



## MINUTES OF MEETING

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**Date:** 7:30 pm  
Thursday, October 6, 2005

**Reference:** Village of Baldwinsville  
**Central Business District Development Plan**  
Public Informational Meeting #1

EDR Project No. 05086

**Present:**

Daniel D. O'Hara, Mayor	Trish Hipolito
Rick Presley, Deputy Mayor	Theresa Saraceni
Sarah Baker, Trustee	Nicole Schlater
Anthony Saraceni, Trustee	David Weaver
Joe Saraceni, Trustee	Carl Pelcher
Bruce Stebbins, Trustee	Charles Farrell
Howard Tupper, Trustee	David Arthur
Claude Sykes, DPW Superintendent	Peg & Maysel Mankham
Rosemary Johnson, Village Clerk	Karen Witter
David Crandall, EDR	Phyllis Nostrant
Paul Fritz, EDR	Josephine Pelcher
Kevin Baker	Jack Baker
Norma Goodman	Erin Smith
Web Reid	Jill Hayes
Robert Weichert	Tom Leo

### Comments:

The purpose of this meeting was to solicit public input regarding issues and opportunities for the Village of Baldwinsville's CBD. After completion of business by the Board of Trustees, David Crandall, President of EDR, introduced himself and Paul Fritz who will act as project manager for the Development Plan project. Mr. Crandall first provided some background information on EDR's design and community planning experience. Mr. Crandall then indicated that the intent of the meeting was to listen and absorb any and all comments. The following is a summary of the issues and concerns raised (organized by topic):

### PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

- 1) Improve and expand "green" (i.e. lawn, vegetation, etc.) areas in the CBD. Use "green" areas to reinforce pedestrian connectivity in the CBD.
- 2) Encourage residents and visitors to park in a central location in the village so they are accessible to village shops by walking.

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- 3) Investigate the potential of installing a pedestrian overpass to minimize conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians.
- 4) Improve the safety of pedestrians by highlighting the location of crosswalks.
- 5) The traffic lights at the intersection of Rte. 31 and 48 are not safe for pedestrians. The delay is too short and does not allow pedestrians to safely cross the street.
- 6) Pedestrian signage related to the traffic lights is complicated and not user-friendly.
- 7) Encourage the walkability of the Village. Encourage Village residents and visitors to stroll through the village and enjoy several destinations.

### **VEHICULAR CIRCULATION**

- 8) Vehicle traffic at the intersection of Rt. 31 and 48 peaks on Fridays after 4:00pm.
- 9) Do not permit the development of drive-thru franchises in the CBD. The traffic congestion from the existing drive-thru establishments in the Village contributes to traffic congestion.
- 10) Support mixed-use type of development within the Village. Allow and encourage residential apartments within the CBD. Accommodate diverse income levels (i.e., affordable housing, senior housing, etc.).
- 11) Bring back the trolley type public transportation system that once served the Village.
- 12) Coordinate public parking space availability with Village institutions, such as churches. Allow public parking in these areas while not in use by the owner.
- 13) Investigate existing traffic patterns and consider alternative circulation opportunities.
- 14) Consider future development patterns and the impacts to traffic.
- 15) Residents often bypass the intersection of 31 and 48 using local streets such as Albert Palmer Lane and others.
- 16) Provide coordinated signage for the Village's public parking.
- 17) Provide recommendations on where to minimize curb cuts in the CBD.

### **STREETSCAPE**

- 18) In the past, some street trees planted in the CBD have not survived. Ensure street trees that are proposed are hardy and planted correctly to ensure long-term survival.

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- 19) Provide recommendations for streetscape improvements (street tree types, sidewalk improvements, pedestrian linkages, etc.)
- 20) Improve streetscape aesthetics. Also consider adding greenspace (lawn, trees, etc.) between the street curb and sidewalks to buffer pedestrians.

## **LAND USE**

- 21) Adjacent to the former Village DPW building on Lock Street is an abandoned dump. The condition of this site and its likely environmental issues requires evaluation. This site has great potential for public and private development opportunities.
- 22) Potential reuse of fire house property:
  - Parking area
  - Parking garage
  - Central green space
  - Destination for Village residents and visitors
- 23) Consider public space as part of the plan for the Lock Street area.
- 24) Encourage mixed-use development throughout the CBD.
- 25) Encourage storefronts on the rear side of street facing buildings. Since there is no on-street parking, "friendly" facades should greet visitors who park in rear lots.

## **RECREATION**

- 26) Integrate bike trails throughout the Village.
- 27) Consider the lack of a skate park in the Village.
- 28) Consider the lack of a location for public swimming in the Village.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 29) Some of the new business development in the Village has impacted the sense of security and privacy at the interface with single family residences.
- 30) Consider additional dockage for boaters on the River (west and east of the Canal lock).
- 31) Do not consider the firehouse area as the "center" of the village.
- 32) Cultivate a culture in the community that gives priority to the pedestrian.

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- 33) Create a Village-wide philosophy that promotes healthy living. Support the philosophy with educational campaigns.

**GENERAL COMMENTS FROM DAVID CRANDALL (EDR)**

- 34) One of the key elements of a development plan is a sense of order. EDR will be responsible for looking at the Village's existing CBD and recommending opportunities to improve the visual order (streetscape improvements, parking organization, curb cut locations, etc.).

- 35) The study will also investigate areas where asphalt pavement can be reduced and replaced with plantings; concepts for infill; and phasing opportunities.

**PROJECT CONTACTS**

- 36) Contact Joe Saraceni or Paul Fritz at EDR ([Pfritz@edrpc.com](mailto:Pfritz@edrpc.com) or 471-0688).

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting date was not determined. EDR will consider the comments from the meeting and develop preliminary recommendations. The next meeting time will be announced on the Village website.

These meeting minutes have been prepared by **Paul Fritz** of Environmental Design & Research, P.C. If there are any discrepancies, please notify our office within three business days of receipt.