

McKownville Improvement Association

Proposed Agenda for December 12, 2001 Meeting

(by Don Reeb)

Mr. Ken Runion is the guest speaker this evening and as he informed us at the time he accepted the invitation to speak tonight, he had a prior speaking engagement and will arrive about 8:15 pm.

Items for reporting

Best Western Motor Inn, L'Ecole, Christ Lutheran Church property, Blue house, widening of Western Avenue and RFP, Thruway on-ramp for EZ Pass.

Ideas for Improving McKownville

What do residents want for McKownville--like tree replacement for all streets (the town is very good about taking down older trees but it does not replace them)--like big evergreen bushes planted along Fuller Road Alternate (the Northway) to reduce traffic noise for residents of the Providence, Mercer and Warren street area--like? The major purpose of the meeting tonight is for you to make suggestions and indicate problems in need of solutions for McKownville. Kathy LeRoux the Association's elected secretary will be taking notes.

Choosing a Planning Committee

McKownville needs a group of residents to work with the ~~BEP~~ group and the Town so that proposed changes will be acceptable to us. This will be the third item tonight.

PROMPTS for Board Members--to help guide the discussion you might want to use the following information to make comments and frame questions.

RFP what does It suggest

- (p 1) extend sidewalk system
- (p 2) lack of bus shelters and crosswalks
- (p 3) need median island at Fuller Road Alternate, median on Rt. 20 at Fuller Road, bulb outs to reduce crossing lengths, curb cut relocations, raised median on portion of Fuller Road, sidewalk reconstruction
- (p 4) moving centerline of Western Avenue to the south
- (p 5) analyze options for sidewalk widening, pedestrian crossing. streetscaping, access management and transit access.

Moving the centerline of Western to the south is unacceptable and cannot be permitted to happen.

What did It ignore--

- * reducing noise from traffic;
- * reducing the speed of vehicles on Western;
- * narrowing Western Avenue to make it more like Western Avenue in the city
- * curbs along Western Avenue and maybe Schoolhouse and McKown Roads
- * future use of Stuyvesant pond-McKownville Reservoir;
- * pedestrian pathways in addition to sidewalks;
- * replacement of trees on the 30+ streets in McKownville;
- * better enforcement of zoning--the 1257 Western Avenue property, for example
- * plantings along the Thruway to reduce the noise in Woodscape and at the end of McKown Road
- * plantings at the end of Knowles to reduce the noise of university traffic
- * plantings along Fuller Road Alternate to reduce the noise for Mercer etc, residents
- * plantings at end of Fuller Road Alternate; and
- * reducing pressure from commercial development on McKownville residences.

Master Plan--what does It say about McKownville?

Page IV-53--"Some homes remain along Route 20 but are expected to become commercial or professional offices in the future".

RFP suggestions are largely copied from the Master Plan except that trails away from streets and the reuse of the pond are in the Master Plan but not in the later RFP. Curious?

The Master Plan contains also the recommendation: "encourage higher density development".

More professional office use of dwellings along Western cannot be permitted nor can higher density development.