

**NBN6 Meeting Minutes**  
**April 12, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Monroe County Parks Department**  
**171 Reservoir Avenue**

**Present:** Joanne Balliet, Sue Bellinger, Lt. Korey Brown, Joe Campbell, David Chappius, Ruth Danis, Betty Dudman, Bill Gerling, Ofc. Brad Goater, David Halter, Amy Happ, Judy Hay, Chris Jones, Cindy Knox, Alicia Lamphron, Joan Lindberg, Vern Lindberg, Ed Lindskoog, Geri Arno Machado, Colleen McCarthy, Aaron McGowan, Jill Morgan, Nancy O'Donnell, Rose O'Keefe, Sue O'Neil, Matt Perdue, Richard Pifer, Victoria Posner, Mark Quinn, Pete Saxe, Tony Sciarabba, Peter Siegrist, Sue Gardner Smith, Larry Staub, Eilleen Thomas, Paul Urai, Carlene Woodward

Notes: Nancy O'Donnell



**NBN6 Chair Carlene Woodward opened the meeting at 5:30**

**Crime Report: Officer Goater and Lt. Korey Brown**

- + Peter Sweet Shop was broken into and candy was stolen before Easter. The man was arrested.
- + Another event occurred that involved a “mental hygiene” issue on Mt. Hope Avenue.
- + Two new PAC TAC'ers were trained. Pick up an application at the NET OFFICE.
- + Looking for volunteers to talk to people who call the Police and want info about the area before they move into it. The police don't want to be the ones to talk about the neighborhood in terms of crime. They've been using SWPC and SEAC as source of info, but would like to create list of contacts. Carlene Woodward offered to draw up a list.



**Lilac Festival Person - Jill D. Morgan, Beau Productions** (585.967.1047)

- + They'll be releasing the line up of entertainment on Wed. Call her if you have questions.

**U of R Presentation of its plans and other Mt. Hope Changes**

Associate Vice President of Facilities Richard Pifer gave a PowerPoint presentation of the U of R's Master plan. Key Principles “coherence, compaction and connection.” This should “accommodate growth, improve quality, and develop a sustainable campus.” They want to avoid sprawl and build through “in fill” and reinforce the University's edges.

\*The plan has involved lots of people for five years ago.

President J. Seligman asked for a Strategic Plan from the different facilities (the medical center, Eastman school, Memorial Art Gallery, U of R) to feed into a Master Plan.

\*U of R will continue to grow. They own 1 million sq. feet of property. They lease one million.

\*In the new plan, the academic core will get better, but stay essentially in the same place.

\*Medical Center. In the future, much will stay the same. Area of growth is in the mid and south campus, housing along Castleman and the Park.

\*Currently communicating with 19<sup>th</sup> Ward and talking with developer (Regent) who worked on Riverview

\*Riverview Update: Students are delighted to be in Riverview. As are Neighbors. Crime is down (or certainly not up)

Staybridge is attracting people with money into the neigh.

Coffeehouse opened up. U of R wants to improve access and circulation.

\*Work with DOT and legislators – major change will bring access to 390 to the north and south would reduce congestion on East and West Henrietta.

\*Bikes have doubled on the river campus. Bike rack requests are increasing

\* Lots of interest in rails to trails

\*Work will be done on a railroad bridge near Wilson, intercampus drive and Wilson will be converted to trail network.

\*Looking at Zip cars and Shuttle buses

\*Encouraging mass transportation to doing as well as they would like to. Reason: “Our parking is under priced.” Some 85% at the medical park for less than \$1 a day. This is less than it costs to ride the bus.

\*Wants to increase quality of core campus. Walking around the campus. Quiet, friendly, open place. It’s clean, well lit, lots of signs. That’s the kind of environment we want to promote.

### **College Town**

\*Looking for retail and dining businesses. Beyond that, not yet sure Market based housing for faculty, staff? Back office, clinical research is needed?

