City of Poughkeepsie
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda

Common Council Chambers
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
6:00 PM

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 MINUTES
Motion: _____
Second: _____
Carried: _____

II. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Discussion of LWRP changes & additions requested by the NYS Department of State and assignment of tasks

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 MEETING

Members Present: Europa McGovern (Chair), Harvey Flad, Mike Young, Jim Nelson (late)

Members Absent: Lia Harris (excused), Terriciena Brown

Also Present: Natalie Quinn, Development Director

Meeting called to order: 6:03 PM

Approval of meeting minutes was moved to end of the agenda due to a lack of quorum at start of meeting.

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Old Business / Updates

i. LWRP Update

Staff is still reviewing comments submitted by DOS and hopes to have a summary list of all comments and tasks to be completed by the end of the month. Prior to make any changes or updates, it is anticipated that there may be one or two changes that require conversation with the WAC and/or Common Council to decide how best to respond. As discussed at the August WAC meeting, one of the more significant changes recommend by DOS is removal of bolded subpolicies that are not substantially different from the State's main policy, and incorporation of that language into the "explanation of policy" rather than standalone subpolicy.

A tentative timeline discussed includes communication to the Common Council on October 17th and potential action by the Council in November. It was discussed that if there are substantial changes to the local law, Chapter 18 ½, the Council will be required to set another public hearing as part of their review.

Chair McGovern requests that the final draft, once complete, be circulated to the WAC at the same time it is sent to the Common Council. As staff has done for all previous drafts, the new draft will be posted on the city's website for review by the Council, WAC, and general public. Staff may also include a memorandum to summarize changes made.

There was discuss regarding the consistency review form for projects in the WRA. The form should be drafted in a way so that it is clear that the applicant must complete the form, not a city agency. Director Quinn encourages the WAC to review the form included in the appendix of the most recent LWRP draft and suggest edits.

2. **New Business**
    i. **Discussion of WAC review of items before the Planning Board**

The Committee asked for updates on two projects, 141 N. Water Street and 176 Rinaldi Blvd., which are currently before the Planning Board and clarification as to whether or not WAC review is required. Staff provided update that WAC review is not required for projects classified as Type II actions under SEQRA. The application for amendments to the site plan for 141 N. Water Street is on hold before the Planning Board and therefore is not yet ripe for WAC review. All materials are always available on the city's website and the WAC or individual members of the WAC always have the option of providing comments to the Planning Board during public hearings.

There was general discussion and commentary about the details of each of the applications referenced above. There was also discussion of what types of actions (i.e. façade changes or lighting) that the WAC may want to provide commentary on in the future, even if the action is not officially subject to WAC review.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The WAC asked staff to correct minor spelling errors in the August minutes.

On a motion by Europa McGovern, seconded by Mike Young, the Committee voted to receive in print and approve the April 26th and August 23rd meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously 4:0:0.

III. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

The Hudson River Watershed Alliance is having their annual watershed conference this upcoming month in October. You can register online at HudsonWatershed.org. The conference will be held October 24th, 25th and 26th, and it's taking place at both the FDR Library in Hyde Park and in Kingston. There will also be virtual sessions.

A motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Europa McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM.