

Hicksville Gardens Civic Association Hicksville Cool Downtown Progress Report

September through December 2008

In late September 2008 the County Supervisor held a meeting with The Hicksville Chamber of Commerce to discuss a \$100,000.00 Grant that was being made available to Study the Hicksville Hub. In attendance were numerous Hicksville residents, business owners and publicly elected officials. In October the Chamber, Community Council and Local Civics were invited to Mineola to review the Master Plan for Nassau County. In early November 2008 the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce and a representative from each of the five active Hicksville Civic Associations met with State Assemblyman Rob Walker to draft a letter to the County Executive. The majority of the Civic Presidents in attendance felt a map outlining the area of study should be given to the County.

On November 20th The Hicksville Gardens Civic Association Block & Board, President and representatives of Duffy Park and representatives for the Citizens for an informed Hicksville attended a presentation.

January through March 2009

The County is requesting the letter drafted by the Chamber and the Civic with Rob Walker be sent on a Chamber letter head. The Chamber claims it was sent in December the County claims it was never received Lionel Chitty, President of the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce hand delivers a copy of the letter agreed to in November to the County in mid January.

The presentation given on November 20th was again offered to all the Hicksville Civic Presidents at the January 29th Civic President's Forum. The Presidents declined the County's offer. The study and the scheduled March 27th walkthrough were discussed during the January 29th Presidents forum.

A modified version of this presentation was again presented by the County Supervisor on March 16th 2009 In Mineola. Mr. Goessmann and Representatives from the Town were in attendance.

On Friday March 20th 2009 the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association received an Email from Ms Patricia Bourne, Nassau County Planning Commissioner, informing us that the Walkable Community Workshop scheduled for March 27th did not work out. In her email she noted that she would still like to meet with the Hicksville Civic Groups, Chamber of Commerce, and local elected officials to talk about how the County can work together to assist the Hicksville community. Ms Bourne noted that the Visioning Funds mentioned by CE Suozzi are still available.

Upon receiving this information Mr. Goessmann, President of the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association forwarded the following Email to the organizations, municipalities and Elected Officials that represent the Community of Hicksville.

Hello Everyone

Considering all the problems we had getting our letter out to the County before the end of the year I'm really not surprised that three months later the Walk-able Community Workshop scheduled for next Friday has been cancelled due to poor communication.

We, the Presidents of the Civics and Chamber of Commerce, knew about this workshop since January 23rd and it was further discussed at our Presidents forum on January 29th. Our next Presidents forum is scheduled for April 30th and I would really like to get everyone together before then to begin discussions to clearly define what we do and do not want in our downtown.

I am asking for an hour of your time to sit down with our local elected officials to discuss and define exactly what we expect in return for this \$100,000.00 investment into the community we all call home. If a President cannot make him or herself available I ask that he or she send a representative.

I reserved the Library Next Thursday March 26th between 6-7 however I need to know who can attend and who will be sending a representative no later than Sunday March 22nd 9:00pm to develop a workable agenda.

I am sure this will not be the last meeting we have regarding this study however we need to start a dialog amongst ourselves and come to some agreement as to what we do and do not want.

Please provide me with the dates & times beyond next Thursday where you can make yourself available. I will do my best to secure a few more dates, acceptable for all to meet officially in the near future to announce our vision, for our downtown, that we can all be proud of.

Please confirm receipt and get back to me as soon as possible.

Various responses ranging from “show me the money” to “horror” were received.

Ms Patricia Bourne, Nassau County Planning Commissioner forwarded the following E-mail to all involved on Tuesday March 24th

To all:

The question has been raised as to whether we have the county funding for the project. The funds mentioned by County Executive Suozzi are available in the amount of \$100,000.

The requirements to use the visioning funds are:

- Community defines downtown problem or problems to address
- Involvement by all local stakeholders (civics, chamber, town, elected officials, school district, fire and police departments, etc.)
- Hiring a planning consultant by the local community to assist the community to address the Issues
- Final report with specific community recommendations that can be implemented

So far, we have worked with both the Town of Hempstead and the Town of North Hempstead, several villages (Farmingdale, Hempstead, Freeport) and the City of Glen Cove. In each case, the local municipality entered into a contract with the county. The county has provided the funds by reimbursement.

