

Meeting #6 - Minutes
Comprehensive Plan Committee
At Regularly Scheduled Village Board Workshop
June 10, 2020 – 7:00 PM (Note Earlier Time, as posted on Village Website)
Held by Zoom Platform (recorded)

1. Village Board/CPC/Consultant Roll Call

Rosario Presti, Jr., Mayor	-	present
Grant Valentine, Deputy Mayor	-	present
Richard Miller, Trustee	-	present
Paul Van Alstyne, Trustee	-	present
Allan Rubin, Planning Board Chair		present
Stephen Liebman, Zoning Board of Appeals, Chair		present
Chaim Rose, Architectural Review Board		present
Jerry Liebelson, At-Large Citizen		present
Jonathan Lockman, AICP, NPV		present
Max Stach, AICP, NPV		present

Also in attendance:

Bruce Goldsmith
Andrea Ritter
Walter Sevastian, Village Attorney

2. Adoption of Minutes – March 11, 2020 CPC regular meeting

The minutes were adopted by a unanimous vote.

3. Discussion of Survey Results

Max Stach and Jonathan Lockman reported on the progress of the Inventory & Analysis and presented key findings.

Max and JT then presented the results of the Comprehensive Plan survey that had been distributed to the group on June 3, 2020. The document is available on the Village website at https://chestnutridgevillage.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Chestnut-Ridge-Comprehensive-Plan-Survey_200319.pdf.

Committee members were satisfied with the outcome of the survey and impressed at the high level of participation. Issues of duplicate IP addresses were discussed, as well as some duplicate answers to the write-in responses. (Note: Jeff Wasserman of the Planning Board specifically suggested after the meeting that the most frequent answer to each question be presented with the percentage, in addition to the weighted average.)

All agreed that the responses would provide good guidance during the setting of goals and objectives by the Committee, and the development of policies and recommendations by the Village Board. It was understood that survey responses would provide guidance but would not necessarily determine specific policies or recommendations which were the responsibility of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Liebelson stated that the survey was a very good result.

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Alan Rubin was impressed with the large number of responses, over 700. He asked if we knew where the non-residents were from? Mr. Lockman answered that people only self identified that they were either residents or non-residents, without specific geographic. Mr. Rubin asked if the out of village responders had very different answers? Mr. Lockman said no for the most part. The mayor pointed out that some people described their interest in the write-in comments.

Max Stach reported that the average length of time spent on the survey was 18 minutes, but some non-residents spent only two minutes on the survey.

Steve Liebman said turnout was much higher than he expected and he was pleased.

The mayor commented on some of the very negative and disturbing written comments submitted, but was overall happy with the results.

Mr. Liebelson asked about the upcoming discussions at Village Board about Equestrian Estates zoning petition and the definition of corporate park, and timing with preparation of the Comp Plan. The Mayor answered that these proposals before the Village Board would not finish until after completion of the Comprehensive Plan. Max Stach went over the history of the zoning petitions, which started before the Comprehensive Plan had started.

Mr. Valentine applauded the overall results, but questioned if the collaboration on write-in answers devalued the results. Max stated that all surveys are subject to shortcomings, including collaboration among participants. The survey should be considered as one data point, with its results considered along with the input from the January public meeting, and tempered by the judgement of the CPC and the Trustees. Mr. Van Alstyne said that the Red Schoolhouse Road recommendations (never adopted) would carry a lot of weight.

Next Step: Discussion of Vision, Goals and Objectives on July 8, 2020.