

State Center January 30, 2008

- Tie into the cultural center and neighborhood – Outdoor concert space... ?
- Parking? Metered or free? Some metered but a mix
- Two neighbors to think of – Urban League & Arena Theatre – Theatre space that could be used during the day for state meetings
- Close to Historic Penn Ave – Connection to Penn Ave – How do they tie together? Not to compete but compliment/collaborate. Benefit from each other. – Way-finding package with signage to connect to surrounding assets – Penn Ave is designated as a Heritage Neighborhood – Part of Heritage Trail – Booker T. Washington – Identified Marble Hill as a key location to African American Community
- Impressed by presentation – Like the public square on Preston – Public Market Square, neighborhood has wanted shopping – Concerned about aesthetics – architectural questions – View from the north? What will the edges look like?
- There will be an increase in total office space compared to what is existing
- What will the impact be on the African American community? Need to contact Little Africa Community! What is the traffic impact?
- Bolton St concerns – Parking could impact Bolton Hill – Congestion could impact neighborhood in a bad way
- Concerned with Pool & Tennis club
- Concerned about pedestrian and Traffic portion – wants to see more on Howard & MLK – Connection @ Eutaw & MLK is higher priority
- Where will the State Employees going to park? Parking needs to be presented.
- Employees don't have parking priority so they have to go into the neighborhoods – creates confrontation
- Car volume? Where will the cars go?
- Question of function of the buildings – Wind tunnel between the buildings – people hurt by the wind – Any wind testing planned? – Drinking water contamination? Ventilation?
- Sandtown Winchester Community – Wants to be incorporated in the plans – tie into State Center – included in traffic study – improvements for Sandtown as well? – hope that SC acts as an anchor for the surrounding neighborhoods – Catalyst for market change in the area
- Ground breaking? – How will parking be phased? Handicap spaces need to be considered as part of the parking plan
- Sounds like it will be a state employee benefit. Housing should be talked about. What is the retail mix? What is the impact for the surrounding community members? Human Capital Plan? Too loose of a plan, wants more specifics. Market Study? May disappoint the community members because of high expectations for the surrounding neighbors to be positively impacted.
- Waiting for tomorrow nights meeting on traffic.
- Will people get the notes? – On the webpage.
- Swim and tennis club and park
- Contee Parago Triangle is appreciated by Bolton Hill
- Economy is in a downturn – How will this impact the staging/timeline?
- Encouraged by possibility of activity in State Center and not as concerned about the possibility of negative impacts
- Go with the most ambitious plans
- Cut down on the process and get to the substance

- ETA for ground breaking? End of year for plan - 1 year of design and 1 year of construction – 1st building 2011
- Hope to see the change and improvement spreads to the surrounding communities including Sandtown Winchester
- Did not know of the Neighborhood Alliance – Concerned that Urban league and Arena players. Wants improved outreach. – Some communities where left out of the Neighborhood Alliance
- Governor’s switch of office location concerns the community
- Their were several public meetings with communities for the surrounding communities – team has worked with the established Neighborhood Alliance for more than a year
- Linden Deli – Should be incorporated in the new plan – affordable options for State employees should be available – Cafeteria included?
- City is a partner from the beginning. We all want the best thing for all the stakeholders. 9 Neighborhoods included in the creation of CityScaping – 250 people included – Please give us any contacts.