

Neighborhood Improvement Meeting
12-20-2022

Present: Alexa, Sam, Bob, Charles, Hannah, Mark Drnek

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Report from Housing Commission

- Hannah reported the following recommendations to the Housing Commission:
 - “The Neighborhood Improvement group fully endorses the efforts of the Welcome Wagon committee. We suggest they include a packet including codes.
 - The Neighborhood Improvement group recommends the city add additional covered garbage cans and recycling receptacles where appropriate.
 - The Neighborhood Improvement group recommends the city make attempts to add common green spaces within neighborhoods.
 - The Neighborhood Improvement group recommends the city identify and improve areas of the city in need of more or better lighting.
 - The Neighborhood Improvement group recommends the city improve biking and walking infrastructure including road paint (sharrows), signage, and research into additional options.”
- There was not a lot of feedback or discussion about this.
 - One member of the city staff in the audience suggested that the city does not have staff or funding for these ideas.
 - Oneonta Community Initiative (OCI) has grants for up to \$1,000 that we could look into.

Discussion

- More discussion (if needed) of our concept of a “successful, or improved, neighborhood.”
 - The Housing Commission wondered how we would define “neighborhood” itself?
- For next year's budget we recommend adding 1-2 additional positions to Code Enforcement specifically to cover regular monitoring of code issues and problem properties. (*Prevention, not intervention*)
 - Everyone at the table agreed to this.
- Continue working on annual sweep of the city to inform residents of violations
 - Sam will write a proposal based on the Oswego example.
- Parking issues tabled until next meeting when Maria is present.
- Oneonta's 2013 Housing Plan
 - Hannah will divvy up the sections for each workgroup member to read through/report back on in January.

- What is still relevant? What can we bring forward to the current Housing Commission?
- Mark did not know what progress had been made from this 2013 report, but he would look into it.
- Andrew (Vitolo) to come to a meeting to speak on behalf of the Public Arts Commission in January.
- Mark talked about the Fulton Block Builders in Fulton, NY
 - This is an organization not funded by or affiliated with the municipality, so it could be an example for Oneonta.
 - Discussion around funding opportunities for something similar here.
 - We could have them come speak to our workgroup.
- Bob will be out of town starting in January for several months.

Next Steps

- Sam to write up recommendation re: city of Oswego system
- Hannah to confirm January meeting date with Andrew
- Hannah to divide 2013 Housing Plan into sections for each member
- Mark to share Fulton Block Builders contact information

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM