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Subject: A few thoughts
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Hi Don:

I have been away for a few days down in the Big Apple and am now just getting back "on the air".

I am apprehensive about your getting into the vortex of the the CESTM PR juggernaut -and its wise to bring a Team with you. However, keep chanting - "Beware of Silver Tongue Devils" !

I am glad to hear that you are now on a first hand basis (and better) connected with Steve Feeney - this will possibly bear important fruit as time goes on.

Your "Four Parts" Narrative, as outlined below is an important step forward in establishing a framework for reference for the MIA's Visioning and Planning Process, particularly in meeting the tactical objectives of the Zoning Review Committee. Remember, the Zoning Review Committee is just the opening battle in the larger and more strategic evolution of the Neighborhood Master Plan process.

I would, in this vein, suggest taking the additional (albeit somewhat tedious) time to carefully review the Town's Comprehensive Plan (in its entirety) for its parallel and similar references to McKownville and particularly - the Short, Medium and Long Term Planning templates. I would also review the McKownville Corridor Study on a similar basis. You don't want to arbitrarily stray too far afield from these landmark documents or unnecessarily engage in "re-inventing the wheel". Thousands of hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested in these planning efforts which are the "Law of the Land". It is important to try to retain this larger context as you move ahead with the MIA's efforts.

You may even want to Xerox the pertinent parts of each chapter of both of the above documents, particularly the Comp Plan - and begin to collate them as definable sub sections in a three ring binder - and integrate them along with the separate, definable sections of your "Four Parts" Narrative. There is a lot of "meat" in the "Inventory and Analysis Section of the Comp Plan" that you may want to incorporate as Preface, as well as Appendices to your documentation.

Remember - the Comp Plan, as it stands, is THE LAW OF THE TOWN, notwithstanding that the "Neighborhood Master Plan" (that the MIA is now striving to incubate) was anticipated to expand and elucidate on the Comp Plan - and be subsumed into it as a further amendment to the law.

Remember you must keep your eye on the accomplishment of the strategic objective of the creation of the Neighborhood Master Plan and its concomitant enactment into Town Law.

I will give you a call soon - I agree that a coffee conference is overdue.

BTW, I received a notice from the Thruway Authority in the Mail today that the next Public Hearing on the Draft EIS for the work being planned for Exits 23 and 24 will be held on March 14th at St. Madeline Sophie Church at 7 PM. We will need to rally the troops for this soiree. Let me know if you didn't receive a copy of the notice and I will xerox one for you.

All best

David

>From: dreeb@albany.edu
>To: davebosworth@hotmail.com
>Subject: [Fwd: Re: Zoning Meeting]
>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 14:29:37 -0500 (EST)
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>Hi David
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>Thought we would be interested.
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>Got a call from CESTM for another meeting. Hopefully Jim White, Martha
>Harausz and Alice Torda will accompany me.
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>The lunch with Steve Feeney went well. We exchanged ideas. He said that if
>Cropsey says that the Pub does not need a parking variance, for example,
>in the legal notice, then I could directly challenge that and there would
>have to be a separate hearing and ruling by the ZBA on whether the legal
>notice was incorrect. I never have heard of such a thing but I assume that
>he is right.
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>Its importance--Cropsey seems to think that parking for the synagogue is
>not an issue--but if other churches have to have parking why not a
>synagogue--just because they don't drive on the Sabbath does not mean that
>they don't drive the other six days.
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>Talk to you later--I am available for coffee whenever you have time.
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>Don
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>----- Original Message -----
>Subject: Re: Zoning Meeting
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>Hi Steve (and the Board members and Mark and John)
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>These are some ideas for the final report to Runion and the Town Board
>from the Town of Guilderland McKownville Zoning Study Committee.
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