We at the county look forward to working with you on this project. We will be available at Thursday night’s meeting to talk more about it and answer any questions you may have about the program.

Patti Bourne Nassau County Planning Commission

03/26/09 – (Update distributed to the membership of the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association and all those requesting to be on our E-mail distribution list in our April Report)

Mr. Goessmann President of the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association called the meeting to order at 18:00hrs sharp as noted in the invitation. In attendance were: Hal Meyer (T.O.B.) Leonard Genova (T.O.B.) ED Mangano (N.C. Legislator) Doreen Pennica County’s Legislators office, Margaret Fiore (Block Captain HGCA) Joel Berse (President of the North West Civic Association).

Daniel Bloomfield (Sen. C, Johnson’s office) and Patti Bourne and Bob Piazza (N.C. Planning Board) arrived at approximately 18:15 and Lionel Chitty (president of the Chamber of Commerce) and Tom Pfeiffer (President of the Midland Civic Association) arrived at approximately 7:30

Mr. Goessmann was concerned that the communications between the Chamber and the County, the communications between the County and the Town, and most importantly the communication and information the Civics were receiving had broken down to a point where everyone needed to be put into the same room to make a decision on this project. Prior to the meeting various parties were pessimistic regarding this grant and the strings that may be attached.

We are happy to report that the meeting was a success and that the Town has agreed to match the funding from the County and add any additional money’s required within reason to complete the study of what the resident homeowners and small business would like to see our down town become. The

Hicksville Chamber of Commerce has agreed to continue as the lead community organization involved in this effort and we hope to hear more from the Chamber, the County and most importantly the Town in the near future as the money's are approved and the process begins. Ms Margret Fiore has been appointed chairperson of the Cool Down Town committee representing the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association. I urge every resident homeowner within the community of Hicksville to take notice of what is being discussed and to become involved in the process. Those involved will decide on who will do this study and what the community would like to see their downtown become. Whether it's cool, hot, warm or cold will depend on the input received from those who involve themselves in the process.

April through June 2009

04/19/09 (Update distributed to the membership of the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association and all those requesting to be on our E-mail distribution list in our April Report)

Mr. Goessmann spoke to Chamber President Lionel Chitty and Mr. Chitty has heard nothing from either the Town or County regarding the Cool Downtown Study. I informed Lionel that the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association would like to participate and be on the committee regarding the Downtown Study and to be able to voice our opinion as to who will be chosen to do the study. Mr. Goessmann believes the community should be part of the process. We should be able to voice our opinion on what we do and do not want to see.

05/12/09 (Update distributed to the membership of the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association and all those requesting to be on our E-mail distribution list in our May Report)

The County has not received any information back from the Town and the Town did not vote on this on April 28th as first promised. The Town seems to disagree with the way the Inter-Municipal-Agreement, **IMA**, is written and would like to rewrite it. The Town has been in receipt of this document since early April and we hope this can be resolved quickly.

05/18/09 (Update distributed to the membership of the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association and all those requesting to be on our E-mail distribution list in our May Report)

The County has finally received a revised IMA. A walking and bus tour of the area is scheduled for May 29th. Anyone wishing to participate it to contact Margret Fiore at PFiore10@msn.com or come to our May 28th B&B 7pm at the Hicksville Public Library.

05/19/09

Mr. Goessmann spoke with Jennifer Rimmer from Sustainable Long Island and was asked if he could make some time to discuss the upcoming bus tour and walk through. Mr. Goessmann informed Ms Rimmer that the Chamber was given the lead on this project and that Mr. Lionel Chitty President of the Chamber of Commerce should be contacted first. Ms Rimmer acknowledged the Chamber as being the lead group in this effort and asked if the Civics could provide some guidance in laying out the bus and walking tour. Mr. Goessmann acknowledged Ms Rimmer's request nothing that he was available on May 21st and on May 28th from 18:00 to 18:45. Mr. Goessmann noted that the early date would not be sufficient notice for the other civics to participate and again asked that the Chamber take the lead. Mr. Goessmann did however offer to notify the other civics once more information was made available and the Chamber had been notified.

