

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN & ROCKLAND COUNTY NEW CITY HAMLET CENTER VISION PLAN

Community Workshop #3 Workshop Notes – Landau Park and Entire Study Area Group

May 11, 2006 7:00 pm

Landau Park

- Parking Maintenance
- Potential Adopt-A-Spot
- Traffic noise
- Visual barriers
- Environmental sensitive building material

Dutch Gardens

- Connect to county parking lot with pedestrian bridges and deck parking
- Time capsule should be apart of this trail connection

Demarest Park

- Cell tower concern
- Access road concern
- Trails end at stream
- Keep as park
- Tear down jail
- Lighting
- Benches
- Incentive to go there/invite people there

Gateway (South)

- Coordinate with Adopt-A-Spot
- Traffic light – dangerous intersection
- Note pedestrian friendly – at least left turn signal

Strip Malls (Clarkstown)

- Don't lose movie theater
- Potential parking garage once new buildings are built in front
- Include offices – Maple Avenue and Park Street
- Variety of stores that offer choices

Schriever Lot

- Major drainage problem
- Park area would be best
- Wetland park

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Community Workshop #3 Workshop Notes – Streetscape Group (Cynthia & Melissa)

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General Comments

- General comments
- Pleased with recommendations
- Incorporate feedback from past sessions “for the first time.....I see hope for New City”
- Label Buildings
- Left turn lanes traffic back ground
- Who maintains the green strip?
- Coordination to eliminate cub cuts and consolidate parking (reality/legal issues)
- Telephone poles?
- Signage – community working on
- Street furniture/amenities important
- Lighting can be good or bad
- “Park skies”
- Congress – good style, but wrong fixture for place

Materials

- Play off bricks on Dutch Gardens
- Want quality materials
- Dutch Gardens – ok to relocate building
- Path should follow tradition of Dutch Gardens
- Bump outs – need loading zones
- Consolidate Maple Avenue buildings for loading zone
- Not an issues for snow plowing
- Cleaning may be difficult (businesses)
- Bottleneck – cultural change needs to happen regarding walking
- Need the kind of businesses that people want to come to
- White Plains and New Rochelle
- County Center – big draw
- Connection to the park
- Want traffic to move slow
- How to move and park buses in this area?
- North end and South Main – no suicide
- 10/15 minute parking for quick stops
- Like parking in back
- Infill buildings

- Municipal parking lot
- Pedestrian right-of-way
- Bury the electric
- Costs doesn't matter
- Bicycle friendly/lane racks
- Holiday decorations – accommodate for (electricity)
- Benches – comfortable
- Bus shelters should be nice
- Garbage cans should be nice
- Wave the magic wand
- Battery Park city – create example

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Community Workshop #3 Workshop Notes – Shopping Plaza Enhancement Group

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Concerns

- Concerned with buildings infilling in front of shopping plaza
- Blocks stores to rear
- Closed-in area
- Security concerns
- Will eliminate needed parking

Phase I

- Elimination of access points is positive for pedestrians
- Sectioning of parking lots and landscaping safer for motorists and pedestrians pedestrian sidewalk through parking
- “Backside” – 304 side of buildings need to be treated and improved
- Grand entrance from Main Street will aid in traffic circulation
- One-way Main Street
 - Pedestrian accommodation
 - On-street parking
- Attractions
 - Restaurant/food court
 - Financial center
 - Entertainment center
- Need to address
 - Truck traffic along N/S Main street
 - Access from Route 304
 - Consolidate access
 - Connect parking in rear
 - Bump-outs great idea – at crossings/break up parking
- On-street parking
 - Issue with plowing snow (unless restricted hours)
 - Town may need to help financially with façade improvements, etc.
 - Issue of higher tax assessment
- Architecture
 - CVS – brick
 - Signs could be better
 - Modern – glass/stucco design
 - Stone/wood
 - Sign program – simple/matching
 - Quality streetscape materials (example: Summit, NJ)

Additional Notes:

- Boxing out the plaza not good – maybe only in corners
- Bringing all the buildings up to the street may not be appropriate
- What would rear façade look like? Where would people enter?
- Elimination of curb cuts is good
- Parking lot is a war zone
- Route 304 is the bloodline of the town – need to fix up back to DiCicco's
- View of town from highway – needs to be fixed up
- One-way Main Street – more comfortable for pedestrians
- What about districts, such as a financial district or a food district
- Must give people a reason to come to Main Street
- Is there a way to bring in people directly from Route 304 (could possibly just a service truck entry from 304)
- Could try a temporary change to lanes or one-way strategy
- Coco Breach uses curb-build outs extensively
- South Main Street most likely will be focus of road improvements
- CVS just doubled their property assessment
- CVS new façade is not what Jim Cropsey wants – signs are carved, but hardly – white is too bright
- Quality, natural materials (like Summit, NJ)