Ewing Municipal Parking Lot 1st meeting to discuss possibility of an RFP 9-24-19

Community Feedback

- A major concern from several in attendance is parking.
 - o For business owners, shoppers, employees, residents and potential new residents.
 - "Lifeblood" of the business district.
- Concern over increased density.
 - Concern about overcrowding.
 - Density, parking and in the schools.
- Concern about the walkability of the surrounding area.
 - No crosswalk at 50th and Chowen.
- Concern historical context of the lot is not being accounted for.
- Concern over a lack of affordable amenities.
- Support for more affordable housing in Fulton.
 - o There should be affordable housing everywhere in the city.
- Support for a more diverse neighborhood.
- Support for scatter site, affordable housing projects.
 - (Scatter site affordable or public housing, built throughout an urban area rather than being concentrated in a single neighborhood).
- Support for the benefits a project like this could bring.

Community Asks

- More meetings like this one.
- Include pedestrian safety improvement as a part of this project.
- Include retaining parking in the RFP.
- Host a meeting where the benefits of a project like this are part of the discussion.
- Consider impacts on local schools regarding increased density.
- Include family housing as part of RFP. As opposed to studios.
- Conduct a parking needs study.
 - o Both winter and summer.
- Conduct a traffic study.

Questions

- Will the zoning on the other side of Ewing change?
 - o 2040 Plan calls for this street's zoning to be quite fragmented.
- How will the City plan for increased density in the area?

- How will the apartment building going in next door impact the area?
- Is this a done deal?
 - o Will the lot for sure be replaced with housing?
 - o Can "do nothing" be a potential outcome?
- What kind of housing types are would fit?
- How will residents be communicated with during this process?
 - O What will be the visibility of the process?
- How will residents more directly impact this process?
 - o Will there be a CAC or something similar?

Requests of the community

- What would you like this process to look like?
- How would you like to be communicated with throughout the process?
- What kinds of checkpoints should we make certain include community meetings/outreach?
- How should we select/elect/appoint/nominate individuals to some kind of working group?

Commitments from my office

- My office will bring forward relevant data/information regarding traffic and parking in this area.
- My office will host future meetings.
 - Ones that are like this first one and working group meetings with both staff and community/business representatives.