

Project: 14045— Lancaster Economic Development Strategic Plan

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PROJECT NAME: Lancaster Economic Development Strategic Plan

MRA PROJECT #: 14045

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2015

LOCATION: Lancaster, PA — McCaskey High School

SUBJECT: March Public Meeting

ATTENDEES:

PREPARED BY: Tom McGilloway/John Hershey; March 19, 2015

1. PRESENTATION

- » Tom McGilloway, Tripp Muldrow and John Hershey presented the draft plan and opened up the floor for questions and comments.

2. DISCUSSION

- » Question about how showing redevelopment of private property. Team response that we met with many property owners. For others the redevelopment is showing potential, should they wish to reinvest in their property. Redevelopment is not mandated.
- » Question about renovation of existing buildings vs. demolition and developing new. Team response that plan includes both. Emphasis on renovation of significant and historic properties. Most demolition proposed for underutilized properties, one story buildings, etc.
- » Suggestion that entrepreneurs should consider socially responsible ones.
- » Higher education role in the process requires more refinement; there are opportunities to tie this to issues of poverty, environment and social inequity.
- » What have other communities done right (or wrong?) that could serve as examples here. Team response that communities most successful have high degree of trust and collaborative spirit. This is strong in Lancaster. Communities without trust fail.
- » Don't limit small business focus to retail; include other small businesses and include higher education.
- » Gentrification is concern for African American community in SE. Plan needs to be purposeful with inclusion without excessive gentrification.
- » Affordable housing discussion needed. Magnolia Place is great, but we also need affordable housing.
- » Question about final draft availability. Presentation will be posted on LCA website.

3. NOTE CARDS

- » Include Lancaster County Career and Technology Center – CareerLink - Adult Education
- » Housing affordability
- » Environmental Impact Study

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