

DMV Site Project Working Group- Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2024

Martin Street Baptist Church 6pm | [Meeting Presentation](#)

Members Present:

Anthony Pope | Tara Minter | Helen Tart | Harolynn Coplin | Dr. Shawn Singleton | Karen Haynes | Harold Mallette | Tolulope Omokaiye

Members Absent:

Felts Lewis | Clark Rinehart | Desmond Dunn | Dr. Ajamu Dillahunt-Holloway

Staff Present:

Nadia Moreta (Community Engagement) | Shakera Vaughan (Community Engagement) | Tansy Hayward (Deputy City Manager) | Emila Sutton (Housing and Neighborhoods) | Ken Bower (Planning & Development) | Jake Levitas (Planning & Development) | Katie Dombrowski (Communications)

- i. **Welcome & Ice Breaker** (6:07 – 6:12 pm)
 - a. PWG members were asked to identify their favorite restaurants in Raleigh.

- ii. **City Updates** (6:12 – 6:23 pm)
 - a. Parking Lot of Ideas and Questions
 1. Staff fulfilled the PWG's request for Stone's Warehouse project documents:
 - i. RFP
 - ii. RFP Evaluation Criteria
 - iii. RFP Questions & Answers
 - iv. Proposal Evaluation & Recommendation
 - v. RFP Scores
 - b. [Life on New Bern Webpage](#)
 1. Staff reviewed the Life on New Bern webpage with the different city projects impacting New Bern Ave.
 - c. Previous New Bern Ave. Engagement
 1. Staff reviewed previous engagement efforts that focused on New Bern Ave.
 - i. Public Engagement Summary New Bern Station Area
 - ii. The Story of New Bern Avenue
 - d. Current Public Projects on New Bern Ave.
 1. Staff reviewed the current public projects along New Bern Ave.
 - i. [Wake BRT](#)
 - ii. [Parks Project: Tarboro Road](#)
 - iii. [Tarboro Road Street Updates](#)
 - iv. [Road Improvements: New Bern Ave at Freedom Drive](#)
 - v. [Rezoning and Transit Overlay District \(TOD\)](#)
 - vi. [Shaping the Future of the Former DMV Site](#)
 - e. [Development Activity Webpage](#)

1. Staff reviewed Current Development Activity webpage where the community can find out the status of development cases in the city.
 - f. [iMaps](#)
 1. Staff reviewed the iMaps application where the community can find out local property data in Wake County.
- iii. **City and Community Visioning**—*Presented by Tansy Howard, Deputy City Manager (6:23 – 7:00 pm)*
- a. City Priorities
 1. Staff reviewed the [City of Raleigh Vision and Preparation for Former DMV Headquarters document](#) that identifies city priorities for the project.
 - i. Enhanced BRT Station
 - ii. Mixed-Income Housing
 - iii. Park/Greenspace/Cultural Gateway
 - iv. Support Services
 - b. PWG Questions
 1. Can the city prioritize heat and air conditioning at the BRT station, like a public lobby that the city could build as part of supportive services?
 - i. Staff: We can ask in the proposal criteria to ask and include areas that the public could gather to complement the station.
 2. Is there any space on the site dedicated to parking? Any allowance to decrease parking?
 - i. Staff: From the city’s perspective there’s no parking requirement at all for a site. Hopefully there would be joint shared parking if there are multiple uses for the site.
 3. What counts as a greenspace for this site?
 - i. Staff: We probably won’t get into specific designs in the proposal process; However, the PWG can identify examples of greenspaces in the proposal that give value to the community vision.
 4. Is the PWG grading the proposals?
 - i. Staff: No, city will evaluate them which is why criteria must be clear.
 5. Can we look to what they’ve done with the teacher’s village?
 - i. Staff: Could be a supportive services WCPSS might be on board with.
 - c. Project Working Group Priorities
 1. Staff tasked PWG members with answering the following question in an email to Nadia by the next PWG meeting (8/8):
 - i. **What are your priorities for the site?**
- iv. **Finalize PWG Charter (7:00 – 7:15 pm)**
- a. Staff reviewed the PWG Charter with the group.
 1. Group Accountability
 - i. Where do we want to post the updates we have, to share them with the public?
 - i. Website and social media
 - ii. Open to the public? Public comment period?

- iii. The group determined that they want to dedicate public comment sessions outside of the group meeting.
 - 2. Milestones:
 - i. Extending end date to Q1 2025
 - ii. City would like to present visioning to council in May 2025
 - iii. Staff committed to closing the circle with the PWG regarding the proposals received for the project.
 - v. **Engagement Opportunities – Temporary Activation (7:15 – 7:25 pm)**
 - 1. Staff reviewed temporary site activation proposal identifying engagement opportunities.
 - i. Level One: Learn – Information Sharing & Outreach
 - i. Quick wins: Bring people to site and inform the community
 - i. Kickoff event
 - ii. Community food market/distribution
 - iii. Local church outreach
 - iv. ‘I want to Have ___ on New Bern Ave’ Campaign
 - ii. Level Two: Ideate – Community Visioning
 - iii. Level Three: Curate – Programming Series
- vi. **Next Steps & Closing Remarks (7:25 – 7:35 pm)**
 - a. Next Session’s Topics
 - 1. Public Meetings and Comments
 - 2. Continue with City and Community Visioning
 - 3. PWG Community Engagement Opportunities
 - 4. Additional Temporary Site Activations Ideas
 - b. Collection of Parking Lot Questions/Ideas