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| # | Question | Asker Name | Answer(s) |
| 1 | Thanks for thr short notice | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 2 | hope next time give us more time | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 3 | testing | Magalye Matos | Received. |
| 4 | When is the RFP due? | Sandy Castor | This has not yet been determined. Once the RFP is issued, the proposals must be received in 20 days. |
| 5 | thanks for consider | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 6 | please give us that oprtunity | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 7 | Where will the recording live post meeting? | Sandy Castor | It will be posted on the Liberty School tab on the front page. |
| 8 | I am still having trouble finding the draft rfp for Liberty School on the City Website | Jack Silberman | I can send to your email. -Sonia |
| 9 | Since when this start we dont her o be consider for this proposol | Leonardo Acosta | Can you rephrase your question? I am not sure I understand. Thank you. |
| 10 | This is the same as was on James st | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 11 | With relation to the cities choice for redevelopment plans, how can we ensure that the same white construction companies will not automatically win the bids over less equipped black developers?? | Anonymous Attendee | The RFP has three criteria for selection, cost, technical and management. Unlike a bid it is not necessarily the lowest bidder to be considered. The proposal must be responsive to the RFP. |
| 12 | Will we be able to tour the site and be offered site plans or any other information the structural intergrity of the building? | Sandy Castor | Typically there is a day set for a site visit. Depending on the condition within the building, it will be determined at a later date as to a walk-thru. |
| 13 | This is Jeff Carter from the Bergen County NAACP. With Englewood Heavily African American, Hispanic and Korean. What has been put into thre RFP to ensure minority participation on all levels? | Jeff Carter | Government entities must adhere to Exhibit A of the local public contracts law which covers mandatory equal employment opportunity language. |
| 14 | With all do respect, although necessary, this is too technical and way too long. Especially if U intend to hear what THE COMMUNITY has to say. | James Erwin | |
| 15 | correct the date may 25 2021 | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 16 | he have 2001 | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 17 | I thought he wasn't going line by line. Good Grief (in my Peppermint Patty voice) | James Erwin | |
| 18 | Has there ever been a comprehensive traffic study for that area to determine the affect of what may be built there? | Anonymous Attendee | I checked with the City Engineer and he said there is no traffic study specific to the Liberty School location but rather 40 Bennett. |
| 19 | How can we get access to the traffic study? | Sandy Castor | You may file an OPRA request to obtain the traffic study specific to 40 Bennett. |
| 20 | that study was vry old | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 21 | we need one | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 22 | with all new construction we really need one please | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 23 | There should have been a traffic study done before the construction on the new apartment building next to gas station . Do we have access to that? | Crystal Brown | Yes. Please submit OPRA request. |
| 24 | I have a random question, has the city tried to partner up with the YMCA in order to provide more resources for the youth in their development in these difficult times. | Anonymous Attendee | This process is open to all for submission. |
| 25 | Thank you for convening this meeting. Has the City Council decided that a community center will be the major focus of the Russell Major Liberty School redevelopment project? What other proposed usages for this project is the City Council considering? I agree that a traffic study and appropriate modifications are essential. | Satyani McPherson | The City is open to all proposals. |
| 26 | Why is this taking so long? This is insane | Anonymous Attendee | The City wants a full transparent process with public participation. |
| 27 | Are there any plans to ask the developer for some kind of set a side to benefit the community? This has not been done with all the gentrification thus far. | Anonymous Attendee | The City can explore this option. |
| 28 | Hope next time give the opportunity to participate verbally | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 29 | How many additional public meetings, if any, will be hosted? | Sandy Castor | Could generally be 5 meetings. |
| 30 | Would it be possible for Mr. Bailey to use RCM- Liberty School if Russell C. Major is too much to say. Thanks Mr. Cobb for making the observation . I am sure he wants to show respect. | Pamela Major | We can consider this and have noted the changes. |
| 31 | zomm has the capacity | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 32 | will the gas station remain at that location? | Betty | This is a private ownership building. |
| 33 | What happened to the money set aside prior for a community center. Does the city still have access to that money? | Shakee J. Merritt | We will follow up with the CFO. |
| 34 | Englewood and the surrounding towns have unlimited financial resources via Residents and Companies. Has the City (itself) looked into a Public/Private and State partnership to achieve the overall goal of a Community Center? Or is this option even doable? | James Erwin | This is something the City can look into. |
