

Question Cards

Participants were given index cards and asked to write questions for the team to answer online following the workshop. These cards were collected at the end of the workshop, and the following are all the direct quotes.

Questions

Would like to see better clearer messaging about the planning process. What is already decided? (e.g. parking garage?) What is the goal/purpose of this process?

Comments

Suggestions for the Subarea Plan

Please consider parking garage where De Ja Vue [sic] is currently located.

After parking structure is complete the parking situation in Sheridan Beach needs to be addressed. Commuters are overrunning the residential neighborhoods around the Town Center, especially 170th and 171st.

Take advantage of existing environmental features by daylighting Lyon Creek and tying Blue Heron park and Whispering Willows Park into a larger greenspace. Daylighting the Creek would allow a natural space to be created in the southwest corner of Town Center.

Ensure that commercial tenants are being considerate to the neighbors of the Town Center. Our home has been overrun with a bad odor from MOD Pizza, and we want to be sure that this does not become a larger problem.

Expand City Hall to include a civic square, real police station, and maybe a community rec center.

Merlone Geier should deed right-of-way to city in exchange for ability to create greater density in the Town Center. City-owned right-of-way would create a greater feeling of civic involvement for the community.

Living walls to make garages green.

Playgrounds for young and old, with spray park, away from garage and road.

Process

Public needs to understand the process in more detail.

Would like to see better clearer messaging about the planning process. What is already decided? (e.g. parking garage?) What is the goal/purpose of this process? You could avoid a lot of the anger, shouting etc with more clear up-front communication.

Please create a citizens' advisory or participation committee for design and planning for the TOD.

Venue

Obviously need a bigger space for everyone to gather in—a school perhaps.

Need a bigger venue—not as user friendly as I'd hoped. Thanks.

Guiding principles exercise

The “questions/survey” are useless as the [sic] are stated in the present but presenters are stating they actually relate to our future goals. –Sharon Brooksbank

This process needs significant improvement—the survey questions were multi-faceted. One can draw nearly any conclusion you chose [sic] from the responses. Hopefully the conclusions are not already drawn.

Clickers were great, but the questions were not well worded.

Comments should be heeded as they were clear and specific. However...charts and % results on the overall initial survey must be discarded as the survey questions were muddled with multiple questions with one single question. Many of the questions were written as if certain issues were already decided (when they are not)—and moving forward survey questions must be stripped of all/any hidden or implied agendas or erroneous done deals.

Small group exercise

Break out groups were too large, hard to get your comments communicated—breakout spaces going forward could be in classrooms?

Other

Makers reps are the hired professionals. They need to remain professional when the members of the audience get emotional. Show more empathy. Apologize for any intentional or unintentional insulting comments or they will never be heard or respected.

Thank you so much for reaching out, despite the angry responses. I appreciate the work you put into this. I hope that the rest of them go better.

Drama! Seriously though, thank you for holding this forum—as a new (hoping to be lifetime) resident I really like being involved in long term planning. My family is not scared of potential mixed use and we would like to see the community become more diverse, especially to welcome lower income families. Thanks for your work.

Hello, I'm concerned about the possibility of conflicts of interest in terms of councilmembers who may have financial/political/business interests w/ regard to the TOD. Even the appearance of impropriety is problematic. Those individuals should recuse themselves from all decision-making thereto.