Working with a developer

Height of buildings. Determined by the zoning limit on Mt. Hope, Can’t be more than four stories. The East side businesses will be one or two stories. Higher stories as you get closer to the University. Want it to be a destination.

Area includes: Elmwood and Mt. Hope Avenues, townhouse gets torn down, as does professional building. Not sure what happens to 14 acres.

In deciding what to do, the Univ. visited Univ. of Pennsylvania and studied the equivalent "college town" across from their campus. Also checked out Ohio State University, the area around Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. U of R wants wider sidewalks than the other universities used.

Will have a tree landscaped medium (need electrical power to the medium and water. All will be dependent on developer  
The scope of College Town depends on the \$\$\$ the developer has, the community, charrettes held.

Mt. Hope reconstruction will take place Summer 2010  
Electric lines underground. Intersection. Elmwood South to Rossiter.  
Another traffic light will be added  
Businesses in College Town will have shared parking behind.  
No multiple curb cuts.  
Traffic calming- parallel parking on both sides of Mt. Hope Ave.

### I-390 Construction

Coalition of contractors and union people want economic development. They've worked closely with Legislators, town of Brighton, city of Rochester, Henrietta to make I-390 recon. A priority.

Sec. of Trans. In town with Louis Slaughter to discuss 390  
Seven phase project.

Starts western northern. Closest to the airport.

Traffic circle to Whipple park.

Installation on ramp allows traffic off East River Road to get on 390 by the Laser lab.

Advantage to region. Reduces congestion at East and West Henrietta  
It provides and easy exit from the U of R., makes a new front door to there.

East of hen. Lots of change. entire bridge rebuilt.

You'll come under the bridge. Will reduce so many lights.

Last phase would be landscaping and cleanup

\$150 million

8 - 10 year project

Lots of road construction this summer. Two years from now, it will be delightful.

Mt. Hope Cemetery will put a new fence around it.

### Q&A

Q. (V. Posner) How many undergraduates at the U OF R. How many on campus beds? They've often not good neighbors.

A. (Pifer) Under 4000 undergraduates 84% housed on campus.

If you have bad neighbor, call student services. He'll give them telephone numbers

Q. (Joan Lindberg) River Campus. Any new construction on the other side of the river?

A. It's not U of R's. Developers own that side of the river.

Q. Mail Services on Mt. Hope. Will it stay?

A. Must have proximity to the Medical Center. Will move if some business gives them "another place and money to move."

Q. Zoning about Westmoreland? What did that involve? We don't want to see houses torn down and parking lots added.

A. We own a couple of properties. Next to Ronald McDonald. House They will be included in the ordinance. Ron McD house one of the most successful in the country.

No plans to doing anything with the properties.

Will continue the way it is now.

Q (Dave Halter) Are you planning to go up with properties rather than spread out?

A. Senior staff at med center wants to be close to patients.

Primary care...ability to drive up at a lot and get to where you need to get. Clinton Crossings does that.

We want to preserve our green spaces. Keep the size and scale reasonable.

Q? What is transit doing?

**RGRTA** - very interested in College Town, wants to put a transit center. Close to the Med. Center. Eastman dental lot... might be a prime location. We've included RGRTA interest in the plan.

RFP on the street. Will be back in June.

We'll pick within 90 days.

We want the chosen developer to talk to the bus people.

Want more cross-town routes for the students.

Will continue our own bus services. Obligation to students. Dual majors to Eastman school to River campus. Huge demand for shuttle services. For safety, sake will continue to do this.

Q. (Carlene Woodward) How about bringing the shuttle near our restaurants/businesses on South/South Clinton.

A. We look at the routes they run every year. We look primarily to college and Eastman school for input. Concern for security

The chances expanding for convenience sake is very slim.

U of R wants students to go into the neighborhood.

We've seen it in the 19<sup>th</sup> ward.

Ice cream socials.

Community Center for Riverview.