| 35 | Will the public get to see all of the proposals before they are narrowed down? What is the process of narrowing down the proposals? | craig solomon | Proposals remain confidential until the proposal is awarded. |
| 36 | This information came direct from Michael Wildes Mayoral Campaign | Shakee J. Merritt | |
| 37 | Who is Robert Dare? | Anonymous Attendee | Partners with Mr. Slachetka at T&M. |
| 38 | Is there any consensus for when the RFP will be finalized so that the 20 day countdown can commence? | Anonymous Attendee | Not at this juncture but will do so when it is finalized. |
| 39 | Thank you Councilman Hamer. That is a favorable amount of public meetings. I would recommend a hybrid meeting for the 2nd or 3rd, if possible. | Sandy Castor | There is likely a hybrid meeting to come. |
| 40 | That seems like a lot of meetings. I understand there's much to discuss but are decisions and approvals being handled in the backend to avoid unnecessary conversations and discussions to save time? | Anonymous Attendee | Some meetings are mandated under the law when an agreement is made. Public hearings must be complete through the process of redevelopment. |
| 41 | I've been an Englewood resident since 1983 and there have been requests for a community center the entire time. Why does it continue to be a topic of all talk and no action? It's very frustrating. I do not really understand why all the delays in making this happen. Can't we create a committee to solicit major corporate and private funding and donations? | Lori Holliday Banks | This is the process under the redevelopment law. |
| 42 | Michael Wildes claimed that he set money aside during his prior tenure as Mayor when he ran for Mayor. So he lied. | Shakee J. Merritt | The mayor doesnt have authority ove rtghe purse strings. The Governong Body took action 'back in the day' |
| 43 | How are members of the RFP review committee appointed? | Satyani McPherson | Determined by the governing body with only two council members in addition to City professionals. |
| 44 | If there are any persons that are connected with the projects presented once the proposals are submitted, will they be required to recuse themselves from the process to determine the winning bid? | Anonymous Attendee | Yes. |
| 45 | Who determines who is on the committee that will review the proposals? | Amy Bulluck | City Council and Administration generally speaking. |

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| 46 | That is not fear for the people of the community interes A public in-person meeting Could be held at the high school | Leonardo Acosta | |
| 47 | Auditorium | Amy Bulluck | |
| 48 | Is there any language in the rfp or choosing processes to encourage use of local area contractors and professionals to encourage the redeveloped to use our local resources? | Jennifer Rorabaugh | The RFP is open to all. |
| 49 | Can the community center master plan conducted under Mayor Huttle be posted on the city website? | Magalye Matos | The City will follow up. |
| 50 | At this time will the City of Englewood allow ownership of Liberty school to pass to a developer? | JoEllen Bostick | The city will consider a variety of options in terms of ownership. |
| 51 | Why wait so long until the building gets so bad thanks to the city dont pay attention to mantinance | Leonardo Acosta | The City is conducting this process to address the building needs. |
| 52 | To add to Lori's question earlier, a community center in any and every town is vital for all people especially the youth. We need to put the future people in a safe place to grow the community itself. What is the main reason why this isn't an easier decision? Does it really just come down to getting more tax \$ through commercialized businesses? | Anonymous Attendee | The City is following a process. The financial component is just one factor. |
| 53 | Are these hearings really being conducted in earnest with the goal of truly finding an actionable path to creating a community center at the Liberty School? This has been an ongoing request from city residents and taxpayers for decades. Why the decades of non-action? | Lori Holliday Banks | The City is committed to finding a solution. |
| 54 | This is an incredibly important issue. Is there a well-thought out plan to reach a larger portion of the community to let people know about this project? I found out about this meeting by chance. How about mailings? FB announcements? A Town Hall style meeting? | Jill Lauren | The City used its social media platforms and a robo call. Please go onto the City website to sign up for alerts. |
| 55 | What happened to the non-profit group that spoke at City Council meetings? And what about the group that spoke at the school? | Jill Lauren | They will have an opportunity to respond to the RFP as will all interested parties. |
| 56 | Are those folks involved in this RFP stage? | Amy Bulluck | Yes. |
| 57 | So it's the commitment to find a solution for RCM Liberty School t finding a path to a community center | Jill Lauren | |
| 58 | EXCELLENT...didn't know about the robo-calls! OR finding a path To a community center | Amy Bulluck | |
| 59 | Many residents don't have the ability to attend a virtual zoom meeting like this. We really need an in-person meeting. Can't you find a way to hold one in an outdoor or large venue that would meet CDC requirements? Require masks or vaccine cards or negative covid test. | Lori Holliday Banks | The City will explore various options including a hybrid meeting forum. |
| 60 | Please re-post the email address for suggestions. | Satyani McPherson | libertyschoolrfp@cityofenglewood.org |
