Village of Black River
Comprehensive Plan Committee
Agenda
June 11, 2026
6:30 P.M.

- Call to order
- Review of agenda
- Review & approve meeting minutes from the meeting held on May 14, 2026
- Comments from the public
- **Sidewalk Improvement Presentation:** Ms. Morgan and students from Black River Elementary School
- **Tug Hill Commission**: Matt Johnson

  Maria Covey
- **Focused Topic Session**: Housing and Historic preservation
- **Village Historian:** William Reichard will be present.
- Maria will have a list of buildings in the village that are considered eligible for the national and state registers for historic places.
- Matt Johnson will be able to answer questions to the historical side of things.
- General concept is "what does the village already have and what should be preserved in the future"

- Maria will share a brief report from Kamargo and Briarwood Housing development representatives.
- Comments from Committee members
- Adjournment

Please contact the village office at 315-773-5721

or email deputyclerk@blackriverny.gov if you are unable to attend

Thank You!

Village of Black River
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Meeting
May 14, 2026
6:30 PM

The meeting of the **Comprehensive Plan Committee** was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Present:
Chairman Shepard
Member Branagan
Member Hayes
Member Kowalick
Member Mace

Absent:
Member Benson

Others Present:
Matt Johnson
Maria Covey
Chris Barboza
Samuel Wilson

The Minutes from the April 16, 2026 meeting were reviewed.

Member Morgia made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Aldrich. Motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comments:
No public comments were presented

Infrastructure update
Jason MEO from the DPW attended and reported that the overall condition of the village infrastructure is good. Future considerations may include increasing the size of water lines to accommodate additional capacity and support future business growth.

Sidewalk repairs are currently being completed through spot repair efforts; however, the long-term goal is to repair and expand larger sections of sidewalks throughout the village.

Pedestrian Path Discussion
In relation to sidewalks and pedestrian access, the committee discussed the idea of a "Priority pedestrian path" (P3) through the village. The proposed route would connect Maple Street Park through the Black River Trail system. Maria will work on mapping the discussed route.

Additional discussion included extending sidewalks, or potentially widening the shoulder area, along Leray St. to the Blizzard Barn

Traffic and Safety Concerns

Committee members discussed traffic concerns during elementary school pick-up times, noting potential hazards for both the fire department and the ambulance squad operations.

Additional concerns included speeding on various village streets and the need for pedestrian pathways near the Black River Trail to allow safer crossing access at Route 3. Chris Barboza will follow up with the Department of Transportation regarding these concerns.

Grants and Community Initiatives

The committee discussed transportation and infrastructure related grant opportunities. Members also emphasized the importance of including a commitment to becoming a climate-smart community within the Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine (Josi) Yawger
Deputy Clerk