05/24/09

Ms Rimmer sent the information included in Mr. Grossmann's Email of 5/25/09

05/25/09 08:30

Mr. Goessmann and Mr. Chitty meet at the Memorial Day Parade and discussed the Bus Tour and walk through. Mr. Chitty confirmed that he has been in contact with both Ms. Bourne and Ms Rimmer and that he would not be able to attend the activities scheduled for Friday May 29th. Mr. Chitty did however confirm that the Chamber will be represented on Friday. Mr. Goessmann informed Mr. Chitty that a meeting was being planned for Thursday night to discuss the planned route.

05/25/09 22:46

Mr. Goessmann sent out the following E-mail to the Six (6) Active Hicksville Civic Associations, The Hicksville Chamber of Commerce and Citizens for an Informed Hicksville.

Hello everyone

Hopefully you have all had a great Memorial Day Weekend.

I have again been contacted regarding the Cool Down Town Study and deferred all questions to the Chamber.

The Chamber has been contacted and is on board however Jennifer E. Rimmer Director of Sustainable Planning and Economic Development Sustainable Long Island would like to meet with us briefly to discuss Friday's bus tour and walk through.

Jennifer writes: Sunday, May 24, 2009 8:19 AM

As far as the itinerary, it is dependent on whether we have a press conference. I emailed Patti Bourne earlier this morning to find out if there is a decision.

If there is no press conference, we will depart from Carlyle on the Green at 10 am for Hicksville. On the bus we will introduce ourselves, where we are from, why we choose to participate in the bus tour, etc. Those from or representing Hicksville can discuss Hicksville in some detail.

Once we arrive in Hicksville, we will have the bus park somewhere near the train station, put on safety vests, and walk for approximately 30-40 minutes. The route we take will be finalized on Thursday when you, Patti Bourne and I meet.

During the leisurely paced walk, we will be answering questions on a "walking audit" sheet about what we are observing.

Once back on the bus, time permitting, we will travel through a nearby community that Sustainable Long Island has previously worked with to impish their vision and implementation of that plan. We are scheduled to arrive back at Carlyle on the Green at 12:45 for lunch and our awards ceremony

I believe the current thought on the press conference is to hold it prior to the walking tour.

I did talk again with Lionel Chitty after we spoke. Due to a work conflict, he is not able to participate Friday; a member of his group will be participating. I am waiting to hear from that person.

I set aside 45 minutes from 18:00 to 18:45 this Thursday at the Hicksville Public Library to discuss the bus and walking tour.

If you are available and interested in participating please meet me at the Hicksville Public Library at 18:00 this Thursday May 28th.

Hope to see you Thursday or Friday. If for some reason you can't make it have a great summer and I hope to see you all at our July 12th Picnic.

05/26/09

The following responses and communication followed:

From: Stephanie Sokenis <mikesmom71@optonline.net>
To: Hicksville Gardens Civic Assn. <Info@hgcivic.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 8:55:25 AM
Subject: Re: Cool DownTown

Thank you Henry, I've made Lionel aware of your email and will forward this to him as well. Would you please change the Chambers email from HicksvilleChamber@earthlink.net to info@HicksvilleChamber.com

Thank you.
Stephanie

From: "tompf1@optimum.net" <tompf1@optimum.net>
To: Hicksville Gardens Civic Assn. <Info@hgcivic.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 9:39:14 AM
Subject: Re: Cool DownTown

I'll plan to be there on Thursday to get some more info on the bus tour.

From: John Wall <jdwall007@hotmail.com>
To: info@hgcivic.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 12:47:47 PM
Subject: RE: Cool DownTown

Henry

Does this mean I am officially "invited", i.e.-approved to attend? If so I will pencil it in on my schedule and see you Thurs night. I will probably NOT be able to attend that luncheon afterwards (assuming I was invited anyway). Thanks.

