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Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission
Subcommittee Meeting
September 18, 2014
7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Fred Olds member of the commission, Dave Gaskin member of the commission/Subcommittee Chairperson, Jim Robson, Council member, Joe Looby, Planning Consultant from Stantec, and Fred Rottach, City Planner.

MEETING:

The meeting opened with Dave Gaskin allowing all individuals attending understand that the meeting focus was Kercheval Street between Alter Road and Wayburn. The Subcommittee was there to listen to all remarks, concerns, ideas, suggestion and thoughts concerning Kercheval Street. Approximately 25 individuals were in the audience. The audience consisted of residents, non-residents, both male and female ranging in all ages. Some Residents like the changes to Kercheval while others had concerns about the changes. Almost all persons attending were happy that the City of Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park had reached an agreement on the redevelopment of Kercheval Ave. between Alter Road and Wayburn and the surrounding area.

CONCERNS:

1. Did not like design and location of Farmer Sheds.
2. Thought development sent a bad message to Detroit residents.
3. The closure has caused more truck traffic in the area.
4. The design/planning process should show more citizen input.
5. The design of the roundabout was not well received by some.
6. People would like to see more business development in the area.
7. There was concern about parking for residents and businesses in the area.

COMMENTS:

1. Market and shopping in the area was well received.
2. People seem to like the street closure. Streets more friendly and walkable.
3. They like the fact that less transient traffic is attracted to the area since Art's Party Store is gone.
4. Want more restaurants, bars and a vegetable/meat grocery stores.
5. Very happy that Grosse Pointe Park reached an agreement to redevelop the area jointly.
6. David Gaskin, Chairperson, repeatedly asked for development recommendations and none were offered.

There was skepticism that both cities would not live up to their end of the agreement.

All attendees were allowed to speak and voice their opinion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by the chair at 9:00pm

NEXT MEETING

Tentatively scheduled for September 29, 2014 at 7:00pm