



MONT PLEASANT MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

PROJECT :: **CRAIG – MAIN COMPLETE STREETS** SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

MEETING DATE & TIME :: July 15, 2019 8:30 am

MEETING LOCATION :: The Bridge Christian Church St. 735 Crane St. Schenectady, NY

In Attendance (Estimated attendance was 15-20, not everyone signed in)

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Meeting Summary of Discussion

INTRODUCTION

- The Mont Pleasant Merchants Association reviewed tasks in their agenda prior to the Craig-Main Connection Presentation, including issues with the drug dealing that takes place on Crane Street
- Kristin Diotte (KD) gave a brief background of the project scope
- Mary Moore Wallinger (MM) reviewed the agenda of the Craig-Main presentaion with the hope to conclude the meeting having feedback primarily on the Main Avenue alternatives, Crane Street intersection improvements, and acknowledging the Mont Pleasant Open House on August 1st

PRESENTATION

- MM gave a brief background on information gathered through existing conditions and numerous outreach efforts and events
- MM presented proposed improvements to Craig Street, the Craig Street DOT Bridge, and proposed Pleasant Valley Park improvements
- Kim Case (KC) reviewed concepts to extend the streetscape improvements to Main Ave
- KC reviewed the improvements proposed to the Crane Street and Main Ave intersection
- Calvin MacDowell presented the painted intersection concepts and was looking for feedback on locations
 - Identified locations (In order of perceived priority)
 - Francis Street
 - Ostrander
 - 3rd St

DISCUSSION

- Consensus was that traffic is way to fast on Crane Street and that traffic calming and intersection improvements are critical
- Overall the proposed improvements to Craig Street were well received
- Overall the proposed improvements to the Crane Street and Main Ave intersections were well received
 - General comments were that Chrisler is very narrow and should be a one-way
 - Further exploration needed at the intersection of Ostrander
 - There had been a plan at some point to convert Ostrander to one way, but it was never implemented
- Overall the proposed one-way at Main Ave was well received
 - Preference to converting just Main Ave to a one-way
 - General comments were that traffic analysis is needed to determine how the implementation would impact other roads and intersections
- It was expressed that the Forest Road / Francis Avenue and Crane intersection is particularly busy
- One participant mentioned a potential plan for adding a parking lot along Crane Street
 - The importance of minimizing building gaps to maximize retail support and environment was discussed
 - Desire to have parking where the vehicle can be seen was discussed