

**OLD CONVENTION CENTER SITE REDEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOP**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library
November 8, 2005**

Summary of Evaluation Forms

1. How would you rate tonight's Public Meeting, overall?

| | Excellent | | Satisfactory | | Poor | |
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| Rating: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Tally: | 4 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 1 | |

Comments:

Plenty of room for all attendees, good audio-visual, good brief overview, lots of time for Q&A, good Facilitator.

It was excellent despite concern about advanced notice being lacking.

Not enough seats.

Good beginning; continue to keep us informed.

More questions were raised on social issues rather than on urban planning.

I thought this was going to be a charrette, but it seemed like a lot of the visioning has already been accomplished.

The facilitator needed to take better control of the questions to ensure they were relevant to the topic at hand.

It was very informative. The illustrations and graphics were good.

Well executed, with groovy dance music.

Good.

Need to send out press release to list serves.

Great job with the handling of the questions.

Glad you had one, glad to be here.

Good on content, but one has to stay too long to fully participate.

The project overview should have been more detailed (eg. explain street opening options). Good job of setting the ground rules, even if the audience did not follow.

2. Were the presentations and posters understandable?

| | Excellent | | Satisfactory | | Poor | |
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| Rating: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Tally: | 8 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 0 | |

Comments:

Very easy to see and read narrative

Should provide a comprehensive report, not “eye wash” reports.

OK.

Still not concrete. What do you see as feasible and supportable?

Very well done.

Yes; they were detailed with lots of maps.

Perhaps inherently confusing to have to convey so much information.

A bit hard to read, text too small to see from a distance.

Confused about exactly what we were looking at and how that translated into what feedback you wanted.

Hard to weed through info to find salient points. I looked at them all but still don't have a clear understanding of the program.

Good variety of images to stimulate discussion. Could have been presented more straight forward for the residents. Presentations seemed geared for city planners and not the citizens.

3. How would you rate the question and answer portion of the meeting?

| | Excellent | | Satisfactory | | Poor | |
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| Rating: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Tally: | 4 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 2 | |

Comments:

It was extremely helpful to have a facilitator. Wonderful to have the decision makers/key members of the team present to answer questions.

Irrelevant.

Lively group of community activists. The questions were handled well.

Speakers remained professional but there seemed to be no real plan on how to engage residents from here. While speakers appeared to be sincere, it still appeared that a lot of the major decisions have already been made and this session was a formality.

Typical for these types of meetings, normal garbage you hear.

The presenters did an excellent job dealing with the variety of questions.

Let everyone have their say, good diplomacy.

Too many other side conversations. Speakers should ask people talking to lower voice or move further from presentation.

Too much political posturing.

Should restrain speeches and require questions.

Unfortunately there were a lot of people pushing their own agendas, which got tiresome.

Always good to field questions from the audience.

Nice job of getting folks to state their issues and then moving on to the next person.

Any additional comments:

Looking forward to the next meeting.

Have the integrity to provide people with substantive, comprehensive reports, not PR.

While I appreciate the outreach, it still does not seem this project is meant to fulfill different lifestyle needs, only public revenue needs. What do local residents say they NEED in this area?

The gentleman with the microphone who took questions from the audience was so competent in handling the audience. Thank you for this program.

Thanks, I look forward to the next one.

Keep the library at its present site, the land is very valuable, the location too good to give away. Spend the money on a complete renovation of the present site.

As a resident of 9th and M street (7yrs.) it was disconcerting to see a meeting full of city planners and developers and not the residents who should be giving their input. They live here not the developers. This process didn't seem designed to generate meaningful feedback from the residents.

How did you hear about today's meeting?

| Newspaper ad | Flyer | Postcard | Email alert | Other |
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