

# **AGENDA**

## **Middleport Redevelopment Working Group**

**Kickoff Meeting – November 30, 2006**

**Village Hall – 6:00 to 7:30pm**

### **1) Welcome!!**

### **2) Objectives of This Meeting**

- Kickoff the Working Group and define its purpose, goals, and guidelines
- Discuss questions about remedial program and redevelopment funding process
- Get started on providing input and recommendations about the 2007 early action projects

### **3) Purpose and Goals of This Working Group**

- Interaction; cooperation; work together to discuss different points of view; listen; be a sounding board; we want more people involved; if the process is perceived as moving forward, more people will become involved
- Learn (together); brainstorm ideas; keep the process moving quickly
- Provide early input and make recommendations in the decision-making process
- Redevelopment; plan for reuse of properties after cleanup; make areas aesthetically pleasing; encourage quality restoration; restore the integrity and character of the village; make Middleport friendly again; leave village looking really nice; build a center for community
- Outreach to community; inform the community of goals, progress, and accomplishments; act as voice to the rest of the community
- Stay positive; the tone and feelings can become too negative; give positive/enthusiastic reports to give the project a positive face; work toward positive image of the village
- Finalize work before we die; we want to see the end of the tunnel
- Have small community meetings with small groups who might not be able to come to evening meetings (refine and have concrete stages to show movement)
- Working Group does not replace the MRAG, CAP, or formal public participation process
- *Thoughts on what the Working Group will not or can not do:*
  - Make remedial decisions
  - Have agencies telling us where to turn and what to do
  - Be a process of window dressing; do not recycle the same rhetoric every meeting
  - Allow village to miss out on future grants if this doesn't start moving forward
  - Spinning wheels
  - Give up

### **4) Meeting and Interaction Guidelines/Guiding Principles**

- Commitment to process and constructive contribution (this is a “working” group)
- Commitment to consistent attendance and participation
- Respect for others and the process
- Group communications are open and sincere
- Confidentiality of sensitive information about legal and private property issues

### **5) The Path Forward**

- Remediation – Community input on 2007 Early Action projects
- Redevelopment – Brief overview of potential funding opportunities

### **6) Action Items (“homework”)**

- Accompany Patt Fagan next week to invite to the next meeting (12/11/06) the property owners on Park Ave. that are adjacent to North Commercial Area
- Redevelopment questions to answer before next meeting
  - How important is a visual barrier at the Coe property (e.g., to block view of RR)

- What are your thoughts about restricted vs. unrestricted land use (and what additional information do you need, if any)?
- What other specific ideas do you have for redevelopment of North Comm Area
- What is your preference for Droman Park: closed/covered pipe or open swale?

**7) Communications and Outreach**

- How and what do we communicate as a group?
- Should other stakeholders be involved? Who and how?
- How broad should public participation be? Should we sponsor useful events?