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MEMORANDUM GATEWAY -ARROWHEAD PROJECT PUBLIC MEETINGS SUMMARY

- 1. <u>2021-2022 List from Bergmann (City of Hartford's consultant) regarding all of the public engagement events held regarding Arrowhead redevelopment and small area plan.</u>
- **Public Meeting 1:** November 17, 2021, Sacred Heart Church
- **Pop-up Event 1:** November 17, 2021, Keney Tower Park
- Business Drop-ins: November 17, 2021, Main/Albany Ave businesses
- Pop-up Event 2: February 16, 2022, Semilla Cafe + Studio
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- Pop-up Event 3: March 11, 2022, Semilla Cafe + Studio
- Community Advisory Committee Meeting: March 14, 2022, Yard Goats Club at Dunkin' Donuts Park
- **Pop-up Events 4/5:** May 14, 2022, Yard Goats Game and Heaven Skate Park
- Pop-up Events 6/7: May 17, 2022, Wilson-Gray YMCA Youth and Family Center and Keney Tower Park
- **Public Meeting 2:** November 10, 2022, Yard Goats Club at Dunkin' Donuts Park
- Project-long engagement:
 - Stakeholder Interviews: October 2021-June 2022
 - Over 30 stakeholders interviewed including:
 - Capital Prep Magnet School
 - Carabetta Properties
 - Community Advisory Task Force (CATF)
 - Clay Arsenal NRZ
 - Community Loan Fund
 - Community Renewal Team (CRT)
 - CT DOT
 - CT Landmarks
 - Friends of Keney Park
 - Gateway Partnership

- iQuilt
- RMS Companies
- San Juan Center
- Shelbourne
- Trinity Health
- UCONN
- Community Survey: January 2022-July 2022
 - Over 120 responses
- o **Project Website:** October 2021-November 2022
- o Jeanette Petti, AICP

Planner + Landscape Designer | Rochester, NY

Colliers Engineering & Design (Bergman was acquired by Colliers)

2. 2022-2024 Gateway Summary of Public Events

As part of our 2022 selection as preferred developer through a competitive procurement process, the Hartford City Council had a public hearing and an 8-24 Review by the Planning and Zoning Commission, regarding the disposition of the city-owned parcels.

In 2022, after our selection as preferred developer for the Arrowhead building, The City of Hartford hired planning consultants Bergmann Architecture (Rochester NY) to get public and community feedback on the Arrowhead-Gateway redevelopment and help develop a broader plan for the surrounding neighborhood. Bergmann worked with Gateway Partnership, the City of Hartford, local NRZ's, the San Juan Center, and the Hartford community to devise their Small Area Plan and Corridor Study (Arrowhead Gateway Small Area Plan and Corridor Study sm.pdf) (see attached), of which the Arrowhead - Gateway redevelopment is the centerpiece. In the generation of their study and recommendations, Bergmann held multiple public charettes and pop up events to solicit comment and feedback from residents and community stakeholders (see flyers attached).

In 2023 the Hartford City Council had a meeting and public hearing regarding the application for DECD Challenge Grant funds to support the project.

The City of Hartford and the Hartford Preservation Alliance held combined public hearings regarding historic approval for the planned redevelopment:

- Clay Arsenal Neighborhood Revitalization Zone April 4, 2023
- City of Hartford Historic Preservation Commission April 19, 2023
- City of Hartford Planning & Zoning Commission July 11, 2023
- City of Hartford Historic Preservation Commission July 19, 2023

Additionally, the Arrowhead-Gateway redevelopment applied for and received the following planning and zoning approvals from the City of Hartford, all with public comment periods:

- PZ-LOTLINE-23-00003 (520 & 522 Ann Uccello)
- PZ-LOTLINE-23-000001 (532 Ann Uccello, 1355 & 1359 Main Street)
- PZ-REZONE-23-000001 (532 Ann Uccello)
- PZ-REZONE-23-000002 (525 & 529 Ann Uccello)
- PZ-SITEMIN-23-000061 (Flat Iron 525 & 529 Ann Uccello)
- PZ-SITEMIN-23-000062 (Arrowhead 532 Ann Uccello, 1355 & 1359 Main Street)
- PZ-SITEMIN-24-000001 (520 & 522 Ann Uccello Parking Lot)
- PZ-SPUSE-23-000020 (520 & 522 Ann Uccello Parking As a Principal Use)

On October 7, 2023 the City of Hartford held a community design workshop for the Ann Uccello pedestrian plaza which included a presentation of the Arrowhead-Gateway redevelopment at the Dunkin' Park Yard Goats Club. The transformation of upper Ann Uccello Street is an integral part of the Arrowhead-Gateway redevelopment and creates a public space pedestrian plaza in the center of our project. Follow up public workshops were held on December 11, 2023 and March 19, 2024.

3. Monthly Reports to Clay Arsenal NRZ (https://hartfordnext.org/) (https://hartfordnext.org/)

Throughout the planning process, Fernando Bettencourt, Executive Director of The San Juan Center (https://www.sanjuancenter.org/copy-of-inico-espanol), Gateway's co-development partner for the Arrowhead Project, continues to provide regular monthly briefings about the Arrowhead project to the to the residents and community leaders of the Clay Arsenal NRZ.

4. <u>Pending support letters from Hartford Preservation Alliance, City of Hartford</u> and Others.

Both the HPA and the City of Hartford have offered to provide EPA and CRCOG with letters of support regarding the amount of public involvement conducted to date for this project, which letters will be provided upon receipt.

5. <u>Compliance with NEPA for use of Federal Home Funds:</u>

FYI, the HUD Combined Notices of the FONSI and RROF to comply with NEPA were published in the Hartford Courant on Tuesday November 28th, 2023 and approved by HUD.