



## Stakeholder Interview Initial Summary Results As of 15 February 2010

The stakeholder interviews are well underway; to date 19 interviews have been conducted. The following provides a summary overview of the general responses in the form of the ten points covered in the questionnaire designed to guide the interviews. Additional interviews will be conducted throughout the process subject to stakeholder availability and willingness to participate. Of the 45 stakeholders identified for interviews, less than half were responsive to initial and follow-on requests for interviews. Complete interview results are being compiled as part of the project record.

1. *What is your initial reaction when you hear about the CIMP and its purpose? What potential benefits do you see? What are your concerns?*

- (a) The majority of respondents have a positive initial reaction and are excited to be involved in the process. “The Marines have the right to just take the land, so I’m happy to hear they’re going about it with community involvement.”
- (b) Potential Benefits - A number saw a significant development opportunity; others found it was too soon to tell.
- (c) Concerns – Overwhelmingly, respondents said something along the lines of “Hope the voices of the community are heard/considered rather than listened to and then ignored.” Other concerns: making sure enough publicity gets out to get people engaged, physically dividing the community, aesthetics (fences) and standoffs (view corridor).

2. *Characterize the existing relationship between MBW and the community from your viewpoint.*

The strong majority spoke very highly of the existing relationship between the community and MBW and highlighted the Friday Parades. A few respondents spoke of the relationship between the community and MBW as being strained and/or non-existent, while acknowledging that the current Commandant and Commanding Officer have been attempting to reach out. A small number of respondents outside of the community were too unfamiliar with the relationship to respond.

3. *How do you expect other stakeholders to respond to the CIMP? And the general community?*

Most everyone seems aware that everyone has his/her own agenda. Otherwise, respondents have no sense of other stakeholders expected response. “Capitol Hill stakeholders are very intensely active and well prepared.”



4. *What issues or concerns do you think that the CIMP should address?*

General concerns included fitting into the character of the neighborhood with respect to scale, density, security, and appearance. Parking and future use of the building 20 site were also predominant.

5. *What activities/uses/facilities do you feel the CIMP should potentially address to benefit your constituents, other stakeholders, and the surrounding community?*

The majority of respondents said nothing more than what is currently outlined and expressed specific desire for daycare, meeting space, recreational facilities, and parking.

6. *Are there any activities/uses/facilities that you would rather not see in the community?*

In general, most people had no response to this question. Those that did were concerned about uses best summed up by, “a use that doesn’t fit in with the urban landscape.”

7. *What forms of communication, techniques, forums, etc. do you think are most effective for collaboration planning?*

The majority of respondents felt the CIMP was on target and additional ideas included, Listservs, mailers, and posting of flyers on well traveled walking routes.

8. *Personally or professionally, what would be on your “wish-list” in terms of the outcome of the CIMP?*

“Everyone would figure out a mutually conducive use to keep the Marine Corps in the neighborhood.” The majority of respondents want “...an efficient and transparent process where everyone ends up happy.”

9. *What other stakeholders do you think we should interview?*

Respondents suggested the following, some of which were on our stakeholder list:

- Forest City
- Cohen Companies
- Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB)
- Architect of the Capitol
- Barracks Row Main Street



- Stanton Development
- East Banc
- Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA)
- Capitol Hill Community Foundation
- Don Denton
- Moms on the Hill (MOTH)
- Residents

10. *Is there anything that we haven't discussed that you would like to share with the CIMP planning team?*

The vast majority of respondents had nothing additional to discuss.