

Citizens' Advisory Committee for Re-Use

Meeting Summary

June 26, 2019

5:00 PM

Present: Lou DiPalma Diane Hannum
Mary LaRowe Virginia Horvath
Mike Hughes Steve Rees
Christine Schuyler Rebecca Yanus
Tom Panasci

Absent: Shaun Heenan Nate Aldrich
Mayor Rosas Loretta Slaton Torain
Marty Bamonto

Call to Order

L. DiPalma called the meeting to order noting that this meeting is held in lieu of the June 5 and July 3 meetings.

Meeting Summary

The summary from the May 1, 2019 meeting was reviewed and approved for posting on the website.

Updates

M. LaRowe provided a brief summary of activities since the May meeting including receipt of site plan approval for the new hospital. With such progress, it will be important to keep the re-use process on track.

Expression of Interest (EOI)

It was reported that there have been no responses to the EOI and that no one attended the two open houses in April. R. Yanus reported on a meeting/presentation held in Albany on June 11 that was specific to Brownfield Opportunities. Based on the information shared with a number

of potential developers, four showed some interest in our re-use project and two of the four were very interested. Access to a Phase I Environmental Assessment Study (ESA) on the site was of most interest to the potential developers. To maintain their interest, it was suggested we complete the Phase I ESA as soon as possible. M. LaRowe will research and facilitate the ESA.

Feedback: Public Comments

A few new community comments were received and have been added to the website. The themes associated with the comments remain consistent. An editorial in last week's paper stressed concerns that public housing should not be considered.

Feedback from Membership

The need for middle income housing in the area was stressed, particularly with the Athenex project and the number of employees proposed to be involved. A discussion followed related to HUD and the continuum of care as an option. C. Schuyler will provide a contact to reach out to for more information.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned noting the next meeting as Wednesday, August 7, 2019.