Lambertville Community Advisory Team Meeting Highlights October 1, 2020

Update since last meeting:

The co-chairs announced that Michael Zhadanovsky is stepping down from the CAT because he is moving out of the area. He was thanked for his enthusiasm, hard work, and commitment to the team and the mission.

Debrief from public design-vetting meeting with City Planner:

The co-chairs thanked everyone who took part in the design-vetting meeting on September 26th. It was noted about ninety members of the public filled out the survey in advance of the meeting and about thirty members of the public took part in the meeting. The event went smoothly and group consensus was achieved in real time as breakout room findings were shared, discussed, and memorialized by Emily Goldman and the CAT co-chairs.

Communications team:

• The communications subcommittee outlined their most recent discussion and activities, which largely centered around the beginning of Phase II. Future activities include CAT-specific email sign-ups, a CAT newsletter, and outreach for Phase II including identifying community stakeholders with the intention that CAT members will proactively seek broad and diverse engagement during Phase II. The CAT will also generate a Phase II introductory Q&A.

Talk of the town – what individual CAT members are hearing:

Since our last meeting, CAT members have heard from the public on a variety of topics, including questions or opinions about garage specifications at the mixed income site, the proximity of the high tension lines to the future building, costs related to moving the police and whether the city has already identified a developer. (That process has not begun.)

CAT presentation to Council – 10/6

The team reviewed the design recommendation report generated by city planner, Emily Goldman, at the meeting on September 26th. A few edits were made, and the co-chairs will seek clarification on several minor points with the city's land use attorney before a final review by the CAT. The co-chairs will then present the formal design recommendations to the City Council at their October 6th working session. The co-chairs will also present a CAT recommendation to conduct a Phase I environmental study of the police station site. A dissenting view will be included as well.

Phase II:

The team began a general discussion of Phase II. First steps will include video tours of the municipal sites for CAT members, publishing a history of each site, generating an introductory Q&A, and establishing a clear timeline and process for our work.

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