

SENIOR CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT

Community Engagement Session 04: Community Services & Economic Development

Robert King High Community Room: 1407 NW 7th Street, Miami, FL 33215

May 03, 2017 | 6:00 – 8:00pm

SUMMARY

The meeting focused on the community amenities and services that will be provided in the redevelopment project. The goal of this meeting was to focus on: 1- Additional services and amenities that can be offered on site. 2- Discuss the possibility of Mixed-Use and Mixed-Age housing 3- To gather community input on the proposed Miami Riverwalk, community amenities, services, and recreational areas. Presenters included representatives from Florida International University as well as the redevelopment design team. All responded to questions and comments from the community [See Meeting 4 Agenda]. Attendees were informed that a summary of the proceedings, accompanied by the full visual presentation, would be posted after the meeting at: <http://seniorcampus.fiu.edu>.

PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Ralph Rosado, Meeting Manager, Florida International University and Michael Liu, Director, Public Housing and Community Development, began by reviewing the scheduled dates for the Community Engagement Sessions and the agenda for Meeting #4. Director Michael Liu then proceeded to give a brief introduction regarding the scheduled Pen-to-Paper Session scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2017 and urged for all residents and community members to attend.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION

Mr. Ralph Rosado, Florida International University, presented:

ADULT EDUCATION:

Healthcare –related educational courses: [pdf. pp 5]

Continuing education courses for seniors: [pdf. pp 5]

- The presentation geared towards the possibility of having adult education courses taught in the existing community room, or other locations on-site.

ADULT HEALTHCARE:

- **General Health, Oral Health, and Mental Health:** Residents expressed their interest in having adult healthcare facilities for the aforementioned topics on site. [pdf p. 7-8]

MIXED-AGE HOUSING: Possible mixed-age housing within the Senior Campus:

- Currently, there are age restrictions for the existing buildings located at the Senior Campus (Robert King High, Hailey Sofge, and Martin Fine Villas). The presentation focused on the possibility of allowing professionals, who are younger than the allowed age restriction, to live in the proposed new buildings constructed within the Senior Campus. [pdf p. 9]

MIXED-USE HOUSING: Possible mixed-use housing within the Senior Campus:

- An explanation of mixed-use housing was given to the audience with an emphasis on the possible location of a mixed-use building being along N.W. 7th Street. [pdf p. 11-12]
- Other potential site uses that were discussed included: banks, restaurants, pharmacy, coffee shops, bakery, medical office(s), incubator spaces, etc. [pdf p. 13-16]
- Audience members discussed the need for mixed-use housing to accommodate residents and the adjacent community

MIAMI RIVERWALK:

- An overview of the Miami Riverwalk proposal was presented along with information from the City of Miami's 'Miami 21' zoning code (Article 3, section 3.11_Waterfront Standard). [pdf p. 18-19]
- A conceptual rendering, by others, of the proposed Riverwalk in other areas of Miami was presented. [pdf p. 20]
- Examples of similar Riverwalk projects and designed 'edge conditions' was presented as precedence [pdf p. 21-23]

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SIMILAR PROJECTS:

- Images of the proposed Underline by James Corner, Field Operations, were presented to the audience to show possible design solutions to the existing river edge. [pdf p. 24-26]

UPCOMING CHARRETTE:

- Mr. Ralph Rosado discussed the upcoming charrette scheduled for May 06, 2017. The discussion included the proposed agenda, explanation of the charrette process, and questions that will be asked of the participants. [pdf p. 27-28]

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS | COMMENTS | RESPONSES:

Comment. Resident: There are some items that we want to ensure are maintained at the Senior Campus. We want to maintain our privacy. We do not want people from the outside walking through our property; we need to be safe. We would also like the residents to be able to receive some form of formal education as expressed in the presentation.

Comment. Resident: I would like to thank PHCD, Related Urban and FIU for showing us the possibilities for this project. I would like the Riverwalk to be similar to the example shown in San Antonio, Texas.

Comment. Resident: As a former teacher with 25+ years of experience, I offer my services to help with any educational courses offered at the Senior Campus.

Comment. Resident: The ideas and images shown for the proposed Miami Riverwalk look good, but we need to be practical and realistic. The proposed Riverwalk will take away any privacy we currently have on site.

Comment. Resident: I have lived in the neighborhood for 37 years and I have seen the services provided disappear; the services led to the better wellbeing of the residents.

Mixed-aged use is a good idea. The elderly give young people advice, and the young are able to energize the elderly.

Café and/or restaurants are good ideas.

As a member of the Miami River Commission, I am disappointed in the way that the presentation is presented to the community.

What input do the surrounding neighbors have regarding this project?

Comment. Resident: Thank you (to PHCD, F.I.U., Related Urban, and all the people involved in the redevelopment) for trying to make our home more beautiful! Not everyone has the luxury of having a home; I'm grateful for this new opportunity you are giving us. I would also like to give thanks to the City of Miami Police Department for taking good care of all of us and for always being present and quick to respond.

Comment. Resident: I would like to see a beautiful and safe Riverwalk with flowers and lighting. Some of the residents are very active and like to walk. I personally would like to take a stroll at night before going to bed.

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Q. Resident: Who will be responsible to clean up the laundry room, common spaces, etc.

Comment. Resident: I agree with the Miami Riverwalk proposal. I think we can have the proposed Miami Riverwalk and keep our privacy as well.

Comment. Resident: I would love the river to be improved. But listen, I don't want everybody walking through my backyard. We as residents are supposed to be respected. The idea of the gate, for us to have a card and access the river is a very good idea. For the lady that spoke about the cleaning, the County does hire people to clean up the buildings, of course we have to be nice and clean, but we are not forced to clean the public spaces. About the difference of ages (mixed-age housing), I'm against it and couldn't handle it. I am also against businesses inside the property.

Comment. Resident: The existing kitchens only have one (1) outlet; please make sure the new kitchen designs have more than one outlet.

Comment. Resident: I like the idea of having a clinic or medical facility on site. I agree with a mixed-age complex. I would like to see a floor plan showing the distribution of space for the individual units.

Comment. Office of Commissioner Frank Carollo, City of Miami-District 3: To everyone involved, please note that we are here to help with this process. Feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

Comment. Resident: I do not agree with Mixed-age housing on site and do not want it. I also have concerns regarding our privacy with the proposed Miami River design.

Comment. Resident: I agree we should have a doctor's office or medical office on site. I do not agree with Mixed-age housing. I do agree with Mixed-Use housing on N.W. 7th Street. I do not agree to opening the Miami Riverwalk to the public; I don't like the public accessing our portion of the river.

Comment. Resident: I would like to have a sewing room as one of the community spaces. It will give the residents something to do and we can donate items to the local hospitals.

Comment. Neighbor: I agree with the Miami Riverwalk proposal and the Miami 21 Code. I do agree with the having a security fence and gate for the residents of the Senior Campus.

Ralph Rosado: On Saturday, May 06, 2017 we will be handing the pens over to all of you. We will bring print outs of the previous four (4) meetings so you can review the information before sketching out your ideas. We want to see your thoughts and what your desires for the site are.

NOTE:

This document, drafted by FIU and finalized in consultation with Miami Dade County PHCD and Related Urban, was prepared as a brief summary of the topics discussed on 05.03.17. It does not constitute full minutes of the meeting.

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