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Section 1: Notification
Information & Responses

A Citizen’s Participation Meeting was scheduled for July 28, 2014 at the Mallet’s Creek Library. Notification cards were sent to 554 citizens within 1000 ft of the site using the City provided lists of owners and addresses. Contact information for the architect was provided on the card. Please see Appendix for copy of notification master.

Nineteen cards were returned as undeliverable. No phone calls or emails were received before the meeting.

Section 2: Presentation

Midwestern Consulting Inc. prepared a color rendered site plan that is attached in the appendix of this document.

Mitchell and Mouat Architects prepared colored renderings depicting the design of the proposed buildings. Two renderings were presented below:

View driving north on Platt Road

View looking to the west across open Play Area and to Play Structure
Citizens were provided the opportunity to view the site plan and renderings before and after the meeting.

The Director of the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, Jennifer Hall, introduced the team at the meeting who included the Project Development partner, Lori Harris of Norstar, the Civil Engineer, Scott Betzoldt of MCI, and Mark Borys of Mitchell and Mouat Architects.

Jennifer outlined the current situation of affordable housing in the City as well as the particular challenges presented at this site. She also explained the recent history of how this site on the east side of Platt has expanded and been redesigned to the current Site Plan configuration.

A description was provided of the project that locates 32 units and a Community building (office and meeting room for residents) in six buildings. Each resident building is a two-story townhouse with a mix of various bedroom counts per unit occurring throughout the site. However, the larger, 5-bedroom units are to the interior of the site. The unit mix includes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom units on the site seeking Site Plan Approval.

Joan, from Community Action Network, was asked to describe her involvement with other AAHC sites and how her group works with kids in summer camps and educational workshops, and adults in financial planning. Joan discussed her success at a similar AAHC site at Hikone. Joan suggested that a 30 family network offers the most success to her programs since an appropriate “critical mass” of participation is met. Funding for her programs is an on-going pursuit.

Sign in Sheets are provided in the Appendix.

Following are various Discussions that occurred during the Presentation:

**Storm water management** – Questions were about the slope of the edges of the basin and volume of water that might occur in the basin during a major storm event

The slope at the edges is a gradual 1:5 and there could be up to 4 feet of water for a 24 – 48 hour period after a major storm event.

**Traffic Patterns** – Commenters liked the dual lots, but asked about school bus pick-up.

Jennifer said further negotiations would occur with AAPS for bus routing and pick-up.
General questions about the Project’s physical and financial makeup – Answers follow

- Maintenance budgets come from various sources.
- Funding also comes from rents that are “adjusted by family income” and can vary from family to family. Rents will also vary by inflation.
- Under present Zoning regulations there could be 22 units constructed on this site. A rezoning would allow up to 45 units - this Plan has 32 units.
- Density is less than adjacent Colonial Square.
- There are no basements so that some of the Units can be Barrier-Free Accessible. Additional storage rooms in the units are provided.
- Units vary in size from 700 SF for a 1-bedroom to 1600 SF for a 5-bedroom unit.
- Some units have balconies on the 2nd floor. There will be no fencing surrounding unit patios.
- Some of the comments favored the proposed unit density for a vibrant community, to maintain a ‘critical mass’ for community programs and based on success of their own neighborhoods, and some thought it too dense for this particular neighborhood.

Long term planning and financial commitments were questioned –

Lori Harris, part of the Development Team explained that there is a financial commitment to this Project for 45 years. Construction would occur early next summer.

Questions and Discussions occurred about the site –

- A Play Structure will occur at the site.
- Open play areas are available for Kids.
- The retention basis is adjacent to play areas but has a very shallow sloped bank to be safe for kids. Water will be retained for short periods.
- Tenants can have gardens of their own design.
- Rain gardens could be developed for gardens and to minimize water run-off.

Please see the Appendix for:

a. Notification Card
b. Layout and Rendered Site Plan
c. Sign In Sheet
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Ann Arbor, MI 48108-1870

Owner
1035 Long Lake Dr
Brighton, MI 48114

Resident
3117 Wolverine Dr
Ann Arbor, MI 48108-2080

Resident
3059 Wolverine Dr
Ann Arbor, MI 48108-2041

Resident
3315 Williamsburg Dr
Ann Arbor, MI 48108-2029

Resident
3255 Platt Rd
Ann Arbor, MI 48108-1811

Resident
3451 Platt Rd
Ann Arbor, MI 48108-1815

Resident
3351 Nordman Rd
Ann Arbor, MI 48108-1844
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