

Hudson Yards Community Advisory Committee

Dec. 10 Public Forum – Group Discussion Reports

Table 1.

Affordable housing a big concern – there isn't much rental proposed
Fortress-like development – large buildings block everything out
No services – hospital, fire, police. Need something to hold the community together
Concerned about mixed use – combining commercial and residential.

Table 2.

Need public space that works for the neighborhood, and is distributed through out
More affordable housing
Living wages
Interesting and dynamic architecture

Table 3.

Make it part of the City, spatially and economically
Affordable housing and good jobs, so people can live and work in the neighborhood

Table 4.

There's no housing for moderate- and middle-income people. Need inventive ideas for a new Mitchell-Lama program
How to deal with traffic?
Jobs during and after construction
All buildings are too high

Table 5.

Concerned about how buildings meet the street, esp. the walls of buildings on Tenth and 30th – worried about height and how you enter
Moderate- and middle-income housing
Money shouldn't be the only concern for the bids

Table 6.

Preserve the High Line
Smaller buildings would be more appropriate for the site
Sustainability
Quality permanent jobs for building services
Creating large open public space is an opportunity we won't have again
Affordable housing

Table 7.

Low- moderate- and middle-income housing
Development needs to be better integrated with surroundings
Public space must remain public; creeping commercialism is a concern
Public facilities
Preserve all of the High Line, including the Spur

Table 8.

Affordable housing – what does that mean? Expand beyond low-income
Jobs – union jobs
Concerned about the density and about its impact on infrastructure

Table 9.

Lack of specificity about housing. Need as much creative and bold thinking about housing as there has been about the open space. Interested in ownership opportunities.
Need services – hospitals and grocery stores
As little parking as possible
“Upscaleness” (sic) Seems targeted to luxury users. Need commitment to low- moderate- and middle-income housing

Table 10.

Affordable housing – fuzziness on financing. Need to get a new program from Albany.
Infrastructure and sustainability
Preserve the High Line and the Spur
Open space must be high quality and usable

Table 11.

Development is far too big; no cognizance of the surroundings
How does this impact infrastructure?
Public transportation options?

Table 12.

High Line preservation
Open space – large, unobstructed space seems hard to use. What’s important is the experience of being in open space, not the experience of the surrounding buildings.

Table 13.

Affordable housing – permanent, mix of incomes, and mixed throughout
Preservation of the High Line and the Spur
Liked big open spaces, but also smaller ones – sunlight is important for the quality of the open spaces
Good jobs
Pedestrian environment – ease of circulation
Financing and other public subsidies – what’s involved?