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CATEGORIZATION OF VISIONING SESSION COMMENTS – 11-09-10

STRUCTURE RELATED COMMENTS:

1. Save the house/keep the house
2. Salvage whatever is possible from existing house and incorporate it into the new facility. A great spot for the restaurant portion. Save the stone walks and trees. Use solar air conditioner and make new facilities as “green” as possible it will save money in operating cost once opened.
3. If house is saved make welcome center
4. Can the house be gutted enough to make a large meeting/party room with a kitchen and bathrooms for large groups?
5. Preserve building and maintain current ordinances
6. Building needs to go

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMENTS:

1. A lynchpin (anchor) for Economic Development
2. I envision cruise ships along the coast stopping and sending tour groups in to the dock for town tours, use of restaurants and gift shops. Maybe some of the visitors will return.
3. Build an income producing boutique hotel with a conference center for small to medium size groups.
4. Community/meeting/rental facility
5. Meeting facility with emphasis on ecology and view
6. Charter fishing fleet based on the docks. Restaurant/shops with outside park like St. Simons Island.
7. Must be multifaceted several options of facilities/eating establishments will bring in greater number of diverse people
8. Jobs that pay well across all income levels
9. Economic sense to keep building
10. Keep building as a community center
11. Shops building more buildings
12. An entertainment zone
13. Big meeting room (300+)
14. Economic development: shops
15. Convention Center (quaint space 200 people)
16. Continue the festival experience
17. Building needs to be in Economic Development
18. UGA SE Georgia campus
19. Alternative energy think tank with incubation space
20. Nuclear energy education and development center

21. Make a movie
22. Community area (available for rent...classes, workshops, meetings, etc.)
23. Conference center
24. Marine lab tied to state universities
25. Boat store (supply stable goods, fishing/Trader Joes)
26. Development of a "historic" economy
27. Fishing village theme (hotel, marina, charters, etc)
28. Lots of dock space rental income

BOATER RELATED COMMENTS:

1. Boater facilities (Laundromat, convenience store) not bathroom and showers
2. Incomparable water access deep water access and St. Marys already has reputation as welcoming boaters
3. Mooring field marina boater center
4. Sell or lease the 16 boat slips
5. Boat docking Docks existing and potential, affordable boat ramp
6. St. Marys inlet world class deep water access to Atlantic
7. St. Marys River deep water to the city waterfront
8. New property has deep water at the site. Don't overlook tremendous potential for small and medium boat tourism. Low cost to accommodate.
9. St. Marys jump off for Cumberland Island. Also a draw for water based tourism
10. Fishing pier
11. No fishing pier
12. Building on public boat dock
13. Make it a destination place for boaters (city marina)
14. For example, St. Simons-public space fishing dock
15. Marina boat accessible waterfront restaurant
16. Don't ugly it up with a marina
17. Connectivity to the town Gateway to St. Marys (southeast GA) from the water (boaters destination)

CODE RELATED COMMENTS

1. Where is your emergency entrance/exit fire trucks etc
2. No high-rise condo
3. AE & VE flood zones (impact on current concepts)
4. Stay with existing height requirements
5. Handicap accessibility for viewing area with no just pulled on just the sidewalk

HOTEL RELATED COMMENTS:

1. No hotel you take away from local inns
2. Need a nice pool with hotel downtown families require this
3. Hotel – restaurant

4. Have hotel, etc look like the dock house
5. Hotel/lodging of some kind
6. Hotel profit sharing for city and county
7. Add hotel component
8. Ecology based “green” hotel

RECREATION COMMENTS

1. Place in back for seafood “gatherings”
2. Basketball court ½ covered in back.
3. Quiet place to read and meditate over-looking the water/marshes
4. Walking/bike path for people
5. Same use of area for children/teens
6. Trailhead for walk, bike, drive history/heritage tourism
7. Component be used for black history/genealogical center relating to the African American Diaspora during 1815 Peace, tranquility water front beauty
8. Space for exercising facility
9. Bike paths/walking paths
10. Places to sit and enjoy the place
11. Arts
12. Recreational opportunity
13. Access for all
14. Add submarine to tour
15. Big house with dock for fishing and swimming
16. Golf cart access to property
17. Special events center (education, art classes, etc)
18. Submarine (dry dock) tourist attraction
19. Perimeter man made public beach
20. Bike trails
21. Trail head (big)/(unique)
22. Public park natural area
23. Bike paths, walking paths, workout stations
24. Teen center – safe place for youth to come concerts, speakers, events

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMENTS

1. Add sixth point: Ecology
2. Environment as important as other five principles
3. Preserve environment will drive the five principles. Destroy the environment and you destroy five principles.
4. Butterfly gardens
5. Marine Eco-classroom for school kids
6. Nature education walk
7. Flowers

8. Wood storks, fly-way for bird migration equals to visit destination, Audubon recognition
9. Cumberland island seashore link to environmental/ecology groups
10. Preserve wildlife
11. All structures should use solar energy and be totally self sustainable.
12. Develop project using green building guidelines set by LEED, and also green space guidelines. Incorporate a "Green building" information kiosk in building to educate community.

RESTAURANT RELATED COMMENTS

1. Waterfront restaurant
2. Tiki bar on dock over water
1. Restaurant national chains
2. Waterfront/sidewalk café

UNCATEGORIZED COMMENTS:

1. Honor Gilman family
2. Think Siena Italy
3. Definitely save the trees
4. Through the years this has been known as the dock house
5. All resource potential consideration, including trees, marshes, walls to be constructed
6. Community support for project (across all income strata's)
7. Historic St. Marys partners with Kingsland welcome center infrastructure is there
8. For example Sand Destin at Jekyll
9. Also coordinate with internet marketing is essential today to gain visitors
10. Road access easy
11. Get input from local kids (St. Marys schools and CCHS for ideas. They are very creative)
12. Chamber of Commerce
13. Connectivity from airport to waterfront...series of cart paths, environment centers, marsh walk, trails
14. No pet zone...tired of poop and dog marking territory.