

**Meeting with McKownville Neighborhood Association Working Group
June 15, 2006**

Attendees:

McKownville- Don Reeb, Marty Gnacik, Alice Torda, Sharon Cupoli, Laura Whalen
CNSE- Jackie Distefano, Tom Yurkewecz, Michael Fancher, Steve Janack

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm, and there were two major areas of discussion.

First, Tom Yurkewecz provided an update on the potential Pathway project. He reported that since the previous meeting, National Grid has now determined that it will not remove the old gas line while installing a new one – negating the possibility of creating a nature trail along the area of the old gas line. Instead, he proposed consideration of a new location to the South of the Albany NanoTech complex, near Ann & Tracy Streets, and provided an aerial map outlining the location.

Neighbors described the proposal as a “great opportunity” and a “good start” toward creating a pedestrian-friendly area in McKownville. Tom suggested that because the land area is not a Fuller Road Management Corporation property that Kathy Lowery, representing the University at Albany, which has ownership and control of the area through the State University of New York, be invited to the next meeting to discuss the project, and neighbors agreed.

Next, Tom Yurkewecz provided a detailed description of the state-mandated SEQR process to be undertaken for the construction of NanoFab 300 East and a new clean room adjacent to the NanoFab 300 North building. He provided a two-page handout that described the issues to be scrutinized, i.e. traffic & parking, storm water management, water, sewer & electrical demands, chemical use and air emissions, potential archaeological impacts and visual impacts. He explained that Clough Harbour and Associates (CHA) was in the process of assessing the impact of the new construction in those areas, as well as the mitigation measures that would be put in place to address any impact. He told the group the report would be submitted to the University (as lead agency) by July 18, and after a month-long review by the University, his hope was that the determination would be made that mitigation measures would address any impact of the new construction. He also indicated a CHA representative would be invited to the next meeting to discuss the Environmental Review.

The neighbors expressed no concerns, other than to ask if construction of sidewalks on Fuller Road could be considered as a potential mitigation measure in conjunction with the project. Tom Yurkewecz reported that the developer of the new office and laboratory building, Keenan Development, was willing to direct CHA (as part of its role in civil and site engineering) to work with Albany County (due to the County’s lead role in developing and implementing planned transportation roadway changes on Fuller Road and Washington Avenue extension) toward the possible development of walkways

related to the project. Association President Donald Reeb was chosen by neighbors to serve as a liaison between the neighbors and CHA.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held July 27 at 4 pm.