

MOSTLY DOCKSIDE BREAK-OUT GROUP -- MAY 14, 2011

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Overall

To be heart of the village, hub for the community, where people gather

Concert space

Desire more access:

- as shown off of North Street is good,
- would like access across tracks from village garage site

General consensus about Dockside's high value as a meeting place for Village residents.

This was the common denominator among the different ideas about how the space should be used.

Bridge?

Pedestrian

Would take much space, a bridge between the highest points of Dockside and the lot opposite would affect high value houses, residents unlikely to support

Reference to bridge elsewhere, north over train tracks was acknowledged to be difficult in engineering/construction expense, including collaboration with MTA.

Concert space, movies, etc.,

On open west side of park, with breeze and river current

Would need to move the "restaurant" structure from where it's shown

Keep it open, natural, like it is, bunch of rocks, not trees, mow maybe once a year

Concern that drawing shows too much space for structures

Dog run, a fenced in area

Does not need to interfere with other uses

Possibly close to entrance

Bags for dog waste ("poop bags"), bowls for water

Also treats, chew toys, agility obstacles, food, brooms, extra leashes (shown on drawing provided at end of discussion)

In conversation afterward: Size? Dog park at Glassbury Court is a good example

Restaurant

Seasonal

Fondly remember previous Dockside restaurant

Small, more like café, but more than hamburgers and hotdogs

Indoor & outdoor space

Concession can do more

Should not reduce concert space

If possible, be flexible to allow weddings, etc.

For local and visitors

Balance recreation with some commercial

Any way to move it up the hill, cantilever?

(counter comment: problems with building on slope)

Residents do not want another expensive restaurant

Trails

Everybody liked

General consensus in support of access to Dockside property from North Street: ie, a trail in and up from North Street

Like expanding park up the hill

Like gradual, handicapped accessible

Re: Trail connecting Dockside up to Little Stony Point: Former track bed, nice concept, but walkers along tracks, concern for safety

Maybe a floating trail parallel to the tracks but not on land

Greenway Water Trail, possibly include 2-3 permit-only campsites, upper area, up the hill

Docking, launch ramp

For people with real boats (not just kayaks and car-top boats)

Have a launch ramp for larger boats where one used to be

Put it where existing ramp is, in light of strong currents on west side

Counter comment: Concern about SAV (sub-aquatic vegetation)

Should be where fishing pier is shown, switch fishing pier and docking

Should be for visitors, would alleviate parking if people arrive by boat

Kayaks, car-top boats

Would like boat storage, and/or rental of kayaks

Involve Greenway, has prototype for kayaks, temporary or permanent

Allow short-term/overnight kayak storage for campers/visitors

Not limit use of launch ramp to small boats

Fishing pier

Just walk there, not drive

Parking

Meters for revenue

No enthusiasm for full restaurant parking

Avoid as much parking as possible

Is more needed?

Have a shuttle

People want taxes, dollars to come back to the community

Need Toilets

Not seen on drawing

Composting? But the site has water and sewer

General consensus on the need for public toilets

Swimming

Pool? used to be on land

In water as in Beacon? not a good idea since too close to sewer outflow

Public sculptures

For example as in Queens (Socrates Park), large scale pieces, rotating display, attracts people

Work with Storm King Art Center, connect the two, also with Dia

Village Garage Site

Reclaim it for the village

Move all current uses to the Philipstown site

Have the whole space for park

Does Riverview restaurant want to relocate to a new construction at the Garage Site?

Split if half for public, half for inn to generate revenue to pay for park upkeep

Marathon Site

Nervous about the large number of houses, with potential children and school taxes

What about stress on infrastructure & services?

Alert [purchasers] to former toxic site