

# **Informed (and informing) approach to demolition in Baltimore (26)**

The Bethlehem Gadfly Martin Tower, Serious Issues May 4, 2019

*(26th in a series on Martin Tower)*

*Martin Tower demolition May 19*

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***Informational meeting***

***Thursday, May 9, 6PM***

***Nitschmann Middle School***

“It is amazing to me that so many people are reacting to this implosion as entertainment or spectacle rather than a health risk.”

Barbara Diamond

*Peter Crownfield is officially retired but spends most of his time working with students in his role as internship coordinator for the Alliance for Sustainable Communities–Lehigh Valley.*

One more thought, Gadfly. In Baltimore, they learned from a project sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. One of many important points in their report was an emphasis on engaging the community in developing the plans:

“Project leaders convened an independent panel of outside experts to assess the

demolition protocols in consultation with community residents, advocate for needed

changes, and review test results.... the panel met several times with

community members to answer questions related to demolition safety, discuss

demolition protocols, review test results and relay community concerns to the

project’s sponsors.”

Bethlehem could learn a lot from informed approaches like this.

[Peter previously posted that he thinks Baltimore is one of the cities that banned this type of demolition.]

Peter

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