

MEETING RECORD

Date: June 15, 2017

Project Name: Freightway Site Redevelopment Study
Project Number: 26464
Subject: Steering Committee Meeting #3

Meeting Location: Scarsdale Village Hall
Meeting Date: May 31, 2017

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Participants: Steering Committee Members:

Jonathan Mark (Brookby Road, Chair)	Matthew Martin (Clarence Road)
Justin Arest (Lakin Road)	Elizabeth Marrinan (Village Planner)
Farley Baker (Johnson Road)	Andrew McMurray (Greenacres Ave)
Jim Blum (Wayside Lane)	Chris Moran (Board of Ed. Liaison)
Barbara Jaffe (Kingston Road)	Ingrid Richards (Asst. Village Manager)
	Mark Samwick (Village Trustee)

BFJ Planning Personnel:
Jonathan Martin, BFJ Planning
Noah Levine, BFJ Planning

The main purpose of this third Freightway Steering Committee meeting was to discuss work completed to date, issues and opportunities, and prepare for the upcoming public meeting on June 12th. This meeting involved a review of the work plan and schedule developed by BFJ Planning and the Village. Afterward, there was a discussion of the walking tour which was held on May 23rd. BFJ Planning then presented an outline of the public workshop presentation along with a demonstration of the online interactive poll. BFJ also presented a preliminary review of comparable case studies in the region. The meeting was open to the public and there was an opportunity for public comment at the conclusion of the meeting. The meeting began at 7 pm and concluded at 9 pm.

1. Contract, Schedule, and Scope of Work

- Reviewed project timeline
- 1st Public Workshop: June 12th, 7 pm
- Comments:
 - Village (Liz) is still tracking down a copy of the environmental study from archives (1999)
 - Question about how proactive the Steering Committee should be at this stage of the process. Encouragement of the planning firm to use the Committee as a resource where applicable. BFJ will distribute the agenda earlier for future meetings.

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2. Walking Tour Summary/Thoughts

- Comments
 - Discussion of issue of access, going over/under the tracks.
 - Feasibility issues. Anything involving MTA would be difficult.
 - Idea of public access to site, could be a public amenity
 - A well designed site could improve property values in Overhill neighborhood. Overhill residents are important stakeholders.
 - Challenging access at southern alley from Garth Road
 - Discussion of adjacent private property owners and access to site
 - Village will focus on working on the property which it controls rather than private property.
 - Questions about Uber and future need for parking.
 - Going over tracks is an issue, but there have been success stories (i.e. Fordham University)
 - There may be an opportunity to access Scarsdale Avenue on the southern portion of site. We should meet with Eastchester sooner rather than later to discuss site access issues.
 - In future meetings, committee should discuss questions for focus groups.

3. Public Meeting June 12, 2017 – Rutherford Hall 7:00 PM

- Outline of Presentation/Schedule
- *Polleverywhere* (informal interactive poll) demonstration
- Draft by June 6 – Comments to be returned 6/8
- Comments:
 - Support for interactive polling segment, need to emphasize to public that the exercise is informal and not a scientific measure of opinion from the wider community.
 - No need to go into detail about zoning, keep the presentation easy to access/understand for participants
 - Add slide that addresses connection to Village Center

4. Case Studies – preliminary discussion (*possible Committee site visits)

- Scarsdale (*Christie Place*)
- Bronxville (*VillaBXV**, *The Avalon*)
- Pleasantville (2 Sites)
- Tuckahoe (*Crestwood Lofts*, *The Quarry**)
- Pelham (*101 Wolfs Lane*)
- Westport, CT (*Saugatuck Center*)
- Comments:
 - Village and BFJ Planning to coordinate when to schedule site visits in Bronxville and Tuckahoe.
 - Remove Westport and Pelham as examples; they are least analogous and others are sufficient

5. Next Steps

- 1st Public Workshop: June 12th, 7 pm
- Next Committee Meeting: Monday July 17th, 7PM
- Public Walking Tour: Sep 12th for public walking tour, two times - 8:00 and 9:30AM (meet at Martine's)
- Next Public Meeting: Sep 19th or 28th, Village to find location and confirm date