



Middletown Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee Meeting #3 December 2003

Minutes

Present:

Steering Committee – Sam Ashworth, Doug Bean, Father John Civile, Jim Ewers, Larry James, Ted Karchner, Cathy Newkirk, Nancy Nix, Virginia Ritan, Bob Stacy, Laura Williams, Tom Williams, Larry Wood , Wilma Wood

Consultants - Caleb Faux, Doug Harnish,

Staff: Brain Forscher

Mr. Faux started the meeting with introductions. Mr. Faux then reviewed the revised mapping including an existing land use map, zoning map, flood plains map, map of low & moderate income neighborhoods in the City, and maps showing the locations of building demolitions and rehab projects in the City.

There was continued discussion of the implications of the demographic analysis presented in November, and of the Ed Barlow session last March. Key points included the extent to which the City's economic base is primarily industrial, the evident losses of residents in younger age brackets and conversely the number of older residents, education levels of City residents, the changes taking place in the world and national economy and the implications of these changes for the City of Middletown.

Following the presentation, there was discussion of the Public Forum Process and how to gain participation. The first Forum is suggested to take place in late January. Committee members were asked for suggestions regarding persons who would be desirable as and willing to be participants.

Next meeting set for January 8.