



Chautauqua's Street Light Modernization Project

CPOA Outdoor Lighting Committee

September 2016 - January 2017

Your Outdoor Lighting Committee has continued to make progress during the Fall, working closely with Chautauqua Utility District (CUD) and Chautauqua Institution (CI).

CUD - In September, CUD received 2 National Grid (NG) street light documents, replacing similar documents received in the Spring that deal with the purchase of the existing NG lighting facilities, and installation of new light. After the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) dictated that National Grid (NG) couldn't charge CUD for a Transfer Study, these documents were revised and new drafts were sent in January that took out the Transfer Study, and called it a Field Survey. In January, Executive members of our committee reviewed these documents and discussed with CUD legal counsel, William Wright. The great news is that CUD legal counsel thought that these documents were reasonable and would not delay moving to a mutually agreeable position for signing.

In the Fall, we had several CUD/CPOA Integration meetings with the CPOA Officers (by phone) and the CUD Board of Supervisors. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss current and future support from CPOA to CUD for the New Street Lighting Project. Fortuitously, the need to fund outside legal fees and a Transfer Study required by NG, vaporized with the external lawyer being hired as new CUD lawyer, and the PSC deciding that NG couldn't charge for the Transfer Study. Also, CUD will not need financial assistance in the future, as these efforts will be in their budget after 2016.

CI – On November 2nd, Bill Neches and I met with John Shedd to review the latest plans for the new Neri Street Lights for the new Amphitheater. He showed us the latest plans which have 5 new Neri post mounted lights on Clark, between the south side of the Library and the "Box Seat" (corner of Palestine and Clark). Thanks to our lighting experts, led by Terry McGowan, we are helping CI with eye healthy and eco-friendly (warmer color and lower intensity) bollards to be installed around the Amp, which have just come on the market.

Respectfully submitted,

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