

DRAFT Meeting Notes

Local Planning Committee Meeting #2

Thursday, September 24, 2026

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Yonkers Riverfront Library

LPC Members in attendance:

Susan Gerry
AJ Chiarella
Marisol Mancebo
Luis Armando Muniz Jr.
Michael Oates

City staff

Akeem Jamal, Jaime Martinez, Nick Chiarella, Abby Dedman, Adrian Djonbalaj

NYS Staff

Amanda Wild, Eric Warren

Consultant Team Staff

Valerie Monastra, Bill Brady

- Ms. Monastra welcomed the LPC members, staff and the public to the meeting.
- LPC members will provide their Code of Conduct Forms to Ms. Wild, and members will also provide Recusal Forms when any conflict of interest arises.
- Ms. Monastra gave an overview of the recent and upcoming outreach efforts. Mr. Brady also gave an overview of the outreach at the Yonkers Riverfest held on September 19.
- Ms. Monastra discussed the draft DRI Vision and Goals and comments received from the LPC since LPC meeting #1. The LPC agreed to the Vision as revised.
- Ms. Monastra gave an overview of the Open Call for Projects, which began on September 10 and will close on October 16. Virtual information office hours will also be held.
- Ms. Monastra gave an overview of the draft Project Evaluation Criteria, including a draft of the Project Evaluation Worksheet. The LPC did not recommend any changes to the Criteria. Ms. Monastra also noted how the LPC will review and recommend the final slate of projects while taking into consideration feedback from the public.
- The public was given an opportunity to make comments. It was also noted that the public can visit the DRI website and submit questions by email.
- The next LPC meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- Ms. Monastra noted that the meeting presentation will be posted on the DRI website, which will include information on all meetings, information on projects and presentations. The website can be found at: www.yonkersdri.com.
- The public and the LPC can contact Ms. Monastra with any questions via the DRI e-mail at: Yonkers_DRI@nelsonpope.com.