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Summary of Discovery Workshops

More than two hundred community members attended the four workshops held in April. The community provided in-depth and extensive information to City staff and the design team of Moule & Polyzoides. The following list represents a summary of the concerns and challenges identified during the meetings. These issues will be used to generate the concepts for the Specific Plan.

- Traffic to and from the Civic Center is a big concern; negatively affects the neighborhoods
- Community is not afraid of density, but concerned about the form: It has not been done well in the city
- Offer more diverse shopping and entertainment in downtown
- Mid-town Specific Plan was exciting but not followed—why will the city follow this plan?
- Will the Redevelopment Agency use eminent domain to purchase homes in Lacy and Logan?
- More open space!
- Logan Neighborhood: residential and industrial each want the other to phase out over time
- Need urban amenities such as small parks, specialty grocery stores, services
- Property Maintenance, especially regarding absentee landlords is a big problem
- Downtown needs to be marketed to fully leverage its assets and potential
- The large daytime population of employees in the Civic Center is largely untapped
- Need to make the development process more effective and predictable for all involved
- In favor of change but it needs to be coordinated and very high quality
- Need more community-serving retail
- Preserve and restore historic buildings
- The character of neighborhoods and districts needs to be reinforced and they need to be connected with pedestrian-friendly streets
- Continue to support the Artists Village
- Homelessness is a challenge
- Long-term transit needs should be addressed
- Affordability of housing should be addressed before the plan succeeds
- Boundaries of the study area need to be re-evaluated
- Need School District involvement