John Wall

From: Hicksville Gardens Civic Assn. <info@hgcivic.org>
To: John Wall <jdwall007@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 1:12:03 PM
Subject: Re: Cool DownTown

Yes you are being invited to attend Friday and yes please meet me at the library this Thursday at 18:00hrs to discuss the details of the tour.

Henry Goessmann
President
Hicksville Gardens Civic Association

From: Duffy Park Civic <duffyparkcivic@yahoo.com>
To: Hicksville Gardens Civic Assn. <Info@hgcivic.org>; Northwest Civic <mrhixville@aol.com>; Duffy Park Civic <DuffyParkCivic@yahoo.com>; Midland Civic <TomPf1@optimum.net>; West Green Civic <WestGreenCivic@aol.com>; Jericho Gardens Civic <lcampny@verizon.net>; Terry & Gary Tietjen <TerryMcNiff@aol.com>; Hicksville Chamber of Commerce <hicksvillechamber@earthlink.net>
Cc: Margret Fiore <PFiore10@msn.com>; Century 21 Prevette Real Estate <john.wall@century21.com>; John Wall <jbw007@hotmail.com>; JRimmer@SustainableLI.org; "Bourne, Patricia" <pbourne@nassaucountyny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 9:21:15 PM
Subject: Re: Cool DownTown

Henry,

We are not really sure what this is all about. Was this e-mail from Ms. Rimmer to you for the civics or was it meant for just the Chamber? Did John miss something about the walk through town? This is the first we heard of it. We will try to get someone to attend the walk as we are both working. Please clarify is it at Carlyle on the Green at Eisenhower Park? And what award ceremony and press conference is she talking about? Are we that out of the loop? One of us will be at Thursday's meeting.
Bonnie

From: Hicksville Gardens Civic Assn. <info@hgcivic.org>
To: Duffy Park Civic <duffyparkcivic@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 5:10:17 AM
Subject: Re: Cool DownTown

I think the meeting on Thursday should clear everything up. I'll see you then

Henry Goessmann
President
Hicksville Gardens Civic Association

05/27/09 00:01 - 12:00

The following responses and communication followed:

From: "MrHixville@aol.com" <MrHixville@aol.com>
To: Info@hgcivic.org; DuffyParkCivic@yahoo.com; TomPf1@optimum.net; WestGreenCivic@aol.com; lcampny@verizon.net; TerryMcNiff@aol.com; hicksvillechamber@earthlink.net
Cc: PFiore10@msn.com; john.wall@century21.com; jbw007@hotmail.com; JRimmer@SustainableLI.org; pbourne@nassaucountyny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 2:17:47 AM
Subject: Re: Cool DownTown

Why is this the first time I or several others are hearing about this?
What is the current need or desire for a press conference?
We don't have any hard facts to announce.

Any press conference must include TOB and anyone else who is part of the project.
If "Hicksville" wants to succeed at this... everyone should be on the same page and following the Chamber's lead.
Doing the bus ride and walk through are fine, but we all should have more advance notice to participate..
Doing things out of sequence, either not being fully prepared, or not having all parties being knowledgeable about plans is the wrong way to proceed especially with a press conference.
What award ceremony is this being attached to? Why?
E-mails should be explained or sent completely so all recipients understand.
The excerpt created questions and appears that only a select few are getting them.

Aren't we all supposed to be in this together?

Why is the Chamber a secondary recipient of this communication when they are the "LEAD " for Hicksville ?

Why was Lionel misinformed that all of us were aware of these goings on?

Why was the quoted e-mail generated on Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend?

Is someone trying to hide something?

Is someone trying to manipulate this situation?

Is someone deliberately making it difficult for all parties to participate?

By the way, why is the Community Council omitted again?

I am not available for a Thursday meeting...

These are my thoughts and reactions in response to the weekend e-mail that I first saw on Tuesday morning.

Please share your thoughts.

Joel

05/27/09 12:00 – 23:59

Mr. Goessmann spoke with Ms Rimmer and she has assured Mr. Goessmann that she will respond to all inquires and questions raised through the E-mail communications. Mr. Goessmann reminded Ms Rimmer that Thursday night's time is limited and the primary focus of the meeting should be the route the Bus and walking tour will take on Friday May 29th.

