

Village of Potsdam Planning Board
Public Hearing
December 3, 2015

Convened: 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Jim Corbett David Trithart Will Sigfried
Bob Josephson

Board Members Absent: Ted Prah, Hugo Atteman

A public hearing of the Village of Potsdam Planning Board was held on Thursday December 3, 2015 in the Civic Center Board Room, Park Street, Potsdam, New York.

Acting Board Chairperson, Jim Corbett, confirmed that the legal notice had in fact been published in the Courier Observer.

Due to incomplete applications and the need for further review this Special Use Hearing was closed to be reopened at a future date.

Adjournment: 7:02

- **NO FURTHER DISCUSSION**

Other:

1) Election of Chairman

- Bob Josephson nominated Jim Corbett for the position of Chairman. The motion was seconded by Will Siegfried. CARRIED
- Jim Corbett nominated Will Siegfried as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by David Trithart. CARRIED

2) Greg Lang Presentation

- Present - Greg Lang, Professor Backus, Professor Olsen
- Greg Lang provided an overview of his report. (See Attached)
- Mr. Lang and Professor Backus pointed out the changes that would likely result in traffic flow in a 1 minute delay were to be added to the otherwise normal flow of traffic in the Market Street region.
- Greg Lang proposed traffic lane reduction from 4 to 2 lanes allowing for a bike lane to be added to both side of the street. He felt this would be the most appropriate/acceptable method of creating a safe lane for bicycle traffic. Mr. Lang also proposed the removal of on street parking, although he felt that this may not be a very widely accepted arrangement. A third proposal would include the reduction of vehicular traffic lanes from 4 to 2 lanes and placing two bicycle on one side of the Market Street corridor. Again, Mr. Lang felt that this might not be a widely accepted, or optimally safe option.
- Fred Hanss eluded to why the latter two options might be detrimental to businesses in the "Downtown Region".
- Greg Lang discussed, briefly, winter treatment of bike lanes as well as how this could be completed in conjunction with sidewalk maintenance.
- Discussion was held referencing the Town Gown relationships between Universities and the Village of Potsdam. It was stressed that, if done correctly, both parties would benefit mutually.

- Fred Hanss, as well as Board Members, commended Greg Lang for his work on this project and the potential benefit contains for the Village of Potsdam.
 - Professor Olsen described the resources he has that may be ofuse to the Village. Fred Hanss mentioned the Village GIS project which is currently ongoing.
- 3) Schedule of meeting dates was accepted for the 2016 year.
 - 4) Fred Hanss brought up two projects which are currently upcoming and should be in front of the Planning Board in the near future. The first is the A-1 Oriental Kitchen and the second being the Congdon/OMNI project. Both are in the final stages of preparation for Site Plan Review.
 - 5) Fred Hanss suggested a special meeting of the Potsdam Village Planning Board on 12/17/15 to cover, minimally, the A-1 Oriental Kitchen project. The Board was in agreement. The Special Use Hearing will be re-opened at that time. We will attempt to get Courtesy Notices out for this meeting.
 - 6) Fred Hanss updated the Board on the infrastructure issues with the Congdon Hall project.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

- Bob Josephson moved for adjournment. Seconded by Will Siegfried.
CARRIED
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:28

January 7, 2016 will be the next meeting.