| 61 | How many participants are on tonight? | Christy Vinson | over 100 attendees |
| 62 | There was not enough time—given the notice—for people to have substantive comment. | Anonymous Attendee | |
| 63 | Can residents of Englewood see the draft proposal? | Lori Holliday Banks | http://cityofenglewood.org/filestorage/9306/Liberty_School_RFP_-_05-19-21.pdf |
| 64 | Why not a meeting in the liberty school parking lot ? Seems like the right venue for the cause... | Anonymous Attendee | |
| 65 | This project requires a STATE OF THE ART, TOP NOTCH GREEN FACILITY. There are PLENTY Of Entertainers, Athletes, Corporate (Headqarteted) Businesses, Elite Residents, Philanthropic persons, Fondations and Grants available to get this done! Sollicate LG for the wiring and technological items, NBC for the Media center, Hospitals can fund a Nursing based portion of the building. Solicitate Recording and Athletic items from NYC are Teams and Artist. THE PEOPLE AND THE MONEY IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF U. | James Erwin | |
| 66 | why not use the Roller Skating rink for a meeting? | Kevin Washington | We are exploring location options. |
| 67 | Isn't that impossible due to insurance issues | Barbara Weismann | |
| 68 | Judith mentioned a good number of participants. How many participants are on this evening? | Amy Bulluck | over 100 participants |
| 69 | Can you reveal who are the runners so far for the RFP? If not, when does this information get released? | Anonymous Attendee | The RFP has not yet been advertised thus no runners at this time. The runners can be released once the process is complete. |
| 70 | why did you use "wide range of options " language and not make it a specific community center rfp? | Anonymous Attendee | The City will need to see all options with the idea of a community center as part of the proposal submission. |
| 71 | We don't get robo calls | Tracey | |
| 72 | Set up tables in town to let people know. | Jill Lauren | |
| 73 | When was the last time more than 100 people attended a meeting? There needs to be advertising in the suburbanite, notice Sent to all | Christy Vinson | |
| 74 | Houses of worship for sharing and schools | Amy Bulluck | |
| 75 | Will more advance notice be provided For future meetings? A day or 2 advance notice is hard for many people to schedule around. That may help attendance. | Brittany Guerin | Yes. |
| 76 | I agree with Michael. We need more robust community participation and in-person hearings would help. Perhaps getting volunteers to distribute flyers. Announce it at the city fireworks and other events. | Lori Holliday Banks | |
| 77 | Get local businesses to create gift baskets as a giveaway/raffle for attendees. | Jill Lauren | |
| 78 | Do you do mailers to all those registered to vot | Deborah Moore | The City does not. |
| 79 | I don't have a question I would like to have a community center or artclases for the children | Shirley hopson | |
| 80 | Any update on Light Rail Line coming to Englewood? | Anonymous Attendee | |
| 81 | Many have prepared comments and public input was asked for, we are ready | Peter Jansen | |
| 82 | Must OPEN TO PUBLIC! | Anonymous Attendee | |
| 83 | Won't you let us speak? Moving forward when you do a robo call please do it a few days in advance to give residents time to re arrange there schedule. I'm glad we are here speaking about this but we need a community center period! So when this decision is made think of our youths and seniors not more luxury apartments | Peter Jansen | |
| 84 | How can we receive to robo-calls? | Collette Thompson | |
| 85 | Did you use the schools to comminuted this meeting? That seems like it would make sense. | Satyani McPherson | Please visit http://cityofenglewood.org/content/9266/12337/default.aspx |
| 86 | By having a hard stop at 8PM is poor planning. starting public comment at 7:35 means only 12 people get to speak. Thats not well thought out if you want to hear from the public. | Christy Vinson | We can consider this as well. Thank you. |
| 87 | A day or two is not sufficient enough. Why not mail the next meeting dates | Kevin Washington | |
| 88 | | Peter Jansen | |
| 89 | Can you ask for various uses including a mixed use that includes a community center & also allows for any & all creative ideas | Barbara Weismann | The City is open to all options. |
| 90 | i can't find the microphone icon to unmute | Lori Holliday Banks | Bottom left, Best! |
| 91 | Teaneck has created a wonderful community center in Votee Park. why can't Englewood do that? | Lori Holliday Banks | |

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| 92 | Thanks, Michael. That's where the mic usually is, but this zoom is different than other zooms I've participated in. I do not see a mic icon anywhere. So I will submit my comment here—I agree with the Jansens. And how has Teaneck been able to build and maintain such a great community center in Votee Park and Englewood can't seem to get it's act together. | Lori Holliday Banks | |
| 93 | Will the City of Englewood promise not to raise taxes if we honor the community demand for a Community Center | Magalye Matos | |
| 94 | Can we have more time that's open to the public at the next meeting? | Hye Jin Lee | |
| 95 | What is the last woman speaking's name again ? I'd like to be in contact with her | Anonymous Attendee | |
| 96 | I agree and am thankful for all of the community input. We deserve and need a true community center, not mixed use property. What other options are the council willing to look at to make it happen? We are all willing to help work towards it. | Janine Ellis | |