

Neighborhood Improvement Meeting  
5-1-23

Present: Hannah, Sam, Maria, Marty, Charles, Bob

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

Proposals:

- Rental Moratorium
  - “This pertains to wards 1-7 (excluding Ward 8) in the City of Oneonta. If single and multi-family rental properties in each ward exceed 30% of total properties in their respective ward, the City will enact a moratorium on new rentals in that ward until the percentage of rentals is 30% or below. This includes short- and long-term rental properties that are not owner-occupied. During a moratorium, existing single family homes cannot be subdivided into multi-family dwellings.”
    - Hannah will bring this to the Housing Commission again for a deciding vote.
- Oswego Renaissance/ Fulton Block Builders projects
  - Charles’ proposal
    - Hannah will bring this to the Housing Commission.
- Landlord registration proposal with the City
  - Maria’s proposal
    - Hannah will bring this to the Housing Commission.

Future Ideas for Proposals:

- Code Enforcement Expansion
  - [Lehigh University example](#) from Marty
  - Oswego example of code enforcement sweeps from Sam
- Publicly Available Document
  - The Code Enforcement office will create and maintain a publicly available document listing all properties which have been reported that are in violation of the City code. Our intent is to help enhance neighborhoods, increase transparency, and expand Code Enforcement.
- Is there a way that we could tax/create a fee structure for landlords who own XX number of properties in the City?
- Trash cans through Oneonta Community Initiative (OCI) grants
- Re-introduce 2013 Housing Recommendations
- Neighborhood Associations

Discussion:

- Neighborhood Associations could help mobilize neighbors, build community, and create positive change in neighborhoods.
  - Could the Neighborhood Improvement group eventually turn into a group of the liaisons from each neighborhood association?
  - What would Neighborhood Associations look like in Oneonta?
    - We could do a trial run in one neighborhood.
      - Hannah offered her neighborhood (3rd ward).
      - Marty's neighborhood already does this informally.
    - How does this differ from the duties of Common Council members?
      - From our perspective, Neighborhood Associations would be more casual. They would create opportunities for people to gather.
- We will create a survey to understand broader opinions about neighborhood improvement and neighborhood associations. Sample questions below.
  - What ward do you live in?
  - What do you like about living in your neighborhood?
  - What are your areas of concern?
  - What are your proposed solutions?
  - Would you participate in a Neighborhood Association if it was available?  
*(With description included)*
  - Maria will ask her daughter for help constructing this in an effective format.
  - This would be electronic. Bob asked if paper copies could be available.
    - Hannah will ask the Housing Commission.
  - We will use the results to determine next steps.
- We need another member in our group, ideally from the 6th Ward.
  - Hannah will ask Thian Misner if he is interested.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM