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Subject: 2045 Comprehensive Plan comment

2045 Comprehensive Plan Comment:

What is the rush to have the 2045 comprehensive plan approved next month?

- The group that you chose to do the comprehensive plan for the town has only done two other plans per their website. And both of these plans are well under 50 pages versus the hundreds and hundreds of pages for the Town of Dryden. In contrast to these 2 realistic and logical plans, this CP has vague action items that can be manipulated or molded to fit any personal or political agenda.
- The most striking thing about the statistics that are imbedded in this plan is that 24.7% of minors live under the poverty range! The mission statement must address this distasteful fact. Simply stated "We are putting together a plan that will enhance the lives of every child in Dryden today and all the children well into the future." Everyone should know that the T/O Dryden is taking positive measures to improve lives. The status quo isn't acceptable.
- Although the T/O Dryden is legally separate from the Villages of Freeville and Dryden, it is negligent not to mention them in the plan. Each section of the plan impacts the Villages of Freeville and Dryden in some manner. Broad statements can help to cultivate a sense of community and help to alleviate the discord among citizens.
- The plan does not address continuity between the previous plans that the Town has scripted in the past. There are comments about the previous plans but the action items for those plans are not carried over or finalized in this plan. Appendix A does not logically connect to the current plan. This plan stands alone. There are no standards that can be measured to validate the progress or the success of this plan. The status of each prior Plan recommendation must be systematically documented year after year until completed.
- A community survey was done in Mid-2020 for the plan. Responses came via online and on hard copy. Of the 6,000 households in the Town of Dryden, 740 responded plus adding the few dozen who attended the workshops - an appalling response of 12-15% These responses were used to craft the 2045 plan. Clearly, 85% - 88% of residents have had no say in the 2045 plan. How can that be considered acceptable?
- The public input & plan review comments should be published. Each point or comment should have a response that is specific to why or why not it can be considered for inclusion in the plan. After comments and responses are published, another public hearing should be held. I suggest the Shopper ad NOT have thin white font on a grey background so the ad is easily seen and read.
- I fully realize that public comment and my suggestions will have no bearing on the plan that is implemented. We are the ones who will be living with the ramifications long after the current administration has moved on.

Thanks, Paula Parker

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