Q. Mt. Hope Construction - parallel parking?

A. Two lanes either direction. Plus dedicated turn lanes. U of R will be losing some space in creating parallel parking.

It should reduce traffic accidents

### **Neighborhood Reports:**

**BASWA** (Chris Jones) Event on 4/15 - Irish Beer Tasting at the Keg. 6- 8 p.m. \$10

Artist of Traffic Control Boxes will be announced at the third Thurs. in June. Star Alley, South Ave. Third Thursday Events continue through the summer.

First ever history fundraiser to be held. Landmark Society Cynthia Houck will give a lecture on 5/20 at the Ellwanger Barry Bed & Breakfast. Hedonist Chocolate will provide the chocolate, Solera Wine Bar will provide the drinks.

**Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery.** 5/1 begins tour season, free tours. Sat/Sun. Twilight tours on Tues/Thurs.

Lots of cool themes: Artist, Civil War, "Murder, Mystery, Mayhem" - [www.fomh.org](http://www.fomh.org)

**Lilac Neighbors.** A pre-Lilac Festival meeting was held on April 7 at 3 p.m. at the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Attendees included: Leaders of the Lilac, Azalea and May Neighborhoods, RPD, the Southeast Quadrant Team, Monroe County Parks, Beau Productions, Rochester DES, Monroe County DOT, The Divinity School and Rochester's Special Events Department. Alternate side parking restrictions were defined as well as race and parade times.

**Gregory Street Block Club** - Historian Rose O'Keefe reported that her book, Rochester South Wedge has been reprinted and is now in Wegmans in Pittsford. She is working on another history book and teaming with the Charlotte River Romance Weekend in October.

**Highland Park Neighborhood (HPNA) (Ruth)** Invites all to work at the Gate House during the Lilac Festival. Lots of fun.

Holding an Annual Garage Sale first weekend of June.

**Paul Urai (HPNA)** 4/21 PAC TAC will be held a week early because officers will be on vacation.

**Lilac Update - (Mark Quinn)** Come see the lilacs. He predicts they will be on the early side right now. The festival will begin on May 14. (Friday). The Reservoir rehab will not be done.

**Lilac Neighbors** - Vern Lindberg's band Java has a CD.

**NBN Office** - Pete Saxe - 5/22- Clean Sweep, begins at Cobbs Hill - let us know about any projects you're planning on that day. South Clinton Avenue adding street furniture.

**SEAC - (Joanne Balliet)** Tool library is not open yet. Looking to relocate.

**South Wedge Farmers Market** – Manager Sue Gardner Smith will be managing the South Wedge Farmers Market. Special effort to link up with community groups. Bring more low-income neighbors in. June 3 opening date – Thurs. 4-8 p.m.

Vendors coming. Bigger than before

Great year. SWPC is now in charge of the Market.

**Upper Mt. Hope Neighborhood:** Brought recent newsletters.

Holding an Annual Garage Sale first weekend of June.

**Swillburg** – David Chappius modeled a very attractive, multi-colored Swillburg tee shirt (11 colors). It was sold at the first Swillfest on Friday that was “poorly attended.”

“We did ok. Financially. We got a ton of auction items.”

Holding a Garage Sale first Saturday in June.

Since HPNA and Upper Mount Hope are also holding garage sales that weekend, Chappius suggested the groups pool advertising resources.

**NY State Coalition of Property Owners et al (Bill Gerling)**

Continued our lobbying and legislative campaign. In court again with the city of Rochester on a housing inspection went astray. To be continued.

**SWPC (Eileen Thomas)** – Eagle Scouts working on a badge beautified the SWPC tool library. They reorganized, cleaned it up, cleaned it out. “We can find tools now.” Encouraged others to call on the Eagle Scouts if “you have a large neighborhood project. Get in touch with Boys Scouts it was a great experience working with kids.”

**NBN Chair** (Carlene Woodward) Remember that the FLEET foot race will be held April 24 and 25. Neighbors are invited to provide water stations. Runners will be coming through Highland Park. Go online to check it out.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**