## Meeting with McKownville Neighborhood Association Working Group November 8, 2006

## Attendees:

McKownville- Donald Reeb, Marty Gnacik, James White, Ed Brooks UAlbany College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering (CNSE)- Steve Janack, Tom Yurkewecz, Jackie Distefano FRMC & University at Albany- Leo Neveu

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm; the minutes of the August 26 meeting were approved as submitted.

There were several areas of discussion: the submittal of an application through the SEQRA (environmental) review process, the proposed nature trail improvement project, the Harriman Campus traffic study report & workshop, and Albany County's improvement plans for Fuller Road.

Tom Yurkewecz reported that the state-mandated SEQRA process for the construction of NanoFab 300 East (office-laboratory building) and a new cleanroom adjacent to the NanoFab 300 North building has been completed, and a negative declaration was issued on November 1, indicating that any impact resulting from the project would be addressed through mitigating measures to be undertaken. Copies of the negative declaration will be reported in the appropriate statewide publications and pertinent municipalities have been notified. The next step involves demolition of the maintenance building, where NanoFab 300 East will be located; a demolition plan is currently being finalized. In addition, Steve Janack reported that members of the Association would be invited to attend the groundbreaking, at a date to be announced.

With respect to the neighbors' desires for use of the undeveloped UAlbany land and opportunities to develop a walking nature trail, Leo Neveu affirmed the support of the University and Fuller Road Management Corporation for the program. Discussion focused on improving the nature trail between Providence Street and Stuyvesant Plaza; National Grid has declined to grant permission to improve the area due to the presence of a high-pressure gas line. Yurkewecz reported that the University has agreed to pursue a review process with National Grid.

Yurkewecz and Marty Gnacik both attended a recent workshop on the Harriman Campus dealing with development of a plan to guide internal and external traffic flow generated by development at Harriman. Both agreed the issue is complex and will require many further discussions before an effective plan is developed. Meanwhile, Gnacik suggested a need to focus on the "here and now," i.e. addition of sidewalks on Fuller Road to improve pedestrian flow, at the same time long-term planning is underway.

Finally, Donald Reeb reported that Albany County's plans for improvements to Fuller Road are currently on hold, per comments from County Legislator Frank Commisso. Reeb suggested a meeting be scheduled with Commisso; members of the association agreed and Reeb will contact Commisso to schedule. Yurkewecz said CNSE/UAlbany would support the effort for road improvements, but should not take the lead in those discussions, and neighbors agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.