

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting #2

Attendees Online

Brittany Campagna, Pillars Development
Nora Yoo, Metro Planning
Kim Demetrio, Homeless Support Organization
Jason Garrett, Neighborhood Representative
Ingrid Campbell, Neighborhood Representative
Justin Jackson, Neighborhood Representative
Ann Butterworth, Urban Residents Association
Matthew Warren, Cross Point Church
Marsha Edwards, Martha O'Bryan Center
Leslie Boone

Attendees In Person

Harriett Brooks, Metro Planning
Shawn Shepherd, Metro Planning
Anna Grider, Metro Planning
Eric Fang, Perkins Eastman
Vaughan Davies, Perkins Eastman
Anders Bjerregaard-Andersen, Perkins Eastman
Ed Henley, Pillars Development
Malina Springer, Pillars Development
Richie Jones, HDLA
Elizabeth Howe, Varallo PR
Deb Varallo, Varallo PR
Brett Withers, District 6 Councilman
Sean Parker, District 5 Councilman
Rebecca Ratz, Friends of Shelby Park
Tamika, Neighborhood Representative
Charlane Oliver, Equity Alliance

Analysis will last until end of July – at that point we will have decided on principles

South of Shelby connects to Cayce Place
West side of Titan's stadium connects to downtown
Area north of tracks is connected to RiverNorth

South of Shelby

PSC and Cayce Place as one contiguous neighborhood

Area previously recreational and related more toward the water

Look at: Granville Island, Vancouver – viaducts and overpasses used as places to be instead of as dividers

Central Area

Look at: Wrigleyville – small, walkable blocks with smaller-scale buildings; Fenway – Yawkey Way usable both during gamedays and also during normal business; Pittsburgh North Shore – bridge approach is treated like a normal city street, buildings are built up to and directly accessed from the street

North of Main

Very closely related to RiverNorth developments. Can we start to think of this whole thing as more of a string of villages.

Need to consider equity in design

Circulation

Considering three north-south connectors, each with different functions

Considering the east-west connections as well to tackle the divide created by I-24

- Look at Circulator busses in Georgetown, DC

Riverfront & Resiliency

2010 Flood – what does it mean for the future?

Annual amount of precipitation to remain the same, but storms will be more frequent and more severe (more frequent flash flood events)

What strategies can we take to allow things to actually flood?

What was the role of the CSX tracks in keeping water in during the 2010 flood?

Want the riverfront to feel intimate

Q&A

Jason Garrett: thinking about trolleys and cable way that could cross the river. We need to make it easy for more pedestrians to get across the river to the East Bank

Kim Demetrio: make sure that the floodwater remediation in this area doesn't negatively impact the surrounding neighborhoods

- We are working to make sure we don't displace water. Planning on doing a cut and fill study

Love the idea of the pool. Louisville waterfront is truly great for events but sparse during other times

Marsha Edwards: (Boscobel Heights is no longer Cayce Place); love the idea of a circulator because bus system get worse the closer you get to downtown; really talk to MDHA because they have a plan to have busses go through Boscobel Heights
Love the idea of a pool, most people don't have a boat. We need to make it accessible
From 900-2700 mixed income unit (low income from 900-1100 units)
Concerned that we are underestimating the amenities needed in East Nashville.
Programmed parks along the river are extremely important.

Ingrid Campbell: like combination of parks and integrating East Bank into the neighborhoods

Fan of the Circulator system

is there a synergy between River North and East Bank?

- Currently starting discussions with Neuhoff and Oracle to make sure that we can make these connections and share resources when possible.

Councilman Brett Withers: between stormwater concerns, etc. it's prohibitive to even remove junk trees, how do we create riverfront access?

- We need to get everyone on board to become a part of the decision. We need to create tools and develop appealing narrative that encourages buy-in

Councilman Parker: Along north end of study area, have there been conversations with CSX or TDOT about alleviating that?

- Conversations have begun and have been positive at this point. We need to begin testing the ideas. We are cognizant of the proposed bike lanes.
- We will look at other connections – Main street and Woodland – to allow for an increase in connection point. Reduce the number of intersections on these two streets.
- We don't want to exacerbate traffic on the highway with local traffic. Instead, we want to create better access just trying to get around on the East Bank.

Have you looked at Memphis's planned revitalization or existing riverbanks?

Could you have a link to each of the documents that will be referenced on the website?

- Links will be provided to allow for access to resources/studies used

We want to accommodate major events, but we want to make sure we're not planning for 8-15 days/year.

Ann Butterworth: The connection of the greenways and parks is so important but there needs to be programming and supervision (safety)

- We know that maintenance and operations is one of the key factors. It can cost almost as much in upkeep as initial build. It has to feel comfortable on Sunday afternoon and on weekday mornings. Scale and adjoining uses are very important. We want a balance of solitude and eyes on the street.

In discussions about Church Street Park as a proof of concept, several people have expressed that Nashville doesn't currently support visual artists by providing space like Jackson Square in New Orleans. Could that be included?

Kim Demetrio: Would connector bus be lower fare?

- We aren't quite at that level of detail yet?

Would residents have parking passes?

- There will be a big parking strategy for major events

Leslie Boone: Has there been an assessment of how traffic will impact neighborhoods that are bordered by Main Street? With more connectedness, will car traffic be routed through the neighborhoods?

- Additional connections should alleviate some of the existing traffic concerns

What is the timeline?

- This is the first of three phases. Hope to be going to PC in October with land use policy and chances to street plan. Following that, rezoning/urban design overlay/other. Implementation will take place over many many years following all approvals and rezonings.

Next big meetings week of July 12

Planning a sentiment walk to allow participants to actually stand on the riverbank and really talk/envisions