

Bergamot Area Plan Neighborhood Meeting Summary Form

Meeting Information	
Meeting Date:	October 11, 2011
Organization Name:	Bergamot Station gallery owners and stake holders
Name of Contact Person:	N/A
Location:	Ken Edwards Ctr
Duration of Meeting:	2 hours
Number of Participants:	17 (not incl. staff)
Staff Representation:	Liz Bar-El; Nathan Birnbaum; Jessica Cusick; Peter James; Sarah Lejeune; Francie Stefan
City Council and/or Planning Commission Members Present:	N/A

General Comments
<p>What are the success factors attributable to the Bergamot Station? Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sense of discovery • “Funkiness” • Industrial character • Flexible space • Diversity of galleries • Quality art* • Parking* • Museum* • A sense of the community • A sense of serving the community at large • Authenticity • Accessibility to art • Unintimidating • Arts and culture create vibrancy • Ability to accommodate a variety of events • Hundreds of thousands of visitors <p>What does Bergamot need going into the future? Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking* • Better PR to community* • Timeline for decisions* • Maintenance and improvements • The museum needs a plan* • The museum needs a home of 22,000 sf or 12,000 x 2 sf • Stable rents

- Client access
- Signage
- Truck access
- Capacity to use big flexible space
- Civic events

What are the most pressing issues with the planning process? Comments:

- Preserving parking for daily businesses
- Impact from Expo construction
- Request to set up meeting with Expo
- Fear of Expo's impact on art spaces
- Delivery accommodations
- Security
- Uncertainty about future
- Branding & marketing

What questions do current tenants have? Comments/questions:

- Want to talk to Expo about exact location of station and whether it will have side platforms, etc. [The City is supporting side platforms.]
- Will the driveway on 26th St. be preserved? [Yes, the City is working with Expo on this.]
- How will Bergamot be secured? [The current plan shows fences.]
- How late will trains run? [2:00 am]
- Can Bergamot use Agensys parking? [Yes, on nights and weekends: 220 spaces]
- Will there be commuter parking? [This will be coordinated on district-wide basis. The City will explore many solutions to parking.]
- What hours will Expo construction take place? [8:00 am – 7:00 pm daily]
- Why does Expo not need to supply parking?
- Can the owners buy Bergamot?

Answers in brackets [] were provided by staff at the meeting.

***Comments that were emphasized or that came up repeatedly.**

Follow-Up Issues:

**Invitations to Bergamot tenants to attend Expo meetings for answers to construction questions.
Invitations to joint meeting with Planning and Arts commissions, and possible additional meeting with this group and Consultant Tom Nordyke.**