

9/14/19 Town of Kensington Design and Development Review Workshop- Community Engagement Activity

Summary of Community Feedback

- How can we make it easier for people to move in and around the Town of Kensington?
 - Desire for walkable, safe streets
 - Less (slower) traffic
 - Safe environment for bicyclists
 - Extra parking capacity
 - Complete streets and better engagement with State Highway Administration
 - Greater accessibility for all residents (including young families and seniors)
- What Community Benefits would you like to see with new development within the Town of Kensington?
 - Greener development and more community green space
 - Areas for community to gather
 - Development that fits and melds with the current vernacular architecture and style of the neighborhood
 - Additional bike lanes and sidewalk buffers to protect individuals who are walking/biking (specifically at Connecticut and Knowles)
- What Design Elements are the most important to focus on with new development?
 - Design that suits/fits the current design of the area
 - Complementary design and development
 - Lower building heights
 - Greater building set-back to include a landscaping buffer
 - Design to account for traffic issues
 - Parking for emergency responders, especially near Knowles Manor
 - Utilize sector plan to implement historic preservation
 - Avoid displacement of local residents
 - Preserve existing affordable housing
- How can the Town and the Planning Department better communicate regarding development with residents?
 - Monthly newsletters that are distributed to residents
 - Canvass neighborhoods
 - Have a “block captain” that is responsible for getting out word to their local neighbors
 - Use door to door flyers for canvassing efforts
 - Utilize local businesses to spread word
 - Engage with broader Kensington area and neighbors
- How can the Town proactively attract the right type of development?
 - Engage with local businesses and residents to identify potential development opportunities
 - Utilize/hire a dedicated economic outreach individual/organization to find new businesses that could locate/relocate to Kensington
- What other aspects of the Development Review and Planning Process would you like to learn more about?
 - Greater understanding around planning and development review process
 - Understanding of when traffic studies are required