



TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

MEETING SUMMARY

Purpose: Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group (LWRAG) Meeting #7
Date and Time: March 28, 2017 3:00-5:00 pm
Location: Town Hall, Room 101, 445 Delaware Avenue
Attendees: See Attached

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome	<p>Mr. Leslie (Town) and Ms. Hakes (MJ) welcomed the LWRAG to the meeting and reviewed the meeting agenda.</p> <p>Members of the public present introduced themselves.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
Discuss Proposed Land Uses	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Ms. Hakes reviewed the draft proposed land uses map to the LWRAG. The map presented was the same draft map introduced during LWRAG Meeting #6.</p> <p>The development of the draft proposed land uses map took into consideration several resources including the 2010 LWRP proposed land uses, the LWRP vision statement, the LWRP project goals, the Inventory and Analysis, and input received by the LWRAG and the public to date.</p> <p>Ms. Hakes explained that this exercise will enable the LWRAG and the Town to identify the right balance for achieving the goals outlined for the LWRP. The map is not a zoning map. Once there is consensus on proposed land uses and if the LWRP is adopted, then it may be necessary to recommend updating zoning district designations to reflect the land uses desired.</p> <p>The draft proposed land uses map contains amorphous shapes depicting the draft proposed land uses and does not follow parcel boundaries. This was done intentionally, to illustrate that that map is for discussion purposes only at this time. In several cases, proposed land uses loosely follow</p>	<p>MJ to revise map based on LWRAG input.</p>

primary corridors found within the Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA).

The draft proposed land uses include:

- Commercial Mixed Use
- Residential
- Industrial
- Working Landscape
- Low Density/Residential/Open Space
- Open Space/Recreation/Cultural
- Commercial Light Industrial

LWRAG Discussion

The proposed land use map reflects what exists or is currently located in each proposed land use area. Ms. Hakes asked if this seemed appropriate?

Ms. Hakes opened up the discussion to the LWRAG by asking for high level thoughts and comments on the draft proposed land uses identified.

Oftentimes members of the public traveling to and spending time within Henry Hudson Park feel that the park is disconnected or “way down there” without offering supporting services such as a restaurant. Support services may entice visitors to spend more time in the proposed WRA and Henry Hudson Park.

Perhaps the intersection of Route 144/Barent Winne Road/Clapper Road could serve as an activity node or an area that creates a sense of place. It was recommended that past uses be considered when thinking about future uses of this area. This discussion also highlighted the desire of the LWRAG to lower the speed along Route 144 in this region. The LWRP may serve as a vehicle to influence this within the proposed WRA, as Route 144 serving as a truck route will not be going away.

It may not be that far for visitors to drive three (3) to five (5) miles to a gas station or convenience store and that this kind of activity node may be better suited in another location, such as Selkirk, where services are already available.

Proposed uses should balance the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians in the Route 144/Barent Winne Road/Clapper Road region. Additionally, connectivity and access within the

	<p>proposed WRA remains a high priority of LWRAG members.</p> <p>Corridors that feed developed areas within the Town or have a unique character should receive a certain level of attention. Corridors identified by the LWRAG include Weisheit Road, Clapper Road, and Wemple Road. These corridors could provide enhanced facilities or multi-use paths for pedestrians and bicyclists. These corridors also provide scenic views and/or serve as primary connectors for getting to Henry Hudson Park and the riverfront.</p> <p>The connections discussion led to a discussion about the access roads for Henry Hudson Park, including Lyons Road and Barent Winne Road. If trails and connectors are bringing more visitors, safety on Lyons Road and Barent Winne Road was identified as a potential concern. Preliminary ideas included making the access loop a one-way and/or lowering the speed limit on those two roadways.</p> <p>The LWRAG had a focused discussion about land uses on the proposed <i>Working Landscape</i> land use, as this area contains a mix of uses. Wemple Road between the rail tracks and Route 144 has more commercial activity and should be identified in that manner.</p> <p>It was recommended that the southern boundary of the <i>Working Landscape</i> should be brought south to include the Vroman Kill since that is an important environmental resource. The LWRAG noted this general area has rural/country character with a few small businesses, residences, and agricultural uses. LWRAG suggested a different label/title for the <i>Working Landscape</i>.</p> <p>Resiliency was discussed as an important component of the LWRP. It was recognized that the uses allowed within the proposed WRA may impact or be impacted by future flooding events. Section II - Inventory and Analysis will include a risk assessment that takes into account sea level rise and flooding and the impact on key community assets. This will allow the Town to identify areas in need of protection. Another component of this includes understanding what existing businesses along the Hudson River, such as Innovative Solutions and PSEG, are doing to become more resilient from flooding and anticipated sea level rise.</p>	
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<p>Discuss Proposed Projects/ Recommendations</p>	<p>Given time constraints, the Project Team decided to continue review and discussion of the draft list of proposed projects/ recommendations at LWRAG Meeting #8.</p>	<p>LWRAG to review draft proposed projects/ recommendations and bring comments, projects, and recommendations to LWRAG Meeting #8 for discussion.</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>LWRAG Meeting #8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wednesday, 4/12 3PM – 5PM ▪ Discuss Proposed Projects/Recommendations ▪ Review Revised Proposed Land Uses Map ▪ Discuss Public Meeting #2 Date and Format 	<p>MJ to revise the draft proposed land uses map per the LWRAG discussion.</p> <p>MJ to modify and provide the LWRAG with a draft proposed projects/ recommendations list per meeting discussion.</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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