

February 25, 2004

## MEETING MINUTES

**SUBJECT:** TONAWANDA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
Comprehensive Plan Board (CPB) Meeting  
Meeting Date: February 24, 2004

**ATTENDANCE:** Edward Umiker; George Melrose; Joe Shiah; Ray Sinclair; Robert Dimmig;  
Robert Morris; Lynne Sutherland; Roy Svensson; Kenneth Swanekamp;;  
Drew Reilly; Ellen Parker

- I. Introduction:** Drew Reilly asked for input on any new issues or concerns in the Town of Tonawanda. The following comments were brought up:
- Construction is starting on 40 new rental units on the Mount St. Mary's property. Thirty units will be for income-eligible seniors, and 10 are designed for visually impaired residents.
  - The Colvin Woods project is moving forward.
  - Twenty units of condominiums will be built on Moon Walk. These will be the first condominium units (with commonly-owned areas) in the Town.
  - Excelsior Steel Ball is scheduled for demolition soon.
  - Paddock has requested permission to place a new vehicle storage lot on a site north of the Youngmann Expressway on Delaware Avenue. There was some discussion about zoning controls over car sales.
  - At Colvin and Eggert, the owner is planning to tear down the former Big Lots and concentrate efforts on the strip plaza.
- II. Summary of Stakeholder Meetings:** WD reported on meetings with economic development and Transportation stakeholders held on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Meeting minutes summarizing key points will be distributed to the CPB.
- III. Summary of Meeting with Town Board:** WD met with the Town Board on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to provide an update of progress to date and answer any questions. There was some discussion about the NFTA right-of-way that is a potential bike path. Town Board members were encouraged to provide input to WD regarding goals and also any issues or concerns or action items they would like to see addressed.
- IV. Special Interest Groups:** Ellen Parker met with the Board of Directors of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Chamber of Commerce. They were very interested in being kept informed about the progress, and indicated that they would help to publicize the upcoming public meeting to their members. WD will also be attending a meeting with the Seniors, being organized by Marietta LaFornara, and with the Allied Commissioners (Fire Chiefs).

CPB members volunteered to go out to other interest groups in the Town:

- Ed Umiker: Kenmore Garden Club
- George Melrose: Crime Resistance Executive Board and a Neighborhood Watch Group
- Ray Sinclair: Rotary Club
- Joe Shiah: Kenmore Lions Club
- Roy Svensson: Parkview Community Club

It was suggested that a hand-out be available for distribution at the State of the Town address, which will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>. WD will prepare a hand-out. WD will also get in contact with the Mr. Achramovitch, to see if something could be put in the district newsletter, or be distributed to the PTA's.

- V. Goals and Objectives:** The CPB went through the goals and objectives to note any substantive changes, additions or comments, and to suggest future action items or issues relating to the goals. All Comprehensive Plan Board members are requested to get additional comments to WD, preferably in writing, as soon as possible. The deadline for Town officials to comment is February 27<sup>th</sup>.

WD will be revising the goals, based on the comments we have received, and distributing them to the CPB before the public meeting.

- VI. Public Information Meeting:** The Public Information meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**, at the Auditorium of the Hoover Middle School. We will advertise that the doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the presentations are scheduled to begin at about 7:00 p.m. WD will have displays and materials in the lobby for public review prior to the meeting, which will be more formal in nature than the previous meeting. WD will do a presentation about our findings, and then open the floor up to questions and comments about the findings and the direction of the plan.

- VII. Status Report:** WD is writing sections of the inventory, which we will distribute to the CPB on an on-going basis. The next CPB meeting will be after the Public Meeting, so please feel free to contact us prior to the meeting if you have any comments or input. The web site will be updated with additional materials, including the Draft Goals, some demographic tables and the mapping.

- VIII. Next Steps:** The next **CPB meeting** has been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 27, 2004** at 3:00 p.m. at the Sheridan Parkside Community Center. The CPB is an important means for us to get input from a variety of perspectives. All members are urged to attend, or to send a representative to the next meeting.

Respectively submitted,

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