

***Town of York ~ Village Study Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ August 4, 2016
York Public Library ~ Wheeler Room***

Present: Ron McAllister, Stu Dawson, Toni DeSoto, Gloria Gustafson, Chris Hartwell,
Dean Lessard, Robert Palmer, Dylan Smith, Pete Smith, Lew Stowe

Absent: Joel Lefever, Scott Stevens

Guest: David Chase

1. Chairman Ron McAllister called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.
2. Meeting minutes for June 16th were approved with one minor correction.
3. Ron turned the meeting over to Dean to update us on the status of MDoT activity. He reported that the recent abutters meeting requested by MDoT and presided over by Regina Leonard was positive from our perspective and that he felt the MDoT representatives were ready to move forward with the project.
4. Robert praised Dean for the way he handled the contentious dialogue with Mr. Kyricos and how he kept the discussion focused on the plan despite Mr. Kyricos's emotional outbursts. In Pete's opinion, Mr. Kyricos was "over the top" with his complaints and criticisms of the committee and the Master Plan and that, in essence, he "shot himself in the foot" in terms of what he had hoped to accomplish.
5. Ron said that he contacted Regina looking for a progress report, but there was none forthcoming at this time. Dean noted that there had not been a KATCS meeting for several months and he would look into when their next meeting will be.
6. David Chase complimented the committee on its efforts and success at the May referendum. In response the committee expressed their appreciation and sincere thanks for his valuable support during the campaign. When asked, he declined to consider being a member of the ongoing revitalization steering committee.
7. Ron noted that the BoS has asked that we file a final report from the VSC. Robert suggested the report include a condensed but thorough analysis of the parking issues and plans. Other suggestions were to include something about the potential options for hiding utility lines and to explain the expectations for "phasing" implementation of the plan. Dean pointed out several construction issues that are weather dependent which will impact implementation scheduling.
8. At the committee's request, Ron agreed to draft the final report and send it out committee members prior to our next (final) meeting on September 8th. He cautioned the members not to discuss the draft amongst themselves, but to send any concerns or ideas directly back to him.
9. Chris handed out blank copies of York's committee application forms for anyone who plans to participate on the new Village Revitalization Steering Committee, which we expect the BoS to form based on our recently proposed charter. Committee members discussed several prospective members that should be contacted for their interest.
10. Our next regular meeting will be at 8:30am on Thursday, September 8th at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 am

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary