

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes, August 29, 2016  
Draft

Attendees: Bhavya Reddy (Chair), Francois Rejelli, Dave Avrin, Martin Smolin, Claire Davis, Beverly Jansen, Glenn Rosenbloom, Anne White and Dan Convissor  
Guests: Also present were 4 Sleepy Hollow residents interested in the discussion on the East Parcel proposal.

The meeting was opened at 7 pm

1. Next EAC Meeting Date  
Sept 19th at 7:30pm

2. Action items:

a. East Parcel Proposal

Discussion on the EAC comments on the East Parcel DEIS took place for approximately 1 hour. All guests were given the opportunity to express their concerns with the DEIS.

It was suggested that the EAC formalize comments at the next scheduled meeting on Sept 19th.

The following items were identified for discussion:

- Creation of a 3D model of the site for better clarity in review
- Specific inclusion in the DEIS of improvements to pedestrian and bicycle access to the site
- Reduction in number of site parking spaces and stronger discussion of pervious vs impervious parking options
- Clarification in Village obligation to HHV to support the organization's events/parking needs
- Clarification/discussion on the how much the site improvements should be directed at supporting tourism/Village economy vs open space/recreation for the residents
- Expansion of section of DEIS on access alternatives to include ALL possible access points (including, but not limited to access from Beekman Avenue near Clinton Street) with a thorough analysis of impacts of multiple access vs single access on full use of site, use by public works vehicles, traffic in surrounding neighborhood.
- Expansion of scope of DEIS to include area of Devries Park abutting East Parcel from East Parcel boundary to the Pocantico River in order to better address flooding and stormwater run-off issues affecting East Parcel
- Inclusion of a wide natural buffer between the developed portion of the site and the Pocantico River
- Inclusion of a wide planted area between the developed portion of the site and the railroad tracks to act as an aesthetic buffer and noise barrier
- Inclusion of a neighborhood composting program within the site
- Clarification of identified community needs for additional structured soccer and baseball fields. Discussion in DEIS of the possibility of meeting present community recreational needs with the development of large open lawn spaces (Central Park model).

b. Ecofair on October 1 - 10am to 2pm

Bhavya asked for volunteers to assist at EAC table and for suggestions for materials. More discussion at next meeting.

c. Recycling in Public Spaces

It was again noted the Tarrytown has installed recycling containers on main streets and parks. Beverly volunteered to research information on the purchase of similar recycling containers for Sleepy Hollow. Once completed, the EAC will send a letter to the BOT with a strong recommendation that the village place recycling containers adjacent to all public trash containers

d. Poison Ivy and Invasive Species at Devries Park

Claire updated the group on the recent discussions with Anthony G and Richard G on

removal of poison ivy from public sites at Devries Park. Claire and Dave would like to include removal of invasive species as a part to the next Riverkeeper clean-up at Devries.

e. Meeting with New Superintendent of Schools

Dan reported on a meeting he attended with the new school superintendent. Items discussed were lead in drinking water, safety of students walking to school, bus idling and the establishment of a liter reduction program. Future meetings are planned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Draft minutes submitted by Dave Avrin