Participants who are not participating in the entire program will be asked to meet the bus on Friday at the Hicksville Train Station Ticket Booth. The time will be determined on Thursday night.

The following E-mail was sent to all at 16:20

From: Jennifer Rimmer <JRimmer@SustainableLI.org>

To: Duffy Park Civic <duffyparkcivic@yahoo.com>; Hicksville Gardens Civic Assn. <Info@hgcivic.org>; Northwest Civic <mrhixville@aol.com>; Midland Civic <TomPf1@optimum.net>; West Green Civic <WestGreenCivic@aol.com>; Jericho Gardens Civic <lcampny@verizon.net>; Terry & Gary Tietjen <TerryMcNiff@aol.com>; Hicksville Chamber of Commerce <hicksvillechamber@earthlink.net>

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Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 4:20:42 PM

Subject: RE: Cool DownTown

Dear All,

I wanted to provide clarification about Friday's Hicksville bus/walking tour. As part of Sustainable Long Island's 3rd Annual Sustainable Development Conference, it was decided to provide an alternative option to the three workshops with a tour of a Long Island community. Hicksville was selected as the community. In preparing for the bus/walking tour, Sustainable Long Island has reached out to Assemblyman Walker, Nassau County, Town of Oyster Bay, Hicksville Chamber of Commerce and Hicksville Civic Association.

Please note all information on Sustainable Long Island's Conference is available at <http://www.sustainableli.org/conf3/home.php>. I encourage all to consider attending other parts of the Conference program. We have a couple of complementary tickets available.

As far as the press conference, this was an idea proposed by Nassau County to highlight the County, Town and community's commitment to working together. Sustainable Long Island has let the County know that if the community and Town was in favor of participating in a press conference, we would include it in the bus/walking tour. At this point, we are waiting to hear back from the County regarding the press conference.

The sole purpose of the brief meeting on Thursday is to discuss the walking route for Friday's Hicksville Tour. We are scheduled to discuss the route from 6 to 6:45pm.

At the direction of the County and Town, our primary community contact has been the Chamber of Commerce.

The awards ceremony referred to in the previous email is Sustainable Long Island's Conference Award program. Again, I encourage all interested in our Conference to visit our website for additional information.

I hope you are able to participate in Friday's Hicksville walking tour. We will be meeting at 10:15 at the ticket office of the Hicksville train station.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Rimmer

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Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 6:21:39 PM
Subject: Re: Cool DownTown

Jennifer-

In this text you say that you have been in contact with the "Hicksville Civic Association." Which one? There are many. Northwest, Midland, West Green, Jericho Gardens, Duffy Park and Hicksville Gardens as well as the Community Council that is supposed to be included. At the last library meeting, Henry kept leaving the Council out incorrectly. It seems that you have been doing likewise. It also appears that you are corresponding with only one of the civic associations. It was also established that the Chamber was to be the lead organization who would then pass on info to the other groups.

Your explanation is very nice but it sounds different in some ways to what the rest of us were lead to believe. We all want to cooperate and work together. So why were many of us segregated from planning?

Unfortunately with such short notice many of us can not make arrangements to attend the Thursday meeting or Friday "tour." In the spirit of doing things the right way, I feel that this should be re-scheduled with enough advance notice for others. Civic members are not employees, rather volunteers who work to preserve the quality of life in their community. Therefore they need to have more advanced planning than full-time workers in the business of these types of projects.

A press conference for the Hicksville groups is premature. We do not belong as part of that until our participation is guaranteed. We don't need to be somebody's show piece, guinea pig, or spokesmodel. This serves us no purpose but benefits others. If things can not be rescheduled then Hicksville people should just meet you at the train station and start from there.

Joel Berse
President
Northwest Civic Association of Hicksville, Inc.
Hicksville's oldest Civic Assn. Incorporated in 1951

05/28/09 00:01 – 12:00

From: "tompf1@optimum.net" <tompf1@optimum.net>
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Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2009 9:21:12 AM
Subject: Re: Cool DownTown

And I thought that I was the only one out of the loop

From: "WestGreenCivic@aol.com" <WestGreenCivic@aol.com>
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Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2009 9:30:19 AM
Subject: Re: Cool DownTown

West Green Civic was not contacted by ANYONE with regard to a tour or anything else that has to do with this project. A phone call a letter or an e-mail would have been the right thing to do, as well as more advance notice. I will be attending.

05/28/09 12:01 – 23:59

From: Jennifer Rimmer <JRimmer@SustainableLI.org>
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Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2009 2:50:49 PM
Subject: Sustainable Long Island's Conference and Hicksville bus/walking tour

Dear all

Sustainable Long Island's goal is always to include the community. At the suggestion of the County and Town, we have been directed to work with the Chamber of Commerce on outreach for the bus/walking tour.

Since the bus/walking tour is a part of Sustainable Long Island's Conference, we are expecting participants from all over Long Island.

Thank you to those who have responded regarding complementary tickets to the other portions of Sustainable Long Island's Conference. If anyone else is interested in attending, please let me know.

I am looking forward to the bus/walking tour of Hicksville and meeting you tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Rimmer

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The meeting was called to order by Henry Goessmann President of the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association 18:00 hrs as scheduled

In Attendance were: Patti Bourne Nassau County Planning Commissioner
Terry Tietjen Citizens for an informed Hicksville
Robert Steinhardt Public Relations Officer Hicksville Gardens Civic Association
Frank Orlando West Green Civic Association
Margaret Fiore Chairperson of the Cool Down Town Committee HGCA
T. Pfeifer President of the Midland Civic Association
Linda Ruggiero Midland Civic Association
John Wall Co-Chair Cool Down Town Committee HGCA
Bonnie Keyer Secretary of the Duffy Park Civic Association
Wendi Slavsky President of the West Green Civic Association
Jennifer E. Rimmer Director Sustainable Long Island

Not represented North West Civic
Hicksville Chamber of Commerce

The meeting was called to define the area of the walking tour talking place in Hicksville on May 29th 2009. Questions were first answered regarding the walk-about and bus tour. The tour was past of Sustainable Long Islands 3rd Annual Conference and we were basically being asked to help define the best 20 to 40 minute walking tour for approximately 30 people who were participating in the conference. All those in attendance agreed that we should continue to push this project forward and the Chamber of Commerce should in control. We agreed that as we continue to discuss the progress of this endeavor that we include every community organizations within the community of Hicksville.

05/29/09 Spoke with Lionel and we are both on the same page.

29 May 2009

**Suozi Kicks-Off Hicksville's "Visioning" Initiative
Will Create Community-Supported Design to
Spur Economic Growth and Downtown Revitalization**

Hicksville, NY – Today, Nassau County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi, joined by several local community organizations, announced a joint downtown visioning project with the Hicksville community. As part of the County Executive's "New Suburbia" and "Cool Downtowns" initiatives, the visioning process for Hicksville provides a means to engage community residents and local leaders through a series of workshops and public meetings to plan for the future of their downtown.

"I have said for years that Hicksville has the greatest potential to become a "Cool Downtown" and I am delighted to be working with the community to develop a vision for Hicksville's future", said County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi, "We will build upon Hicksville's existing assets, including the busiest train station in Nassau County, to make Hicksville an exciting destination".

The visioning process will result in a comprehensive plan tailored to the unique needs of Hicksville. The process will incorporate the guidance and recommendations of area residents and civic groups and coordination efforts between different levels of government. The result will be a plan that includes specific recommendations and suggestions for Hicksville's economic development and downtown revitalization. It will also become a significant component of the County's overall master plan.

"The Hicksville Garden Civic Association looks forward to working with the County to create a visioning plan for downtown Hicksville. We believe Hicksville has tremendous potential and we are eager to begin the process," said Hicksville Gardens Civic Association President Henry Goessmann.

"The LIRR Hicksville station has been a centerpiece of the community for decades, contributing to the economic vitality of the area....LIRR remains committed to working with local and county leaders as a plan for future development is finalized," said Long Island Rail Road President Helena Williams.

The County is working with the Town of Oyster Bay to develop an intermunicipal agreement to grant the Town \$100,000 dollars for the visioning process, which will then be approved by the County legislature. The town will match the County's contribution and work with the County and community to conduct the visioning.

All community organizations are invited to participate in the visioning process, which includes the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce, the Duffy Park Association, the Hicksville Community Council, the Hicksville Garden Civic Association, the West Green Civic Association, the Midland Civic Association, the Northwest Civic Association, the Citizens for a More Informed Hicksville, the Hicksville Fire Department and Hicksville School District.

Nassau County is a mature suburb, and creating "Cool Downtowns" is one of the cornerstones of "New Suburbia" - which preserves what we love about Nassau County, including great schools and healthcare, low crime, low unemployment, north shore waterfronts, south shore ocean beaches, parks and open spaces, and our proximity to New York City, and addresses our challenges of high property taxes, young people leaving, traffic, and pockets of poverty. "Cool Downtowns" are exciting destinations where people live and work near the train station within walking distance to fantastic restaurants and shops.

06/01/09

From: "Rogers, Cynthia" <CRogers@nassaucountyny.gov>
To: henrygoessmann@optonline.net; info@hgcivic.org
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2009 10:30:15 AM
Subject: County Executive Suozzi invites you to the 2009 Master Plan Workshop

Henry –

On Tuesday, June 9, Executive Thomas R. Suozzi will hold a workshop on the 2009 Master Plan for Nassau County . The County Executive will present a working draft of the 2009 plan and lead a round table discussion on the future of Nassau County .

*Attached you will find an invitation to this event. Seating is limited. **Please let us know as soon as possible whether you or a staff person will be attending the workshop.** You may register by using the attached online registration form or by calling Debbie O'Keefe at 516.571.5847.*

Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone who might be interested in attending.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on June 9.

Cindy Rogers

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Sent: Monday, June 1, 2009 12:19:22 PM
Subject: Fw: County Executive Suozzi invites you to the 2009 Master Plan Workshop

Hello everyone hope all are well

Received this information today and was asked by the County to forward it to the Chamber and Groups currently involved. If interested call the number listed below and register. If you are not interested in participating I guess I will not see you there next Tuesday.

Lionel perhaps you could set up a meeting with all the groups involved before next Tuesday to further discuss the progress being made and what we, the core group, do and do not want to see in this study. Perhaps we could include the Police dept, the Fire, Water and School District or we could continue to keep it amongst the residents and local business owners.

Hope to hear from you all soon

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Subject: Re: Problem opening attachment for 2009 Master Plan Workshop

Please forward this to the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce.

They now have, through my last E-mail, the E-mails addresses of all the Hicksville groups currently involved and can forward as needed.

This type of information should be coming from the group assigned the lead.

Thanks again and I look forward to meeting you next Tuesday

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Subject: Re: Fw: County Executive Suozzi invites you to the 2009 Master Plan Workshop

Thanks for passing this along. I forwarded to some of my Board members to see if I can drum up someone to go with.

06/04/09 – Mr. Goessmann spoke with Mr. Chitty and Mr. Chitty confirmed that he had gotten the E-mail regarding Tuesday night at Nassau Community College. Mr. Chitty informed Mr. Goessmann that he would like to sit down with everyone involved in the near future to further discuss our thoughts. He did not want to involve the Fire and School District in the discussions until the IMA has signed.

06/11/09 General Meeting Update - A meeting notice had been sent out to the Chamber of Commerce and to every Hicksville Civic on June 1st inviting them to participate in a public workshop on June 9th 6:00pm at Nassau Community College. Lionel Chitty President of the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce, Terri Teijen founding member of Citizens for an informed Hicksville, John Wall & Henry Goessmann from the HGCA were in attendance. Representatives from the Town of Oyster Bay were in attendance and the IMA should be agreed upon by the end of July. Providing the IMA is signed by both the Town and the County public meetings can begin as soon as September. Mr. Chitty is waiting for the IMA to be signed before organizing any further meetings