RAW NOTES FROM MEETING 9/28/16

A TAKEN DURING DISCUSSION

Chicago as example
Committee should have more water experience
Need Community center on Waterfront

Open Air amphitheater; outdoor concert venue

Accessibility is a problem; ferry wait too long

Indoor Beach is good idea

Navy Pier – replicate

No housing – not enough services/amenities

23 story tower will make a mark, but could make a mark somewhere else at same cost. New Larkin Admin building?

Multi-use Trail  Biking, snowshoeing, all seasons

Need Wind surfing access; water/carry into water; no wind shadow

Does this group have a chance of stopping 23 story building? If so, how?

Need local elected and ECHDC to participate in this.

Heritage – promote; Terminal A original Ford Plant 1931; united heritage groups at Old ford plan; unite inner and outer harbor through heritage; industry/grain

ADK People like outdoors: hike, bike, bird, kayak and OH is now great for that
Presque Isle great example

Embrace Skyway; cable car ride; Signature Bridge

Roads are cut off by marathons; need separate path if roads are closed

Community sailing center needed in buffalo

Combine bike trails and mountain bike loop, could be used in winter as skiing and snowshoeing

Where is ECHDC in implementing their plans?

Don’t want to live south of Times Beach 3-4 months of the year

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First River Marina is best dock space in Buffalo
Affordable boating for regular people

Should be parkland
4 minutes from Church Street – exist from Skyway

Add to list of questions:
  Truly accessible to whole population (mass transit)
  Max # should be used to move it accessible

Sustaining the cost to maintain... what’s the revenue source?

Need something to draw people: Sculpture Park, museums, to draw international visitors to unique buffalo developments

Destination need to be accessible by boat: (finger docks)

Improves access to North End
  Rebuild Michigan Avenue Bridge
  Bus service to O

No new n’hoods
  96,000 parcels vacant;
  Would need to build fire and police protection for new housing
  Housing would kill city investment

Intermodal Transportation

Create something that other cities cannot... will create one more attraction from other areas

Include RV Park / camping area

How do these proposals (docks) impact fish habitat; changes to natural beaches for access

How get there?
  Get to skyway down and get alternative routes
  Michigan Street Bridge
  Over Union Ship Canal

Disconnect between population and water

Freshwater is most important resources going forward. Conservation is vital
No Development: Keep it green

A Large adult playground and workout area with glowing adult swings like in Boston

GREEN – GREEN – GREEN

Get rid of the skyway
If you do, where will you put traffic – on the waterfront? Bad idea.

Make the skyway a covered bridge (tunnel in the sky: Put pedestrian trail on roof)
A zip line and roller coaster
Band shell & pedestrian bridge at “The Pier “site

Its home to wildlife. We are visitors.

I want to see something that benefits the ENTIRE city... if u develop, include ALL, if you keep it green, make benefits the city and allows everyone to see that we truly care for one another.

Soften the shoreline
Pea gravel beaches
No more boulder

Would like to see terminal building next to Old Freezer Queen site year found indoor-outdoor health beach or something like Navy Pier in Chicago. Freezer Queen, reuse building with condos and hotels

Save the skyway – best view.

Yes

Let us touch and enjoy the water to paddle, kayak, Wind Surf. No pollution

A Supehero Museum, Hotel and Restaurant
Something like Jet ‘Eau fountain in Geneva Switzerland and/or a London Eye

Create a marine preserve in the area on the lakeside of the norther break wall

Let it return to its natural state. Waterfront wilderness

Save Skyway, nice view of the lake
Calm down traffic noise

Water bikes
Open up the water’s edge for windsurf, kayak, paddle boards

Reform the ECHDC along the lines of the Brooklyn Park Bridge Park Corporation. JD Hartman

A Comprehensive Plan the entire waterfront: new use; new infrastructure; low speed access; light rail.
Public Space that is accessible for all and leave room for migration. No condos with tons

Public Access and lots of green space
No Condos

Popup Park Buffalo

The BUcheit complex is good for the Outer Harbor. Being tall it will create more space for taxes yet will allow space on land for other development. It also cleans up the horribly ugly freezer Queen site that needs to be removed. The tax money from the condos could actually help pay for clean-up maintenance of other areas on the Outer Harbor.

