

WPCNA June Meeting
Date: Wednesday 6/26/2024
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Zoom

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Attendance:

Mike Sanchez	Melanie Kolby
Ellen Berger	Renee Cohen
Debra Zipf	Stef Hoina
Frances Jones	Mark Martino
Robert Kahn	Michael Zygmatt
Bob Friscia	Tom Osbeck
Howard Waldman	Vicki Presser
Jenn Furioli	Rich Payne
Joanne Delanoy	Shawn Woodford
Leonard Gruenfeld	Zack Salino
Mark Lalloo	Jenn Furioli

Guests:

Dr. Jim Peacock
Dawn French
Josh Strugatz
Common Council President Vicki Presser
Common Council Member Richard Payne

1. (7pm-7:05pm) Greeting and Call Meeting to Order

2. (7:05pm-8:15pm) White Plains Hospital Update

Special Guests:

- **Dawn French** (Senior Vice President Marketing & Community Outreach- White Plains Hospital)
- **Joshua Strugatz** (Chief Campus Transformation Officer)
- **Dr. James Peacock** (Cardiac Electrophysiologist and Physician Clinical Project Lead)
- **Vicki Presser** (Common Council President)
- **Richard Payne** (Common Council)

-Introductions of Hospital Staff

-Dawn French-Brief History of WP Hospital

Dr. Peacock:

- History of cardiac treatment in WP.
- Community need for high level of cardiac care in WP and Westchester collectively.
- Everything can now be done at WPH with extremely high care.
- WPH needs more space and some patients are waiting for in-patient beds. DRs believe we deserve better and are excited about new space.
- Double the size of the emergency rooms and patient care. All rooms in the emergency room will have private bathrooms and more privacy.

Josh Strugatz:

- Update on parking lot and expansion west of the WPH campus.
- March 2024 the parking garage closed and the open parking lot opened.
- History of businesses that closed or moved from the Post Road and Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.
- August the demolition should be complete.
- New expansion will connect with the lower three floors of the existing hospital.
- Lots of room for expansion, more rooms for illness or child births. Ready for highest level of care for almost all situations.
- 2 Pavilions with 5 floors each-large projects- needs to be paid for over time in two phases. Part of the plan is to modernize and decouple many of the rooms in the already existing rooms.
- Emergency Room: called for an off street drop off for loading and offloading patients and a pediatric emergency room.
- lots of space, double height ceilings, and larger rooms and drop-off
- Demolish 170 Maple Ave is part of the larger planned ambulatory facilities by 2026.
- Old Lord and Taylor in Eastchester is also being developed at part of WP Hospital physician practices and Scarsdale Medical Group.
- 720 pages on the city website about the traffic study.
- Lots of parking for guests and residents. Parking is a major concern for residents in Fisher Hill and Highlands.
- Deputy Commissioner of Traffic Thomas Soyk is working with the city to improve traffic in the area.
- Would like to work with Rich Payne on making it easy to not use cars and look at other ways to get to work beside cars.



Post Road East and Soundview

-Joanne Delanoy: At the Fisher Hill meeting you said it would be 1000 spaces added to the new lot. Today you said significantly more than 1000. How is the city allowing you to build this massive hospital without a concrete plan for parking? **Josh Strugatz:** Explained how the city oversells permits for physical spots. WPH over purchases to ensure that there is parking for employees.

Vicki Presser- Thanks WPH staff and builders. They have lots of questions to ensure that all aspects of the development.

-Hospital understands its impacts on traffic and parking.

-Affordable housing has been discussed-don't have immediate plans for affordable housing for employees. The parking lot is not permanent and has the ability to be used for other needs over the next ten years.

Bob Friscia: Questions about a shuttle system to get employees to the hospital. Not necessarily needed

Mike Zygmant: Questions about imminent domain for the hospital? The answer was no.

Bob Kahn: Stressed the importance of affordable housing for employees. Also discussed the traffic concerns around the Cancer Center.

3. (8:15pm-8:30pm)- Debrief from 6/11/24 DRI Meeting

- Mayor or city will make a proposal to fix the clock tower or wants to replace the clock tower with art
- <https://one-white-plains-comprehensive-plan-1-wp-planning.hub.arcgis.com/pages/dri22>
- Applications for DRI projects are open until 7/26/24

4. (8:30pm-8:45pm)- A Look Ahead to Fall guests/topics:

- People will email ideas for the fall meeting

5. (8:35pm-8:50pm)- Other Discussion Issues Proposed by Highlands President Zack Salino and Bob Kahn:

- Ways to strengthen our relations with the city.
- Reaching out to the inactive neighborhoods (Proposed workshop at City Hall every year or so on how to organize or revitalize a neighborhood association.
- Only 14 active associations out of approximately 28. Asked for two member on the Comprehensive Plan Compliance Committee.
- Bob Kahn talked about the changes to the Comprehensive Plan changes made by Planning Commissioner Chris Gomez.
- Fall Workshop to create or reactivating new associations.
- Would like more clarity on right of way when it comes neighborhood signs
- We will have a summer zoom (after July 4th) about planning for this workshop in the Fall.

6. New Business:

- None