

Chandy, Binu

From: Chandy, Binu
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 4:52 PM
To: 'Eileen Martin'
Subject: RE: Derby Redevelopment

Hello Ms. Martin: Thank you for your comments on the Public Scoping Notice for the Derby Downtown Redevelopment Project. Your comments will be considered while issuing the Post-scoping Notice on the CEQ Monitor.

Thanks,

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From: Eileen Martin [mailto:ilean1950@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 7:40 PM
To: Chandy, Binu
Subject: Derby Redevelopment

Mr. Chandy,

This past fall I had visited the hometown of my father, Magdeburg, Germany. I had been there once before. I was 15 yrs old. Now since then, The Wall came down and the Russians left. What a beautiful country. The Elbe River runs through Magdeburg, and it is used. All the cities and towns along the river have lovely cafes and shops. Of course there are parks with walkways also. In Derby we have the Naugatuck River and the area of Derby that you are focused on is on the Housatonic River. A better way to be able to reach the Derby Riverwalk is needed in the downtown area. The road to the parking area that is there now seems to be going to the sewer treatment plant.

Any improvements to the downtown area are going to need parking.

The buildings that had lined the side of the street were lovely to see at one time. Unfortunately, they were not cared for and they were allowed to decay so badly that many thought the best thing would be to tear them down and start all over instead of trying to refurbish them. But that isn't working out too well for the Sterling Opera House.

So much history lost.

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From: Chandy, Binu
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 4:53 PM
To: 'Janice Kennedy'
Subject: RE: Public input sought in Derby improvements

Hello Ms. Kennedy: Thank you for your comments on the Public Scoping Notice for the Derby Downtown Redevelopment Project. Your comments will be considered while issuing the Post-scoping Notice on the CEQ Monitor.

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From: Janice Kennedy [mailto:janicedkennedy@att.net]
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To: Chandy, Binu ; Janice Kennedy
Subject: Public input sought in Derby improvements

Dear Sir or Madam,

My husband, and I have lived in Derby, Ct. for the past 18 years. We live in (Maplewood Condos), on Route 34, a 1/2 mile from the proposed site of the focused area westward to the Derby-Shelton Bridge. The traffic is so bad now you can't pull out of the entrance unless the light at Sentinel Hill turns red, and people actually stop.

The downtown redevelopment in Derby, has been in a holding pattern for all the time we have lived here and I expect it will be the same in the future. Unless we get some good sound commitment and direction from our leaders at the city and state levels. More studies have only put money into the developers hand.

The downtown improvements I feel will not be a benefit. Only more traffic. There are no stores to shop, restaurants to sit in except "Archie Moore". No foot traffic except folks walking the Green-way, visiting City Hall, or the Court House.

Business were forced to closed and relocated to other parts of the city or moved there business out of Derby, to more affluent communities.

If Loews' and Home-depot leave; the city would probably have to close it's doors.

Sorry, to be so negative but, there it is. Derby's redevelopment, is a dream that has never been brought to fruition.

Thank you,
Jan Kennedy