

## **Agenda for January 30, 2003 Meeting**

State of the community--accomplishments--the University did not purchase the Western Avenue property--got the abandoned cars removed from the property on Dillenbeck--got trees planted by the university at the end of Knowles, got the weeds trimmed back at 1257 Western-- and got some promises--sidewalks for Western Avenue, tree planting--lights to be trimmed back at Stuyvesant and a barrier to be constructed behind Providence to better protect it from the Stuyvesant parking lots--we got our big documents completed and distributed--the Western Avenue Report and the Needs Survey--and the Western Avenue report by CME is about finished and it contains proposals for sidewalks on McKown, Church and the side streets together with other improvements which we will discuss. And the Town has promised us a vest pocket park on Mercer, help in getting Do Not Block Side Street signs for Providence, Mercer and Warren, a tree planting program to be financed by the Town to replace lost trees along our streets, and Police Chief Murley has promised to help us get Western Avenue in McKownville designated as a 30MPH zone and we got enough donations to finance the Association for another year. Thank you for all your hard work.. And the upcoming party. And the March 13 meeting.

The McEneny money for the sidewalk along Western--it was the Town Board that was able to secure this--\$50,000--it might get us one mile of sidewalks and associated curbs and trees and associated improvements since it costs at least \$10 a linear foot just for a sidewalk that averages 5 feet wide, I was told. The \$50,000 might be enough to do one side of Western from the Thruway bridge to the city line. The south side is what is being proposed to be done--because it does not have a sidewalk for much of the distance, more people live on the south side than the north, because it is important to finally get a standard looking street scape for both sides of Western Avenue in McKownville and because it is important to demonstrate that even though the south side is more commercial looking we are as interested in making it look better as we are interested in making the north side look better. There is some disagreement about this on the Board so we might to discuss this some more tonight.

Paul Haldeman, a member of our Board has been appointed to the Kiwanis. The Kiwanis asked that we nominate a person from the Association and Paul agreed.

The CME Report provides 48 recommendations. Here we will highlight a handful.

1. Sidewalks-3, 4 or 5 feet wide, are recommended from Johnston Road to the City line on both sides of Western and on some of the side streets. Bike paths and generally recommended for the same streets. Also curbs, gutters, proper drainage facilities, trees, lawn and lighting. Widening is mentioned as a Stage 2 possibility and I think should be a concern.
2. Trails are to be installed , including along the stream and back to the Freedom Quad and the pond to be made into a park.
3. Bus shelters are to be built at 9 stops out to Johnston Road, mostly on the south side.(Mistake?)
4. Road improvements include removal of the acceleration leg at SUNY and prohibiting left turns at Germanos, and at dentist (Troidle) office
5. Crosswalks to be located at Western Avenue/SUNY, Western/Norwood/McKown, Western/Parkwood, Western/fuller, and Western/Schoolhouse, each with pedestrian lights, pedestrian buttons, walk light countdown timers, and No Turn On Red signs