No public tax breaks or subsidies

Swimming

Wildlife habitat

Plants and Animals

Water Taxis

Water Access

No Condos: nature, water access, public transportation. Tim’s plans great

Pizza

Silence; dark skies

Open space for everyone; no $million condos

Keep the IN/Canal dockage and its infrastructure.

No condos – winter way too tough (I live there)

Some ideas from Baltimore, Chicago, Toronto, Pittsburgh, Phila waterfronts for what draws people. Make Buffalo’s waterfront the best. World class.

Let’s have “Storm watching”

Something no one else has – fantastic sunsets and they change all the time

10-15% needs to be buildings and develop. There is a lot of land at the outer Harbor and there needs to be a variety of things and out there to draw people from all over. (International Tourism)

Share the money – not only to a selected few. Build our city

There is already development there with boat harbor and paths. No Condos or other housing to limit public access’

Land open for public space; land for animal migration

Green space, Natural area abutting the lake. No Condos

No condos

A Sculpture park
Walking trails, natural fields, and habitat for the wildlife population.

Keep what’s green, green. Limit development at Terminals A and B and Freezer Queen. Pop-up stuff from local input. Don’t need high price out of town consultants.

Historical education about the area.

Better signage directing people back to city via road or skyway. More restrooms open year round.

Egalitarian

A hill for an overlook; snowboarding, sledding, x country ski trails.

Stop the US Corp from destroying more spawning areas with dredging: times beach, SBH parking lots; south gap (2)

For the common Folks

A hotel with indoor/outdoor water park

Trails, grass, trees (only).

We have enough green space

Meetings for public input

Full EIS for all actions / changes.

A weather museum (high tech) (2)

Bring in a splash park so we can get tourist

Expand public access via public transportation, keep housing and other infrastructure – intensive and incompatible uses off our outer harbor

10% development; 90% green space

An International Destination tourist attractions

No condos

Picnic facilitates for mid sized groups (100ish)

No tower

Yes to Tim Tielman’ plans (2)

Gondola

Sanctuary

Areas for fun/active/family use and areas of protected nature with opportunities for people to learn about conservations.
Rebuild the Michigan Avenue Bridge since destroyed by freighter in the 60s.

The Outer Harbor should be self-supporting.

If it truly is a regional asset than the cost to maintain it should be borne by the region and not strictly a drain on the city. (Confusing)

Who pays to maintain it if is without a tax basis? That is why we need some development.

Public accessibility. Amenities for the public. Protect the environment.

Coffee shop/smoothie/bakery/bar

Farmer’s Market

We need a waterfront Community Center

Natives

Protective wilderness

Ground fountains kids can run through

Swim areas

Keep it green

Condos

Keep it wild

No Condos

No Condos

Buffalo has plenty of pavement and buildings. We need a truly nature area by the lake. No buildings. Public access consider combating climate change. #waterislife

Collaborate with plan; let it benefit all and share the money.

No more parking for condos

No more parking for condos make that a part of the building. Don’t take more land away from public and outdoors.

Connect transit

Keep nature co-existing with families

Draw on Wilkeson – make it an event center for boat shows, concerts, festivals

Solar/wind carousel

It’s Our Waterfront
Natural Green space for hiking, biking and water sports
Make the ropes course big enough to sand out. Make it visible to boaters and kayakers and interesting enough to get pictures in travel magazines

Glass igloos to rent for camping similar to Finland

No Outer Harbor Stadium

Intermittent, Random Flowering trees, unique trees

Fun

The environment at the Outer Harbor is too harsh (winter) to develop for living space; think of New Orleans. So keep it simple and develop it for public recreational use.

Let people enjoy the water

There needs to be public tourists attractions (year round) to draw people to Outer Harbor in other three seasons. Open space along won’t work. (2)

Least amount of commercial business as possible.

Lots of space to appreciate nature, seats, picnic tables, things for kids to do; bike paths, restaurant (we’ll get hungry), rent bikes, kayaks, see movies (family or otherwise) on a big screen during summertime. Shops on inner harbor side, not waterside.

No Condos

Public access; green space; respect for native animals (birds and plants (habitat protection); outdoor concert area where appropriates; no advertising on silos and grain elevators

Net zero – converted space for meteorology.

No Mtn bikes

No Condos, park land, green space

Olmsted vision of nature

Swim area