

MEETING NOTES

Broome County – Brandywine Brownfield Opportunity Area

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Purpose: Steering Committee Meeting

1. The Citizen Participation Plan was reviewed for the final time by the Steering Committee. Minor edits had been made to reflect schedule changes, contact information, and to add the web addresses for the project Website. The Steering Committee approved the CPP.
2. Elan and the Steering Committee reviewed the BOA Study Area Boundary. A number of opinions and suggestions were provided about potential amendments to the boundary line. Areas that were discussed for inclusion in the boundary were:
 - The commercial properties on the western side of Brandywine (Route 7)
 - The vacant properties to the north, northeast and east of the Universal Site, up to Brevier Street
 - The area on the east side of the railroad tracks south to from Brevier Street following Broad Avenue down to George or William Street
 - The industrial properties to the south and south east of the Study Area down to the Susquehanna River
 - The entire cloverleaf area of the Route 7, I-81 interchange

Elan, Broome County Planning and Economic Development, and Elaine Miller of the DOS will review the Study Area Boundary with these recommendations and determine the best course of action for boundary adjustments. Balancing the size of the study area with the benefits of including specific properties in the study area will be considered.

3. The first major meeting for public input, the **Visioning Workshop**, was scheduled for **Thursday, November 12 from 6-9pm at the Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School** on Brevier Street. Elan explained that the meeting would consist of a “Key Questions” session and a “Mapping” session, in which members of the community would have a chance to share their needs, ideas, desires, and vision for the BOA area.
4. The committee discussed some logistics of the meeting, and ways in which to successfully engage the community. The following suggestions were made for methods by which to invite/notify people of the meetings:
 - Press Releases- F. Evangelisti

- Neighborhood Groups, churches, non-profits, schools – L. Webb
- Postcard Mailing by Broome County – F. Evangelisti
- Prospect Mountain Project e-mail list – P. Eshbaugh → A. Gardner → F. Evangelisti
- Flyer

Members of the committee offered additional suggestions for enticing people to come to the meetings, such as providing refreshments and offering child care. Frank Evangelisti offered to coordinate the refreshments, and the IDA offered to cover the cost of same. Lea Webb suggested that the PTA and the school Principal be contacted to investigate potential options for providing child care.

5. Jeff Sotek from HRP Associates explained the environmental review process for the current phase of the BOA study. Steering Committee members provided HRP with some additional resources to tap into for reports and information on specific sites within the Study Area.
6. Elan provided a brief overview of the results from the stakeholder meetings that had been held on September 9th and 10th. A good deal of information was acquired at those meetings, but additional stakeholder meetings will be necessary to ensure that as much input as possible is obtained from various individuals. Elan will continue with the stakeholder interviews and report to the Steering Committee as new information is obtained.
7. The DOT provided a brief explanation of the design, intent, schedule and phasing of their bridge and roadway construction project on I-81 and the I-81/Route 7 Interchange. This project has been approved and the first phase is slated to begin in 2011. Any new ideas for roadway improvements or changes that come about during this BOA process will need to be addressed with the DOT as a separate issue than this current project.
8. The next Steering Committee meeting was scheduled for **Thursday, October 22 from 1:30-3pm.**