

**Hunting Park West Public Meeting #1**  
**7:00pm, January 7, 2010**  
**Mercy Vocational High School**

***Mapping Exercise Notes***

These are the notes taken from tables which had written comments. Notes are arranged by theme.

**Access**

- Need pedestrian paths and greenways
- Connections are important (between sites, between parks)
- Network of parks connected with bike paths
- Walkability/bikes
- Connect various uses with green connections
- Safe walking conditions are needed for residents and students
  - School buses
  - New traffic lights and lighting for sidewalks
- More traffic lights will improve safety
- Better Traffic Patterns. Lighting. Walk-ways. Handicapped and physically challenged.

**Sustainability**

- Less hard surface (parking)
- Storm water management
- Permeable/green connections
- Develop sustainably
- Green roofs on existing buildings like TastyKake
  - Air quality
  - Greening
- New open space should connect with Kroc Center (maybe NOT if contaminated)
- Fern Hill Park should be revamped
- Improve Fern Hill Park
- Park ≠ top priority
- Open space (along Wissahickon Ave.) Better Lighting
- We want a green space off of Fox Street to organize the new housing around.
- Year round farmer's market

**Transportation**

- Train station needed - Federal money
- Reopen SEPTA stations
- Transit-oriented development
- Wissahickon Avenue needs attention
- Streetscape improvements on Wissahickon Avenue, on Henry through private development
- Wissahickon crossing needs to be safe for Kroc users
- Henry Avenue should have island to make it a greenway boulevard
- Streetscaping must be at Henry and Hunting Park Avenues
  - Streetscaping must emphasize traffic calming
- Streetscape Henry and Hunting Park Avenues (slow down traffic)

- Intersection improvements at Henry and Hunting Park Avenues
- Hunting Park Avenue needs improvement from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to Henry Avenue
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> most important street for improvement is Allegheny Avenue
- Hunting Park Avenue and Fox Street are the two most important streets for streetscape. But Hunting Park needs traffic calming, not just trees.

### **Commercial Development**

- Anchor or prime destination
- Big box retail and grocery should be close to each other
- A supermarket would be nice but we think there are enough grocery stores within driving distance.
- No big box retail anywhere. It will force local businesses to close.
- Retail and residential on Wissahickon Avenue adjacent to Kroc Center.
- Restaurants (No fast food!)
- Convenience retail (Laundromat) near Abbotsford Homes

### **Residential/Mixed-Use Development**

- Apartments or condos should be mixed-income
- Mixed income housing at EPPI site
- Residential high-rise on EPPI site with ground floor retail
- Assisted living (EPPI) green remediation -possible Senior Center and indoor track, pool, services center
- EPPI site - Condos/ Residential housing
- Condos on Henry would bring too much traffic
- Residential should have first floor retail like a microbrewery and restaurants
- We don't want row houses. There are already enough rowhomes in the city. This should be unique.
- If we expect businesses to locate here, then we need the people here to support it. Put more density on the site, not less.
- We want to make the former Budd complex into self-sustaining mixed use village.
- Commercial and light industrial along Hunting Park West and office next to Temple

### **Industrial Development**

- Industry (towards east) SEPTA site
- Industry important for job creation for everyone
- Industrial use for recycling would be good
- Job creation #1 priority, Supermarket #2
- Industrial core
- Industrial. 1 Wawa + Gas station

### **Other Development**

- Neighborhood-focused health care uses -outpatient care/diagnostic centers, eye or etc, etc.
- Jazz Supper Club/ Performance Hall. Walkway to Performance hall
- Charter school on Hunting Park Avenue
- Office/Institutional space. Specific retail stores
- Conference Center Hotel