

To: Janet Kaplan, Vice President, Real Estate, Stuyvesant Plaza, The Swyer Companies  
From: Don Reeb, president, McKownville Improvement Association  
Subject: Suggestions made at the April 19, 2005 meeting  
Date: August 26, 2005

My notes indicate that the following suggestions for changes at Stuyvesant Plaza were made to you by audience members at the April 19, 2005 Association meeting. The Association much appreciates your willingness to try to implement each of these.

The traffic light on Fuller Road at Executive Park Drive—to adjust it so that it is not working during the evening and night, Monday through Friday, nor all day Saturday and Sunday—to reduce traffic delays.

The salt pile—to be moved away from the pond area and placed nearer the Northway, covered better, including its perimeter, so that run off will not go into either the storm sewers or the reservoir.

The grass path from Providence Street to Stuyvesant Plaza--it is under the Niagara Power line and enters Plaza property between Building 4 and Building 6, Executive Park Drive—it would be more useful to the 400+ residents on Providence, Mercer, Warren and Laughlin streets, the 250+ students residing in Freedom Quad and the 600+ employees at CESTM if the path's surface was more like that of a sidewalk. Also, would you ask your maintenance people to use the snow plow to keep this path/walkway open in the Winter?

Pesticides—the use of less toxic pesticides/herbicides on Stuyvesant property would be appreciated, especially by nearby residents.

The Providence neighbors—the parking lot lights nearest Providence Street and the lack of a continuous bush/evergreen/fence barrier between Stuyvesant and the rear property lines of Providence homes is a concern. Improvements to better protect these homeowners properties were stipulated in the Town's permission for the L'Ecole site re-development but it would be appreciated if these improvements would be implemented more quickly. This same Town meeting established the need to provide a cement sidewalk along Fuller to the northern end of your property—and it would be helpful to have that done as soon as possible. Concerning the loading area and dumpsters behind Trustco Bank and Peaches Restaurant, the Association would appreciate it if this area which can be viewed from Fuller Road would be made as attractive as the areas behind your other buildings along Executive Park Drive.

A sidewalk coming up from Western Avenue into the Plaza along the Stuyvesant Plaza entrance road—you noted that it is Town property and you would be willing to listen to suggestions from the Town concerning the construction of a sidewalk. A copy of this memo will be sent to Mr. Runion.

A sidewalk from the corner of Western and Fuller to Mangia's—you indicated that no sidewalk at that site was presently planned.

The pond--the Association wants the pond area to become usable as a park--much like what the City of Albany did for Buckingham Lake--park benches, a walking path--generally a site for sitting and strolling with a few recreational devices for small children (a teeter totter, a swing, e.g.). This will be a wonderful improvement for the neighborhood and Stuyvesant Plaza.

And thank you for helping to make the farmer's market a great success. Since I have seen a number of patrons in the Plaza's drug store and other stores carrying bags of produce from the farmer's market, I think that it has helped Stuyvesant as well. Thank you again for being such a concerned neighbor. There is no doubt that the residents of McKownville are glad that Stuyvesant Plaza is in our neighborhood.

cc: Supervisor Runion