Community Advisory Team (CAT) Updates

The CAT is made up of resident volunteers committed to engaging with the community about redevelopment in Lambertville. To help foster ongoing communication, we'll provide regular updates of what we've been up to and what you can expect in the upcoming weeks. We'll provide these updates regularly and will also post them on the CAT page on the Lambertville site.

December/January, 2021

Here's a brief summary of what the CAT has been up to since our last update.

- The CAT welcomed Jeanna Korzun, a lifelong resident of Lambertville, community
 volunteer and college student who will bring the perspective of younger residents to the
 team. Jeanna will replace Sandra Harris, who moved to Connecticut to be closer to her
 new grandchild. Welcome Jeanna, and a big thank you to Sandra for her many
 contributions! Learn more about Jeanna here.
- The CAT has completed a third video Q&A with the Mayor about the Closson site. You can find all three here.
- What's next: Look for the CAT survey regarding the Closson Property in early February. Surveys will go out via email and paper copies will be available (details to come). English and Spanish versions will be available. Your feedback matters! We encourage all residents and business owners to participate.

November, 2020

Here's a brief summary of what the CAT has been up to in November. You'll find full details here.

- The CAT welcomed Lisa Easton, an architect who specializes in historic preservation.
 Lisa will replace Gary Toth, who could no longer serve due to time constraints. Welcome
 Lisa, and a big thank you to Gary for all his time and expertise! Learn more about Lisa's
 background here.
- City Council voted in favor of the CAT's design recommendations for the mixed-income building at the current police site with some minor modifications. Details are available on the <u>City's website</u>. The Planning Board found the redevelopment plan to be in compliance with the city's design standards.
- Mayor Fahl met with the CAT to share details of the City's proposal to study the
 purchase of the Closson property to preserve this land and possibilities for the police
 station site. Watch our video Q&As with the mayor for answers to some preliminary
 questions.

• What's next: The CAT is working on a plan to engage the community in this process. We'll share details once we're further along.

October, 2020

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- The CAT participated in a session with Emily Goldman, our city planner, and her team to review concept plans for the mixed-income housing development. Emily and her team then presented multiple options based on the feedback the community provided in our first survey and office hours, which were conducted July through August.
- Based on the outcome of that session, the CAT conducted a survey and hosted a public
 design-vetting meeting to gather community input on the design features of the mixedincome housing at the current police site. We had about ninety responses to the survey
 and thirty attendees at the meeting. We want to thank all participants for their valuable
 and thoughtful feedback! You'll find a summary of the results here.
- To address environmental concerns and questions raised by some residents, the CAT held a Q&A with environmental engineer Vince Mazzei <u>watch this video</u> to learn more. The CAT also voted in favor (10 6) of recommending a phase one environmental study to the city council for approval, which was shared at the council's October 6 public meeting. There are pros and cons to having the city conduct this study. The mayor and council will consider these and make a decision.
- What's next: We're beginning to turn our attention to Phase 2, which will include
 gathering information about city buildings, current and future needs assessment, what
 repairs are needed, understanding the various local stakeholders so we can make sure
 we gather feedback and input from as many residents as possible, and planning our
 community outreach efforts in the months ahead.