

**MINUTES** of the Village of Montgomery Master Plan Committee meeting held in the Conference Room of the Village Hall, Clinton Street, on Wednesday, April 24, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

**ATTENDANCE:** Chrm. Conero, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Scheels, Mbr. Romano, Mbr. Freeman, Mbr. Blake, Mbr. Wallace, Mbr. Daley

**OPEN:** Chrm. Conero opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes recorded by Monse Rivera-Stanley.

Chrm. Conero gave a background on the Master Plan Committee from 2006. They had met with a planner, Alan Sorenson from Planit Main Street, and they compiled a booklet on every aspect of the Village. What they didn't do was continue to meet as a committee on a regular basis to observe the progression and goals of the Master Plan. Being the kickoff meeting, they will look at the goals of the plan. They will identify any issues that need attention and discuss it with Alan at the next meeting.

The zoning doesn't follow the Master Plan, so if something needs to be changed in a zone, or remove uses that aren't appropriate for a piece of land, the Village Board has asked the Master Plan Committee to do that.

It is important that development of undeveloped sites occur in a manner that compliments the existing developed patterns. Planned business parks should be developed within the Village industrial district. If needed, update tables of use regulations for the business and industrial districts. Create a new planned business district park.

They need to look at site plan review as far as landscaping standards.

There's a sign issue that needs clarification in the code regarding off-street signs, signs that hang off the side of buildings and sign issues with AHRB in the Historic District, which could be incorporated into the whole Village. Mr. Freeman has been asked by the Mayor to write up a specific plan-a guideline for signage in all districts, especially regarding neon and pole signs.

Possibly create signs for street corners and street poles to tell where things are.

They are considering coming up with a guideline for site plan design reviews; something that the Planning Board can use. If a building or house needs to be rebuilt, it should follow the period it was originally built in. What the Planning Board can do now is to present what is lacking or should be there to the Village Board and they (the VB) speaks to the Building Inspector.

Create a carriage house restoration program.

No drainage and non-conforming lots unless complimentary in the Historic District to maintain the character.

Require an as-built survey prior to issuing a CO. What ever is presented to the Boards has to look exactly like it. This is why design guidelines are important. It also increases property values.

Find the appropriate economic development. They need to make the Village more inviting to encourage tourists/visitors, even residents to fully enjoy it here and keep revenue in the Village-consider outdoor dining and businesses staying open after 5pm. Possibly create a sidewalk infrastructure down to the park and more municipal parking. What's good for the business district is good for the Village. Mr. Freeman suggested making videos of the Village and send to film companies to promote Montgomery. Get the name out there!

The Chrm. asked everyone to go through the Master Plan book and review the goals. He will ask the planner, Alan Sorenson to come to the next meeting. The plan is to meet on the fourth Thursday of the month.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Tina Murphy  
Deputy Village Clerk