

## **GOLDEN HILL**

### **Community Engagement Meeting #3 Questions**

#### **Virtual Meeting**

**10/25/2021**

#### **Questions Raised at the Meeting:**

- How many people can the newly-design open space fit?  
For the next meeting, the design team will superimpose a well-known park or public space over the site plan to give an idea of the scale.
- Why separate seniors & families into different buildings?  
The Golden Hill site plan includes an 80-unit building to be specifically reserved for seniors. By reserving the building for seniors, the team can design the apartments and common spaces to allow residents to age-in-place comfortably and can integrate services for the senior population into the building.  
  
The rest of the apartments will have no-age restriction and be available for residents of all ages, including seniors.
- Will this development only be for individuals/families from Kingston or Ulster County?  
Residency at Golden Hill will be available to all residents of New York state who meet the income requirements of the development.
- When will the School Board be brought into the discussions regarding the PILOT?  
The development team has not engaged the city or School Board for the PILOT at this point.
- If the School board opposes the PILOT, how will this affect the project?  
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- Will there be an independent appraisal regarding the full market value of the property after the development is built or will the City of Kingston assessor be responsible?  
An independent appraisal has been completed.
- Who will be paying for the demolition costs of the former ulster county jail property?  
The sources of financing for the project (including the jail demolition) are still being formulated as schematic design and community engagement continues. The County has included \$1.5 Million in its Executive Budget which will go towards paying for a portion of the demolition of the jail facility.

#### **Notes from the Meeting:**

- Notes on the Site Plan Iterations:

- One individual shared that Iteration #1 puts more 'eyes' on the public open space, creating more opportunities for resident connection/interaction and the buildings help shape the space and create view corridors.
  - In Iteration #1, the Community Hub location creates a much better experience and sense of arrival.
  - One of the adjacent property owners preferred Iteration 1 since it creates a much better buffer/distance between the new residential buildings and their property.
- Notes on Material Selection & Design Context:
- One individual shared their preference for the standing seam metal roof type and softer exterior wall materials like wood.
  - Alderman Scott-Childress recommended that the design team research the Energy Square project.
  - One individual shared their thinking that design context was irrelevant given the remote location of the project site. Give that, the project can develop its own context. They were in favor of the stone/wood aesthetic that would minimize the visual impact of the buildings on the site.
- General Notes:
- One individual asked how they could support the project. The Golden Hill team recommended that they attend public meetings to be held on the project, including the upcoming Planning Board meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - There were several new attendees that were not familiar with the project. It was noted that it would be helpful to have a reference board at the next meeting to show the site location in context of the city and basic background information.
  - Traffic concerns were reiterated again.