

Present: 25 Participants

Terry Adams opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

Frank Petise-City of Stamford Transportation gave the presentation on Lower Atlantic Street Project:

Frank made it perfectly clear that this is a concept and that going forward input will be taken from the residents/NRZ members to make sure they are involved in the process.

- Overall idea is to make a complete Street creating
 - On street parking
 - Corner bump outs to shorten pedestrian crossing
 - Trees & lighting
 - Bike lanes in both directions
- Widening's in some places to fit the project with curb lines being moved approximately 23 ft.
 - Frank emphasized there will be separate meetings with every property owner that will be impacted

Terry Adams asked was the design done by Fuss O'Neil? Frank answered yes stating the goal is to lessen the impact as much as possible on property owners.

- Frank mentioned there will be 8ft parking lane, 5ft Bike lane, 10ft Travel lane; 2-way left lane 12ft and a second 5ft Bike lane

Residents raised many concerns when it was mentioned that eminent domain would be a factor:

- Why isn't there expansion on the opposite side of Atlantic Street rather than on the side of the homeowners?
- Remove the median from the middle of the street and look at placing the median down at the intersection of Atlantic Street & Dock Street by the train station where there is a wide crossing. Taking residents property for a median is unnecessary and it is a hurtful concept to take property for a median which would probably sometime down the road gets removed.
- Questions were raised concerning increased traffic and why bike lanes are being added
- It was mentioned there was no parking for the Barbershop on the corner of Atlantic Street & Henry Street as a lot of the on street parking along Atlantic Street was taken away
- A Big Concern was raised about 23 ft. of property proposed to be taken from the Holy Name Athletic Club located at 804 Atlantic Street. This amount of taking would reduce the business ability to have events since it would affect their parking.
- It was emphasized that there was no discussion with the community prior to going for the grant and that the money designated for the South End should have been discussed with the South End resident property owners/NRZ Members. Representative Elise Coleman stated they are taking care of infrastructure for the newcomers at the expense of the existing residents who will be impacted by eminent domain.

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Frank stated he is taking down all the concerns and once they get a commitment from DOT he will come back to the NRZ. In the meantime the drawings will be made available since it was hard to see the full scope on zoom. Frank noted they will be looking at ways to reduce the impact on property owners, notices will be sent out to the property owners as well as individual meetings with property owners. Frank was invited to come back with representatives from DOT.

Ted Ferrarone of BLT made it clear that the money from BLT was specifically earmarked for the South End.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm