



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING

(REGARDING PROPOSED
REZONING OF SUNFISH COVE)
MINUTES

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 6:15 pm

City Hall

Chairman Mallory called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Ken Stickle - 118 Catherine Street – Good evening. We need any more development down on the waterfront area? We have restaurants there, we have enough everything...I mean, one day, the Bonura Family will be putting another hotel up, office buildings, so on and so forth. I don't believe that we need any more development at the waterfront. It's time that we stop, it's time that we focused on the remainder of the City. There's nothing uptown. I'd like to see something above Clover Street. It would be nice. We don't see anything coming into the uptown area. I'm just deadest against any more zoning changes down there; restaurants, apartments, right on down the line. We have the Dutton Lumber project coming in there. I can't even think of what we've got going down on the waterfront, or anything going on uptown. So, I'm not in favor of rezoning this property for anything besides being closed down right now. Thank you.

Jellicoe Clarke – 25 Roosevelt Avenue – Wanted to talk about the garbage trucks, but Chairman Mallory advised him that he would need to wait until later at the Public Participation Meeting. This 10-15 minutes is only for the re-zoning issue of Sunfish Cove.

Constantine Kazolias – 47 Noxon Street – First of all, I was surprised to hear that you're going to re-zone Sunfish Cove because when I was a kid, I used to go down there and fish, and the fish I used to catch, I would feed my cat, so that's something of the past. Let's get...what Mr. Stickle said, to follow...seems like development is only down by the river, not on Main Street. To develop Sunfish Cove at this time, rather than concentrate on developing the core area which you're in, I think you're doing a great disservice to the City of Poughkeepsie. Until...you still have from Urban Renewal parcels from what I gather, that aren't filled - I might be mistaken, but let's fill up what we have here in the

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core area (because Urban Renewal destroyed the City). We put a restaurant in there, something else...well, you want to move the skateboard park, which I'm against. Until you have a Youth Center going 100% operational, let's leave the skateboard park there. There must be something amiss; now, all of a sudden... the skateboard park is next to the Children's Museum. The people come there and skateboard. Plus, my son skateboards and I don't want my son to be on the wrong side of me. Let's stay with Sunfish Cove, let's develop the areas that we have, instead of expanding, expanding, expanding, expanding. Concentrate on what you have. Develop what you have. Then, from there, I can see rezoning Sunfish Cove. The jist of it, like Mr. Stickle before me, pinpointed what's really the problem in the City is that we're developing all over, but we still got Dutton Lumber Company being developed, we have all that waterfront being developed...let's go right up Main Street. There's a lot of things on Main Street that aren't being developed. In the meantime, our core area is being "cancerized," so to speak. Instead of developing that, then when all that gets developed and it's in full bloom, then I say you can expand and go beyond and do rezoning. Rezoning is a political decision. To expand...to go from one thing to another, it's all political. You know that, as well as I do. The point is, let's concentrate on what we have. We have 300 to 500 pieces of property that are abandoned, businesses that are hurting, yet you still want to expand...for what? My father always used to say, (he was an intelligent man, but he wasn't literate), "Concentrate on what you got, and take care of what you got first, then look for other things." I say that to this Council here to. He wasn't a Harvard graduate. In fact, all he did was tend goats and sheep in Greece, but he was a genius. So, let's concentrate on developing the City instead of running here – and to me, it's just an escape mechanism, as far as I'm concerned. The City is deteriorating, in case you don't know. It's on the verge of bankruptcy, yet, you want to go and expand. These people that are so concerned about developing the City, let them come here and develop our Urban Development parcels that are available. I might be mistaken on that, but I'm almost sure there are a few. Let's concentrate on the City itself, instead of going to the outer wings...I feel very strongly about it. You do what you want to do. I've lived in the City only 81 years, I don't know if I'll live another 10, but Obama got me dead already, but that's quite alright, because in another 10 years, I won't get any more healthcare because of him. I plan on outliving him. Let's stay...let's not rezone it. Let's develop what we got here in the City. I feel very strongly about this. As far as the skateboard park, I've got my eye on that one – don't move it until you have the Youth Center fully operational. I do appreciate your time. I got off the subject a little, but let's develop what we got first. If these people want to come in and develop one of these pieces of property, let them come in. Leave Sunfish Cove go because it used to be a good fishing place, too.

Dated: May 17, 2013

I hereby certify that this a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City Chamberlain