

QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. Have you ever seen a copy of and/or know the contents of the Town Development Plan? The Town Zoning Map?
2. Considering Town Development Policies, would you say that you are very pleased, pleased, unhappy, very unhappy, or no opinion?
3. Do you have any personal ideas for future development of the presently vacant lots on Route 20?

Would you like to see these areas developed at all?

4. Are there any types or forms of future development on Route 20 that you definitely do not want to see?

What kinds of future development would you prefer?

5. Would you be agreeable to residential development choices other than single-family residences?
6. Do you feel that there is adequate land used for recreational purposes in your area as compared to the population?
7. Do you feel that increased participation by the Hamlet's residents is necessary to facilitate new developmental policies pursued by the Town?
8. How would you rate your present public services? very pleased, pleased, unhappy, very unhappy
 - a. water facilities
 - b. sewer facilities
 - c. fire protection
 - d. police protection
 - e. street and highway departments
9. Do you feel that active citizen groups can have serious input to Town decision-making processes?

Would you join such an organization if the opportunity arose?

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It is our intent, in this study, to provide a positive input to Town of Guilderland policy making. We are focusing upon the Hamlet of McKownville as our area of concern. McKownville has been chosen because it is an area where increased development can take place. Presently, the Town Board makes the decisions concerning Development Policy in this area. It is our hope that our analysis can provide alternatives to the present helter-skelter method of development now in practice (helter-skelter due to Master Plan-Zoning Map incongruities).

McKownville is an unincorporated area in the Town of Guilderland, nearest to the City of Albany. The lack of incorporation has enabled the Town in the past to dictate development policy for this geographic area. Although unincorporated, some of the more interested residents of McKownville have created a non-partison citizens group, THE MCKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, of which Steve Finn has been a Board Member since 1972. Valuable assistance has been offered by this group, who are active in all aspects of community life.

Prior to this study, the McKownville Improvement Association has attempted to halt development programs when it was felt that such programs were detrimental to the community. In most cases, the Town Board has rejected the actions of the Association, and has virtually ignored the response of these concerned citizens. The Town Board feels that a negative response to halt a program is not sufficient. It feels that the Association should provide a

more "positive" direction to policy analysis.

It is under this commission, that this group is studying development policies in McKownville. We hope to provide an objective view of Town policies as they affect McKownville.

In the past few weeks we have identified the major actors in the area of Town policy making. In addition, it is our intent to survey residents, through a questionnaire and also to survey the interest groups and organizations in McKownville who should have some interest in Development Policy for the area.

Basically, we have decided on a Three-Way Approach to study Development Policy in McKownville. This approach is:

1. ISSUE IDENTIFICATION
2. Alternatives
3. Consequences.

Since there are three members in the group, we have divided this approach still further

I. Division by Sources

1. Town
2. Residents
3. Interest Groups
4. Outside Influences (county, region, state)

II. Division by Topical Area

1. Open space for recreational use
2. Commercial Development in McKownville
3. Differences which exist between Master Plan and Zoning Law

4. Alternatives to single-family residences
 5. Other topics to be identified through the in-depth issue identification from sources (public services)
- III. Joint Analysis of Consequences Arrived at From the Identification of Development Issues and Alternatives to those Proposed

The division within the group is as follows:

Todd Scott - Source Study Area -- Town

Topic Study Area -- Differences between Master Plan and Zoning Map

-- Alternatives to Single-family residences

Bob Cannon - Source Study Area -- Residents

Topic Study Area -- Open Space for Recreational use

-- Others as identified

Steve Finn - Source Study Area -- Interest Groups

Topic Study Area -- Commercial Development in McKownville

The division of work in this manner will enable all three group members to identify issues not only by those who propose the policy issues, but also enables the individual to cover all issues in a TOPICAL AREA. Once the issues have been identified, alternatives can be identified by exchanging the TOPICAL INFORMATION among group members. The next logical step is an analysis of those alternatives and the consequences on the Hamlet of McKownville.

We have been hampered until this time by the lack of responsiveness on the part of the Town Supervisor. Before getting down to a hard issue identification process, we felt that the Town should be

aware of our study. Mr. Walters agreed to our starting preliminary background work, but he asked that before we started to dig too deep, the Town Board should be consulted. We agreed to this because, without Town Board approval it is extremely difficult to acquire the information we desire, because so much of our work will entail interviews with Town Employees, we felt we should wait for approval. This approval was to be acquired through a Town Board decision on Tuesday, September 24, unfortunately, through an oversight, the decision was not available at that time. We have been in contact with Mr. Walters, and he has promised that he will take the matter up with the Town Board on Tuesday, October 1, 1974. We are looking forward to that time, and hopefully a decision in our favor. If such a decision is not available at that time, we will proceed with our investigation stage through any sources available.