

Neighborhood Improvement Meeting
2-7-23

Present: Hannah, Sam, Maria, Marty, Charles, Mayor Drnek

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Updates from Mark:

- Mark's suggestion is to focus on singular proposals at a time, then bring this to the Housing Commission, then it will go to the Common Council after review (if applicable).
 - The Housing Commission has been mainly report-sharing from each Workgroup until this point. More discussion in these Commission meetings will be encouraged going forward.
- New website is up and running: www.All4Oneonta.com
 - Mark asked us to look at our Workgroup tab and send any missing meeting minutes, materials, etc. to him for this.
 - This is a good resource to understand what committees exist throughout the city.
- Hartwick and SUNY Oneonta are both expecting an enrollment drop.
 - This will impact the student rental market/ landlords in Oneonta, possibly including property maintenance and upkeep.

Ideas for Proposals/ Follow-Up:

1. Maria's Draft Parking Proposal
 - a. The City has a committee specifically working on Parking Strategies:
<https://all4oneonta.com/committees/parking-strategies-committee/>
 - i. Parking Strategies meets on 2/9.
 - ii. Hannah will bring this to the Housing Commission tomorrow, then forward to the Parking Strategies group.
 - b. Discussion about proposal:
 - i. Enforcement will be a challenge for any parking ticketing or time limit changes.
 - ii. Recommend reviewing on-street parking to increase safety
2. We previously talked about proposals concerning improved cycle and pedestrian walkways, and improved in town bus service, all to reduce city traffic.
 - a. Charles found the city owns very large buses because that was how the granters structured the grants-- no grants for smaller buses.
 - b. There is concern around traffic patterns in the city, but this isn't really related to housing.

Discussion:

- Thoughts on Fulton Block Builders project
 - Do we want to investigate the Oswego Renaissance project? They had to deal with more rental properties than Fulton.
 - <https://www.czb.org/work/oswego-neighborhood-revitalization-strategy>
 - Mark will send us a contact to get more information from this group.
 - This is not a city of Fulton-affiliated project; our city government could not support a similar project financially here.
 - Mark/ city officials might be able to help with fundraising connections (informally).
 - Rental properties/ absentee landlords are an additional challenge for Oneonta compared to Fulton.
- Short-term rentals, like Airbnb, can ruin neighborhoods and leave “vacant” houses for visitors. We don’t want to see this happen in the city of Oneonta.
- City’s certificate of compliance for rentals is currently every three years. Do we want it more annually, and do we want to suggest additions?
 - Discussion around this led to the conclusion that this would just add more administrative work. More discussion needed in the future.
 - Certificate of compliance every year, inspection every third year? What would that process look like?

Next meeting will be 2/28 instead of 2/21 due to lack of available members. Same time and location as usual.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM