

LIBERTY SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT

Community Engagement Session 01: Housing + Historic Structures

Liberty Square Community Center

September 29, 2016 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

MEETING SUMMARY

OVERVIEW

The meeting began with an update on the status of historic structures on the property, followed by a visual presentation of the proposed project phasing, site plan, facades, and unit plans. Presenters responded to questions and comments from the community [See Meeting 1 Agenda]. Attendees were informed that a summary of the proceedings, accompanied by the full visual presentation, would be posted after the meeting at: www.newlibertysquare.com.

PROJECT UPDATES

HISTORIC STRUCTURES

Albert Milo, Principal of Related Urban:

- The existing historic Liberty Square Community Center will be restored and updated.
- This consensus decision was reached with the Liberty Square Project Friends and Family Reunion, Inc. and Dade Heritage Trust. Mr. Phillip B. Walker, Sr., of Liberty Square Project Friends and Family Reunion, Inc. attended the meeting and was publicly acknowledged.

PHASING

- Planned phasing of the redevelopment plan was presented [See attached PDF p. 3].

LIBERTY SQUARE: SITE I BUILDING RENDERINGS | RESIDENTIAL UNIT TYPES

Ivo Fernandez of Modis Architects presented:

- Liberty Square Site Plan [PDF p. 2]
- Public and Affordable Housing Garden Style Buildings Types A and B Exteriors [PDF pp 4-6]
- Garden Style unit types, 1-4 bedrooms [PDF pp. 8-10]
- Elderly Housing Exterior and 1-bedroom unit type [PDF pp. 11-12]
- Renovated Historic Community Center Exterior [PDF p. 13]
- Home Ownership Townhomes Exterior [PDF p. 14]
- New Community Center Exterior [PDF p.15]
- Community Health Facility Exterior [PDF p. 16]
- Affordable + Workforce Apartment Exteriors [PDF pp. 17-18]
- Retail and Grocery Store Exteriors [PDF pp. 19-20]

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

In response to questions from the community:

- Mom and Pop businesses will be able to operate from units in the development
- Home ownership will include a first-time buyer program for residents, but continue to be subject to bank approvals.
- Current residents will have equal access as other applicants to home ownership units and financing.
- Current residents' benefits, including Veteran and Social Security Income, can be applied to the new units.
- Costs for the public housing will remain the same; application fees and processes will remain in place.
- The development will be 50% public housing, and 50% a mix of affordable and market rate housing, including senior housing.
- Construction will be phased. As needed, during construction, residents will be transferred to rehabbed vacant units at other locations within Liberty Square to allow for demolition.
- Residents will be consulted regarding the interior finishes of the units, but a joint decision will need to be made for all units.
- Disabled residents will be accommodated in accessible units with near-by accessible parking.
- The 3-story walk-up buildings have no elevators, but ground floor units will be accessible to those with disabilities.

- Design of the community will be pedestrian friendly, with traffic-calming elements; wide shaded sidewalks to accommodate bicycles; interior courtyard / playground spaces; and large community open spaces with amenities for neighborhood gatherings.
- Buildings will be designed to meet National Green Building Certification standards.

TOPICS DEFERRED TO UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS [See Meeting Announcement Flyer]

- Public transportation, including routes, location and number of stops
- School bus pick-up and drop-off, including locations, and door-to-door service.
- Public safety and building safety
- Educational and community facilities.

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 9.29.2016. It does not constitute full minutes of the meeting.