



City of Niagara Falls, New York

745 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14301

MEETING SUMMARY

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Time of Meeting: 4:30PM – 6:00PM

Location: Earl Brydges Public Library, Main St, Niagara Falls, NY

Attendees: Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) members or alternates

Vincent Iacovitti, New York State Parks

Karen Kwandrans, Niagara University

Louis Paonessa, New York Power Authority

Michael Marsch, Merani Hotel Group

Marco Notaro, Habitat for Humanity

Jack Goeddertz, La Salle Yacht Club

Art Jocoy, Cayuga Island resident

Bill Barrons, Wilbur's Bar

Paul Ray, USA Niagara / Empire State Development

City of Niagara Falls representatives

Edyta Chorostkowska, Environmental Planner

Consulting Team

Samuel Gordon, EDR

Susan Caruvana, EDR

Benjamin Woelk, EDR

Tanya Zwahlen, Highland Planning

Jenny Mogavero, PHC

Laura Evans, PHC

Sean Hare, MKSK

Absent: WAC members

Lisa Routhier, Sunshine Café owner

Nirel Patel, Rupal Hospitality

Gary Siddall, Aquarium of Niagara

Christian Campos, TM Montante Development

City of Niagara Falls representatives

Kevin Forma, Director of Planning

**RE: Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)
WAC Workshop #2**

Items Discussed:

1. Schedule (Sam Gordon) – we are on track. Save the date for the first public meeting on November 29, 2023. It would be good to have the WAC members attend.
2. Jamboard Summary (Sam) – Reviewed the opportunities and concerns.



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3. Inventory and Analysis (Laura Evans)
 - a. Reviewed demographic information for the WRA, Niagara Falls, Niagara County and New York State. WRA demographics make sense.
 - b. Discussed the appearance of the graphics and how they would translate to the general public.
 - c. Reviewed the WRA maps. DOS earlier recommended that the armory and library on Main St should be in the WRA. Team discussed option to expand the WRA to include the eastern properties along Main St.
4. Public Workshop #1 (Tanya Zwahlen)
 - a. Discussed the public meeting goals, format and stations.
 - b. Deveaux Woods State Parks is booked but can only hold 50 people. Space was deemed too small and not readily accessible. Train station was recommended as an alternate site.
 - c. WAC members are requested to distribute the public meeting information throughout their network. Highland Planning will prepare a flyer, social media post and email press release. Survey will be made available prior to meeting.
5. Work Session (Sam) – brainstormed potential projects with the WAC members. Ideas captured included:
 - Improve (overall) food access.
 - Trail Amenities bathrooms, places to stop.
 - 102nd Street Landfill waterfront use?
 - Improve connection between Buffalo Ave and Parkway at 53rd St and Portage
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant is located on the waterfront – can this be relocated? Or can access to the waterfront be created?
 - Clean up properties along the north end of the WRA where the parkway is located, (renovate properties).
 - Create opportunities for people to pull over and interact with the waterfront. (Do an inventory of existing conditions to determine where you can park and get out of your car).
 - 87th and Buffalo / Cayuga Drive - investments in streetscape and amenities.
 - Make connection between Buffalo Ave and River Rd. and the waterfront trail.
 - Frontier Ave: add additional parking areas, parking enhancements.
 - Welcoming and safety first - lighting, benches, garbage cans, security.
 - Smart city technology
 - Bike Master Plan – cycle track in Hyde Park.
 - NYS Parks Master Plan & USA Niagara
 - On the water concert venue – Griffin Park, Cayuga Island.
 - (Examine) boundaries of existing plans.

Action Items:

1. PHC to update WRA map.
2. Highland Planning to prepare public meeting materials. City will send materials to WAC. WAC members to distribute public meeting information to their networks.
3. City and EDR to look into hosting the public meeting at the train station.