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Lyman Allyn Art Museum

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LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM HOSTS SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY FORUM ON PLANNED LYMAN ALLYN PARK

New London - The Lyman Allyn Art Museum on Tuesday hosted a community forum on a planned urban renewal project on its grounds, the Lyman Allyn Park. The forum provided a platform for community members to voice their opinions and share ideas about the proposed park, which aims to be an innovative space that combines nature, education, recreation, and art. Lyman Allyn has an application before the state's Community Investment Fund to help fund the project.

The event was attended by residents, city officials, and representatives from the state legislature, all of whom expressed their excitement and support for the project. Two state representatives shared their thoughts on the importance of this project:

"This urban renewal project is a perfect example of the kind of investments we should be making to bring our community together," said State Representative Anthony Nolan. "It is my hope that the Community Investment Fund approves this application, so we can see this project come to fruition."

State Representative Christine Conley added, "Between people of faith, theatergoers, and those that simply love their community, this proposal will have a significant impact on folks from all walks of life. I'm so proud to support this project and can't wait to see it through."

New London's mayor also spoke at the forum and affirmed his support for the project. "The Lyman Allyn Art Museum has been a pillar of our community for nearly a century, and this park is a natural extension of their commitment to promoting art and culture in New London," said Mayor Michael Passero. "I am excited to see this project move forward and to work with the museum and other stakeholders to make it a reality."

Sam Quigley, Director of the Lyman Allyn Art Museum, expressed his gratitude for the community's participation and support, "I am thrilled to see so much interest in our park. We believe this project has the potential to become a unique and vibrant destination that will showcase the beauty of our city. We are committed to working closely with the state and the community to make sure that the Lyman Allyn Park becomes a valuable asset for New London and a source of pride for everyone involved."

Lyman Allyn Park will provide residents with accessible community space within a park setting that will also be available for community gatherings, free musical and theatrical performances, educational programs, interfaith services, recreation, free Wi-Fi, and more. In addition to seeking

state funding, Lyman Allyn is engaged in a robust fundraising campaign to match private resources with potential public support.

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About the Lyman Allyn Art Museum

The Lyman Allyn Art Museum welcomes visitors from New London, southeastern Connecticut and all over the world. Established in 1926 with a gift from Harriet Allyn in memory of her seafaring father, the Museum opened the doors of its beautiful neoclassical building surrounded by 12 acres of green space in 1932. Today it presents several changing exhibitions each year and houses a fascinating collection of over 17,000 objects from ancient times to the present, including art from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe, with particularly strong collections of American paintings, decorative arts and Victorian toys and doll houses.

The Museum is located at 625 Williams Street, New London, Connecticut, exit 83 off I-95. The Museum is open **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m.**; it is closed on Mondays and major holidays. For more information call 860.443.2545, ext. 2129 or visit www.lymanallyn.org.