

## **Livable Tarrytowns Candidate Questionnaire – David Kim**

***1. What are the top five places (e.g., an intersection, a street crossing, a particular roadway) in Tarrytown that you would like to improve for pedestrians and bicyclists? What specific changes do you think would improve each of the sites?***

Here are my 5 not in an order of priority - Tarrytown MNR Station / Cortlandt & Main; Washington Street between Franklin & Beekman (I realize this is part of Sleepy Hollow but it is an important connector between our communities); Broadway (Route 9) between Prospect & Lakeview; Route 119 corridor; Central Avenue corridor; Broadway corridor from Prospect going north to Sleepy Hollow.

***2. From your perspective, please explain why making our streets safe for all neighbors is a matter of equity.***

Not every can drive and many cannot afford to own and operate an automobile. The youngest and the oldest among us along with the poor deserve "safe" access to our public streets.

***3. For candidates who have previously served on the Board of Trustees: over the past term, what initiatives have you voted for that helped make our streets safer for everyone in Tarrytown, no matter their age or physical ability?***

Since I have been on the BOT, I have worked with the Transportation & Mobility Council to install the crosswalk at Neperan & Grove, install the stop sign and corner painting at McKeel & Beech, initiated the effort to apply for and receive the SS4A grant, and finally get an On-call Transportation Planning & Engineering consultant to help with future improvements.

***4. Do you believe Tarrytown should update our current complete streets policy to incorporate an accountability mechanism (e.g., a point system similar to the one recently adopted by Sleepy Hollow), to make sure street improvement projects get completed each year? Why or why not?***

Yes, it will help in making safe streets practices part of everyday village operations.

***5. Are there ways that you think Tarrytown could or should collaborate with the government of Sleepy Hollow to enhance work on "Safe Streets for All" across the two villages? How?***

As initiated in SS4A, our two municipalities along with the school district share the street network. People within our respective villages do not see streets as Tarrytown's or Sleepy Hollow's. We see them as a means to get to accomplish daily tasks like grocery shopping or meeting up with friends. One of SS4A recommendations will suggest forming a shared "mobility committee" that will address specific issues related to improving safety for everyone.

***6. Will you commit to walking or biking to and from at least ten Board of Trustees meetings during the upcoming year?***

Yes, I have been doing this before my role on the BOT and have no reason to change.

***7. If you believe the current cost of housing in the village is excessive, what specific actions should village government take to address the situation?***

There is a broad consensus that housing costs are high not only in Tarrytown but in America as a whole. The best action we can take locally is to enable building of new housing of all types. That

may include one or two big projects (either Affordable or private) but I think incremental increases of one- to four-unit buildings within the village core is more beneficial to the Village in the long run.

***8. Can you briefly share your vision for ensuring Tarrytown is an inclusive, thriving, and livable community in the years and decades ahead? What policies would you prioritize to achieve this vision?***

My goal is to expand the choices specifically on housing and mobility as a priority. In housing, suitable options should be available for a person who grows up here as well as for someone arriving here for the first time. The same goes for mobility. A person should have viable options to walk, bike or take transit just as much the option to own and operate a car if they can afford to.