

McKownville Improvement Association
Minutes July 27, 1982

The Board of the McKownville Improvement Association met July 27, 1982 at the home of Marey Bailey, 10 Oak Drive. Those present were Lindsay Childs (presiding) Steve Witham, Dorothy Ellinwood, Marey Bailey, Don Reeb, Alice Torda, Joe Jenkins, and Mel Behn.

Those persons who are doing articles for the first McKownville Newsletter gave reports on their progress. The letter should be ready for distribution in August.

L. Childs reported on the rezoning proposal for the block on the south side of Western Avenue between Westlyn Court and Brookwood Avenue. A public hearing was held at the Town Meeting on July 13. Rather than change the zoning to R-10 (from B-1) it may be changed to R/PO (residential/professional office) or R/NB (residential/neighborhood business) Town Planning Board will meet on August 2, and discuss this proposal. L. Childs will speak to Stan Gecewicz, McKownville Fireman, about a joint letter to the Town in support of the rezoning change.

D. Reeb reported on his meeting with SUNYA President, Vincent O'Leary; Kevin Moss, Town Supervisor; John Smircich, Town Councilman; and Lewis Welch, VP for University Affairs. There are indefinite plans for a field house (capacity of 10,000) to be built on the campus. The site would be located off Western Avenue behind Hannan's Pharmacy. There are more definite plans for expanding the present football stadium to seat 3000 people. An all-weather surface would be put on the playing field. Our concern is for the additional traffic in the area, especially if the field house is constructed.

There was discussion of the possibility of a park off Schoolhouse Road next to the NYS Thruway. There are 14 acres in this area which is presently zoned R-15. \$15,000 per acre is the asking price. Four acres could make an adequate park. McK I A supports the idea of a local park, however, the neighbors are concerned about traffic.

L. Childs reported that the Town Board had written to DOT in support of the existing Exit 24 of the Thruway rather than a new toll booth on the Northway with the extension of the Northway over Western Avenue.

L. Childs reported on the new proposed County Legislative boundaries which would cut McKownville into three peices. A public hearing on the proposed boundaries was held July 27, at the Albany County Courthouse.

The next meeting will be held September 15, at the home of Steve Witham, 1 Norwood Street at 8PM.

Dorothy Ellinwood
Secretary