry and businesses in this area. However, there was concern expressed about potential significant growth beyond the existing boundaries of the industrial areas as this would impact neighboring uses.</p> <p>As the meeting was nearing the end of its scheduled time, the Project Team decided to wrap up and allow for further review and discussion of the draft proposed land uses at LWRAG Meeting #7 in a week (3/28).</p> | <p>LWRAG to review draft proposed land uses map, with a focus on the <i>Working Landscape</i> area and bring comments and questions to LWRAG Meeting #7.</p> |
| <p>Next Steps</p> | <p>LWRAG Meeting #7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tuesday, 3/28, 3PM – 5PM <p>LWRAG Meeting #7 will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete Discussion of Proposed Land Uses ▪ Discussion of Proposed Projects and Recommendations ▪ Coastal Policy Update ▪ Discuss Public Meeting #2 | <p>MJ to provide LWRAG with draft list of Proposed Project and Recommendations.</p> <p>MJ to provide the LWRAG with Coastal Policy Update slides for review prior to Meeting #7.</p> |

This meeting summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and agreements reached at this meeting. Please forward any additions, corrections and/or questions to my attention.

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