

LANCASTER COUNTY

PRISON REPLACEMENT

LISTENING SESSION September 21, 2022



COMMUNITY INPUT

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We will keep a timer visible for you to be aware of time remaining.

Keep comments focused on the facility project

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If time allows, speakers may request additional time

We have reserved one hour for the listening session; if all citizens have presented and time remains, you may request an additional 3 minutes.



PROJECT LEADERSHIP

Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

Lancaster County Prison Board

Project Advisory Committee

Ray D'Agostino, Chairman*

Josh Parsons, Vice-Chairman*

John Trescot, Commissioner*

Larry George, Administrator/Chief Clerk

Tammy Moyer, Deputy Chief Clerk

Cheryl Steberger, Warden

Bill Aberts, Deputy Warden

Jackie Pfursich, Solicitor

Kathleen Morrison, Solicitor

Bob Devonshire, Facilities

Pat Mulligan, Budget Services

Lisa Colon, Controller

Steven Clements, IT

Brian Koenig, IT

Linda Schreiner, Purchasing

Heather Chalfant, Purchasing

Austin Beiler, Community Member

Carrie Kurtz, Community Member

*Commissioners will be rotating members of the Advisory Committee based upon the current phase of the project.





PROJECT TIMELINE

Needs Assessment	Programming	A/E Procurement	Design	Bidding	Groundbreaking	Project Opening
Aug – Oct '22	Sept – Dec '22	Dec '22 – Feb '23	Feb '23 – Feb '24	Jan – March '24	April '24	2026



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Lancaster County Correctional Facility Project Listening Session #1

Logistics

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Location: Lancaster Public Safety Training Center, 101 Champ Blvd., Manheim, PA

Time: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Attachments

Power point Presentation

Sign In Sheet

In Attendance

<u>Advisory Committee:</u> Commissioner John Trescot, Warden Steberger, DW Aberts, DW Joe Shiffer, Larry George, Tammy Moyer, Jackie Pfursich, Brian Koenig, Austin Beiler, Carrie Kurtz, Heather Chalfant, Linda Schreiner

Prison Board Members: President Judge David Ashworth

CGL Team Members: Ed Whatley, Wayne Freeh, Babette Macy

Public: See Sign In Sheet

Notes

Linda opened the meeting. She shared the purpose of the meeting and indicated the ground rules for the listening session. Linda introduced the members of the Advisory Committee, Prison Board, and staff in attendance. Babette and Ed shared the project timeline and described the role of an owner's representative. Fourteen people spoke from the public. The people that spoke represented community organizations along with individuals from the community. Common themes included:



MEETING LOGISTICS

- **Notification of the Meeting**. The public felt there was not adequate notice to prepare for the meeting. They indicated attendance was low because people did not know about the meeting.
- Location of the Meeting. A number of people spoke about the location being difficult to get to along
 with the time of the evening. Neighbors that spoke near the project location want a meeting near the
 site so neighbors can attend.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

Community Representation. Individuals spoke about having more community representation on the
Advisory Committee. Requests were made to expand the committee to add public representatives.
They also spoke about the perceived lack of diversity in the Advisory Committee indicating the
committee should reflect the population of the prison/jail. Questions were raised on how the
community will be involved moving forward – including when the next meeting would be and where
it would be held, as well as how they could receive more information.

PROJECT VISION

Vision for the New Project. Many of those speaking inquired about the vision for the project. They
asked questions about what would be different from the existing facility and asked what sort of
guiding principles are being used to guide the design for the new facility.

PROJECT PROGRAMMING AND DESIGN

- **Needs Assessment.** People inquired on how the data for establishing who is in the facility was being gathered. They also commented on the high percentage of people they felt were there on pretrial circumstances asking what was being done to get them back home and at their jobs.
- Space and Programming. Many of the speakers addressed the need for space to conduct classes, host
 religious ceremonies, group therapy, and allow for confidential treatment (such as sexual assault
 consultation). Others spoke about the need for a transitional space for the time before their date of
 their release to get them ready to go out into society again.
- **Design of Facility**. Neighbors near the site expressed comments about having a design that would be "nice to live next to" and fit in with the neighborhoods nearby. They also voiced concerns about increased traffic and how that would be mitigated with the new facility. People spoke about the importance of natural light and nature to assist with healing for those incarcerated.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRENDS

- Mental and Behavioral Health. The public recognized the increase of behavioral and mental health
 conditions with the inmates and detainees and asked questions about how the new facility would
 address these issues.
- **Reasons for Incarceration**. Public comments were given about the reasons for incarceration and focused on ways to reduce placing people in the jail. People spoke about false convictions along with the impacts to an individual's mental health once incarcerated.

Note: The above notes reflect the comments received by the testimony provided during the listening session by members of the community. As some of the comments conflict with the presentations made to the Prison Board by County staff and/or their consultants, please refer to the project's website (www.lccf-pa.com) for more information on the Needs Assessment and Programming for the facility.



Lancaster County Prison Replacement Advisory Committee Town Hall

WHEN: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Lancaster Public Safety Training Center - 101 Champ Blvd. Manheim, PA 17545

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