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Suzanne--

I have another document that I will send soon but this is the Vision Statement in which I included some of the glaringly missing pieces that I felt needed to be in a Vision Statement for our City. I took the liberty of what the committee wrote and revised it with my suggestions.

To attract the right kind of businesses and development monies to the city, I think the vision statement has to be made much more clear. Many businesses hesitate to settle in Kingston because of its poor infrastructure. This was left out of the vision. Please consider this one of the additional comments to the existing Comprehensive Plan.

I am attaching my version of the Vision Statement to this email. Please let me know if this is sufficient or if you need another format for these comments.

Thank you

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“In 2025, Kingston will be a City of Neighborhoods - vibrant neighborhoods diverse in land use and diverse in ethnic, racial, and income level population with business, social, cultural, educational, and living space for all. Infill development with 5 to 8 story structures will be focused around Kingston's four cores: the Stockade District, the Rondout, and Midtown, the heart of the city, with the existing Ulster Performing Arts Center as the city's geographic and cultural center. The future Hudson Landing Core will be part of the revitalization of the Kingston's Riverfront development. The entire city will have 21st Century infrastructure to replace the aging sewage and storm water systems with a forward looking relocation for the water treatment plant to protect the Rondout Creek and Hudson River water quality and the odors that emanate from the current facility. The four nodes will be comprised of mixed-use and mixed-income centers with multifamily residences incorporated with ground floor retail, supermarkets, office spaces, knowledge economy, and finance (banking, legal), with hand craft and new technology businesses interspersed. The four nodes will be connected with a network of streets and conveniently located municipal parking opportunities to support slow-speed/high-capacity vehicular travel or the choice of timely and convenient public transit ranging from shuttle bus to trolley. Pedestrian "complete streets" will be created with active use of sidewalks with plenty of places to rest and congregate; dedicated bicycle paths; and traditional architecture and historic identity will be honored. The city will also be connected with free wireless service and access to state-of-the-art high-speed fiber-optic broadband. Extending outward from the four nodes, lower densities and building heights and owner-occupied two-family and single-family residential neighborhoods will dominate, with occasional neighborhood stores and well-designed townhouses and multifamily residential will be interspersed. Outer environmentally sensitive areas of Kingston will remain as open space, agriculture, and forestry or used for clustered, very low-density residences. Employment opportunities will be diverse from offices for county government to historic tourism and specialty retail in Uptown; the New York City's water supply offices, educational, medical, and cultural production (music, dance), high-end design, fine arts, specialty manufacturing, and new media in Midtown; to cultural, water sports and recreation, restaurant and entertainment uses in the Rondout; and to clean, green small industry along existing active rail lines and within the Kingston Business Park.”

--Anezka Sebek

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