

**Summary of Public Comments from the Third Open Public Forum  
On Fanwood Downtown Redevelopment  
December 1, 2004**

**Residents FAVORED:**

- The majority of the residents favored Scenario #3 for its pedestrian plazas and connective walkways.
- The small courtyard located within the residential area.
- The residential area as one group of buildings, rather than split up.
- The idea of wrapping the commercial buildings around the block.

**Residents DISLIKED:**

The idea of extending MacDermott Place through the Redevelopment Area. Residents felt that the extension would threaten pedestrian safety.

**ISSUES and CONCERNS RAISED:**

**Residential Space:** There was a significant amount of concern regarding the residential use and density in Downtown. Some residents wanted to see the residential density decrease even more in order to limit the potential traffic impacts, and secure pedestrian safety. Some types of residential uses favored among residents were:

- Age Restricted residential units
- High end residential/luxury townhouses

**Office:** There was concern over the proposed amount of office space. Residents would like to see the amount of office space decreased in order to limit the traffic impacts on pedestrian safety.

**Parking:** Residents suggested reconfiguring the existing parking lot in order to create a more efficient design and parking layout.

**Public Space:** There was sentiment to increase the amount of park and green space, and the number of pedestrian plazas. Residents suggested locating additional pedestrian-designated areas and plazas behind the Martine Avenue buildings.

**Economic Impacts:** Residents felt a fiscal analysis should be completed for each Alternative Concept Plan that details the tax implications, and identifies the direct economic benefits to the Borough.

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