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Subject: Re: Follow up questions from the ECA Meeting 16 JAN 2020

I have gathered responses from different City departments. Please find responses below. Thank you,
Sally

1. Has the City considered building a police substation on the property behind the fire station or another location in close proximity?

This idea is being explored in the upcoming Capital Improvement Plan budget.

2. Has the City considered dedicating the space behind the fire station for green space?

From the Office of Environmental Policy: I am unaware of any plans to preserve the land behind the fire department as green space. Depending on the action taken for number one (police substation and what that would require), the Office of Environmental Policy can ask the Conservancy Board if they have an interest in pursuing a conservation easement.

3. City Dock isn't the only area that needs resiliency. How is the City addressing flooding in Eastport, particularly at 2nd Street and 4th Street?

From the Office of Environmental Policy: The Resiliency Work Group identified opportunities to build resiliency throughout the City. The City's resilience plan will identify concrete tasks, including the city's plans to address flooding.

4. The developer of Eastport Landing identified recreation space that was outside the .5 mile parameter to meet their Adequate Public Facilities requirement. Please explain how they were allowed to do this. Will the approval be rescinded?

From Recreation and Parks: The Eastport Landing is not using land outside of 1/2 miles to obtain meet their recreation requirement. Here is the correct information:

The Lofts will meet 10,800 square feet of recreational space onsite. The offsite square footage is 30,694, which is obtained by City parks located within a ½ mile of the proposed project. We allow bench spaces to be used as recreation. Most of our parks in Eastport only have a bench. We feel in today's world, passive recreation (peace and quiet) is just as important as active recreation.

The total recreation space is 41,494 (10,800 (onsite) + 30,694 (park land)). The applicant needed to create an additional 7,506 S.F. of public recreational space. They were unable to do that so they will be paying a fee-in-lieu. The calculation for the fee-in-lieu is:

Total Public Space Required: 49,000 sq ft
Total Public Space provided: 41,494 sq ft
Remaining Requirement: 7,506 sq ft @ 500 sq ft/unit = 15 units
Fee-in-lieu for remaining amount @ \$250/unit = \$3,750

5. There are multiple examples where developers promised public benefits to the community but later rescinded those promises without penalty from the City. What steps is the City and the Department of Planning and Zoning taking to ensure that citizen input is heard and acted upon?

The City has been working to coordinate across departments how we receive and propose public benefits from developers. It is often the case that one department welcomes a certain benefit, but another does not find the benefit feasible for different reasons. The first step in improving this process is to update and standardize how each department responds to Title 22: Adequate Public Facilities and to ensure that the departments are coordinated in their responses so we can effectuate a successful APF program. Staff also needs to clearly communicate with the public when finding a particular proposed public benefit is not feasible or should not be included as part of the application.