

date	5 December 2006		
project name	Lynn Waterfront Master Plan	project #	64275.00
meeting date	Saturday, December 2	time	10:00 AM
location	North Shore Community College - MBTA Room		

On Saturday, December 2, the City of Lynn hosted a public workshop. The Sasaki Planning Team made a presentation of the alternatives developed to date to the community. The Team presented a summary of the analysis presentation from September, a "site walk thru" of photos from the project area, the evolution of design ideas for the site area, and a series of photographs of comparable built work envisioned for the site. After the presentation, the Team opened up the presentation for comments and questions by those in attendance.

Below is a summary of the comments and suggestions made by the community.

#### Issues – Comments & Questions

- Worried that the new development will be insular
- What will the connections to Lynn Commons be like?
- How will uses along Washington Street be upgraded?
- Walmart and Water & Sewer Treatment Plant are not compatible uses
- What will be the "pull" for the rest of the City to the new development?
- Runoff is a big problem that needs to be addressed
- Fear that the water taxi will duplicate the effort of the commuter trains
- Who will pay for all of this?
- Concerned that traffic will be diverted through the neighborhoods
- Don't want downtown and adjacent neighborhoods to suffer from new development – upgrading the connections will be important
- Height issues – need to be in context of surrounding neighborhoods
- Recent money invested in Seaport Landing and clean up effort of Friends of Heritage State Park, hope to be able to have concerts in the new park

#### Goals/Suggestions

- Need short-term accomplishments and transition plans for sites to improve the Lynn mentality and self image
- Will need connections through the GE property for the Commuter station
- Move GE, T stop a few hundred yards north so that it is more accessible
- Consider use of canals in project design
- Want to see more connections south of Commercial Street from neighborhood to new development
- The LNG tank is not a compatible use, suggest relocating the LNG off-shore
- Broad & Market is a bad intersection, consider putting Lynnway underground there

- Incorporate Bike to the Sea trail along the Saugus Branch Railroad from Everett to Lynn in the design, such as a bike lane on the Lynnway; where will the trail end in Lynn
- Just spent City dollars on new sports fields elsewhere, want more passive uses on the waterfront
- North Shore Labor Council wants to work with the City to advance the vision
- Saugus River Watershed Council wants to protect the natural resources of the watershed; put up a gate to reduce contractor dumping of waste materials
- Community needs to see something happen soon
- Need to upgrade the boardwalk along Seaport Landing
- Park implementation should be in partnership with DCR
- Want the commuter shuttle to Boston
- Explore alternative sources of energy, such as wind turbines
- Need to make it attractive for neighboring commuters to come to Lynn
- Need a plan for ongoing maintenance and safety
- Would like to see ownership of properties put on website
- Preserve some green space at GE Bridge gateway
- Want to see thru traffic continue along route 1A instead of Towards Lynn Shore Drive
- Lynn community does not want to see the improvements for vehicles on Lynnway that were recommended in current transportation study, such as removing crosswalks
- Want people to use the commuter parking garage and take the T to Boston
- Improve connections between Sagamore Hill and the waterfront
- Removing the LNG tank should be a high priority – get city council and state delegation to recommend its removal
- Hope to see concerts in the park

During the Q&A period that followed the work session, the Sasaki Planning Team provided responses and input to stimulate the on going dialogue, as well as clarify to the existing regulatory restrictions that govern future development within the 300-acre site. Sasaki will take all of the issues and suggests into consideration as long as they are compatible with the overall mission, practical, and can be incorporated into the future master plan.

The City along with Sasaki will host a project briefing meeting, in the near future, to review the plans with congressional representatives and possibly the new administration to seek support and help in funding infrastructure improvements.