

July 11, 2019

Bloomington Hospital Site Reutilization Committee  
City Hall  
401 N. Morton Street  
Bloomington, Indiana 47404

Dear Mayor John Hamilton and Chair Vi Simpson,

As our community determines development of the IU Health Bloomington Hospital site on West Second Street, we seek your consideration of neighborhood concerns. The hospital's move will impact our entire city, but most directly the adjacent McDoel Gardens and Prospect Hill neighborhoods. We are eager to be involved in envisioning its future with all concerned.

With that in mind, Prospect Hill and McDoel Gardens respectfully request more public input regarding the site reutilization plans, with particular attention to the following:

- At a recent steering committee meeting we noticed the use of several terms, sometimes used interchangeably. We request a glossary that defines these terms as they pertain to the steering committee and its work: RFP, RFQ, Master Planner, Master Developer, Owner's Rep, Master Plan.
- We know the City is engaging an 'owner's rep,' and we request an update on the status of that negotiation with the first choice, Browning Investments.
- The original site reutilization subcommittee (established in 2015) examined peer communities with similar hospital relocations. In addition, the Urban Land Institute conducted extensive interviews with a broad range of community members. We request prompt public access to those documents so we can thoughtfully review and benefit from this previous work.
- Regarding the Comprehensive Plan's recommendation to include 'deep public participation,' we request a series of charrettes for public input on the formal plan.
- As the Urban Land Institute research recommends 'robust community engagement process,' we request you appoint one representative each from Prospect Hill and McDoel Gardens to the steering committee.

We believe this is an opportunity for another great Bloomington success story, and look forward to hearing from you.

We request a formal response to our letter by August 5. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

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