

MINUTES OF ST. ELIZABETHS EAST ADVISORY BOARD

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Selected Comments

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LCDR SCHAFLER: I always go back to the ancillary properties that are, the farm, the no-man's land the 801 shelter, the, I mean, those, **at some point we have to enter into discussions -**

LCDR SCHAFLER: - about what goes on with the shelter, what happens to the horse stables. That, I'd like to see weddings take place at that barn, and some sort of an event structure there that is community based, that is run by locals, that there's maybe a farmer's market there. **I mean, there's lots of opportunities in that space,** and that space is owned by the city.

MR. FISHER: Yeah.

LCDR SCHAFLER: And, and under your purview?

MR. FISHER: Yeah, and that's what I was just saying, like, we're trying to figure out, like, what we can do, who an operator could be. You know, we have to figure out what type of infrastructure.

MR. FISHER: Yeah, the Department of Behavioral Health owns that facility and operates that facility. I think, what you will see, that there's approximately 430 beds.

LCDR SCHAFLER: Yep.

MR. FISHER: - or so in that facility. I think the ideal plan - We expect that we're going to have some **homeless shelter** of some sort on this campus somewhere. A much smaller one, with better services, with **daytime programming**. But I think -

LCDR SCHAFLER: Transitional, people are going to work from there, and -

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MR. FISHER: Yes. I mean, very briefly, over the course of 19 years, Events DC will provide \$760,000 in scholarships to different Ward 8 organizations, educational scholarships, **\$475,000 for career development and, yeah, career development and educational services** \$950,000 for annual community events such as Congress Heights Day, and other Ward 8 community events as well.

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And then a segue from, those are the amenities of the central building 190, but there's also a community aspect to this development on parcel 5, there's 14,000 square feet of **community space**, most of it in the basement, that **will be used for anything** from incubator space for small businesses, to training, to classes, to popup retail, to small businesses. So we're also trying to figure that out. That's a really important aspect of this 252 unit project

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MR. FISHER: A **senior wing, or something** like that. I think that's something that, I think could be done. I don't think you'd have to have an entire building dedicated to seniors, but I think you can.

MS. CUTHBERT: Oh no, yeah -

MR. FISHER: I think there's ways to accomplish what you want.

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MR. RODIGER: And if you guys have any, you know, there's no, there's no market research that tells you, like, a WeWork would work here.

In the past, live/work, people have struggled with. It's always something that developers try to get a hold of early, and **try to figure out how to make it work, and how it contributes to the greater, kind of the greater good of the neighborhood** in Congress Heights, and for St. Elizabeths.

MR. RODIGER: Yes, absolutely, neighborhood-serving retail and food grocer would be fantastic. So if we could get a great grocery store here, or a pharmacy, you know, any of those. Any of those **servicing neighborhood needs, absolutely, that's what we're looking for.**

I mean, so honestly, there is interest from a grocer that, and it is not Safeway, and I think that it's -

MR. RODIGER: So, yeah, so that's, that's been part of the conversation. What's interesting is the 14,000 square feet of **community space** could be an incubator for the, creating those kinds of jobs, and doing training. So something like that, you can put the pieces together so they all work.

We're pretty close to the end. The last item here is new business. **Any questions, suggestions, things we can do better, things we want to see at the next meeting?**

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MR. RODIGER: So I think it's a great idea. I think it's a great idea. It's, they are looking at high-bred models, where it's limited stay, and extended stay, with some kind of, there's some, there is **some conference space-slash-training** space. There's demand, and it's a good fit for the location.

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MR. FISHER: Yeah. So now if there are any changes or renegotiations, then there's **always an opportunity for that** until it gets signed. But at the community meeting two weeks ago, three weeks ago maybe -

MS. BUNN: Yeah, I, just read an update on where things stand with Gateway, the pavilion, and just activation and activities, and ...

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MR. FISHER: So, but the pavilion can be moved, and we still have a little bit of space on the campus. And **we're trying to be creative** to figure out what we do with the farm parcel, you know, what are we going to do with the barn? I mean, I've said this before, you know, you could have Eastern Market, you could have Southern Market right there in that barn. **On those two floors, we can come up with something creative.** We've got to get somebody to operate it and make it sustainable, and then we have to still build the infrastructure up there.

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MR. FISHER: A garage. Whether it's, like I said, some other, I'm just throwing this out there. Let's say we got Google, or whoever, coming over here, that's where they got to go, unless they have **some real creative ways to use the Maple Quad**, which we're trying to figure out too.