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Community input requested as Gateway Development Project launches

With the demolition of the PNC bank building and locksmith shop at the northwest corner of Main and Sycamore Streets on July 28, the Town of Zionsville began the first stage of the Gateway Development Project. Now, Mayor Emily Styron wants to engage the community: Help us reinvent the gateway into our historic Village Business District.

The Gateway Development Project will produce a use concept representing a consensus of the “highest and best use” for the real estate within this area. This use envisions increasing both economic investment in the area and community development amenities that serve residents and businesses.

Mayor Emily Styron wants the community to weigh in with ideas.

“This is flipping the script,” Mayor Emily Styron said. “This is about reversing the process where developers interested approach the Town with their ideas, and instead the community will develop the concept and the Town will present this to the development community. As we get started, I expect we will have many different opinions proposed, but we will give everyone a voice that participates and work to find common ground.”

In early fall, strategic planning and consulting firm Thomas P. Miller and Associates (TPMA) will facilitate our process and begin engaging the community. Concurrent with the efforts of TPMA, DELV Design Studio will produce master planning and design options and package these into designs for ultimate use in future Request for Proposals (RFPs).

Discussions will include a project launch meeting, stakeholder interviews and focus group meetings and at least two community meetings. At the end of this process, both a draft and final development scenario plan will be prepared for use in any future RFPs. Interested parties and potential investors will be able to use the Development Scenario Plan as a guidepost in understanding the community’s goals and objectives regarding the Zionsville Gateway.

“Through these structured community conversations around our entryway, we will identify the highest and best use of the property as defined by numerous stakeholders. I can’t wait to get to work on reinventing this area that has been neglected for so many years. This project will be truly transformational,” Styron said.

More information, including the schedule of meetings when available, will be posted at: www.zionsville-in.gov/gatewayproject.

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