

LEARNING TABLE #5: LEARNING TABLE RECAP - NOTES

Minneapolis Public Works plans to reconstruct the intersection of 38th & Chicago (George Perry Floyd Square) and will begin this effort by engaging with the community. Engagement throughout the project is intended to help redesign the area in a way that reflects community needs.

Learning Table #5: Learning Table Recap



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January 30, 2023



Upcoming Learning Table: How do we Heal in order to Build?
February 27, 2023 ; 6pm; Sabathani Community Center

NEOO Partners and Public Policy Project hosted the 4th of a series of monthly Learning Tables for the 38th & Chicago, Re-Envisioned project. Created by Public Policy Project, The Learning Table provides the “learning water”; a place to ask critical questions and develop the “learning glue”; a place to develop relationships, create partnership, share ideas, and make commitments, to explore for incorporation in the 38th & Chicago Re-Envisioned Project. At the Learning Table, we Learn Together; Create a Shared Approach; Coordinate Efforts; and Ensure Community Benefit.

The fifth learning table topic focused on a recap of the Learning Tables to share the topics we have covered and explore future topics of interest to community members at 38th and Chicago. Attendees of the fifth learning table were given a presentation by project engagement staff; Sharice McCain, NEOO Partners and James Trice, Public Policy Project. Following the presentation attendees were given question prompts to explore at their tables in small groups. The notes below provide the raw transcription of the public response to the prompts.

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What We Heard

The 23 attendees of the fifth Learning Table were presented with questions to discuss and answer in small groups.

Describe your experience participating in the Learning Tables? If this is your first session, what do you hope to gain from participating?

- Community- People who live and work in the area of South Minneapolis (have roots)
- I get cards all the time ...(sometimes), 3x's a day.
- Putting in time and energy to figure out what community is saying needs to be done in this neighborhood.
- Clean it up- move the make-shift "people's closet" to one of the empty buildings ... Sabthani's People's Clothes Closet
- Leveraging our own resources in the neighborhood
- Who are already embedded resources (people) in our communities?
- People's closet SC, Macedonia, closet contacts, food shelves contact, Building resources contacts
- "We want it to look a specific way.. however..."(differing perspectives on the physical memorialization of the community intersection of 38th & Chicago).
- Civil rights museum (\$\$\$\$) vs local community resources way of stewarding the intersection
- Housing-displacement; equitably pricing housing
- Safety
- Hope & dreams
- Healing more jobs along 38h street
- Memorial to George Floyd and other stolen lives
- Welcoming, safe happy for all-Includes 24/7 houseless, addicts, hard times, young black men
- Uncurated art
- Peaceful
- Resources
- More lighting
- Gathering space
- No police, patrolling
- Pedestrian safety
- Transportation - only buses and emergency vehicles, no cars



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What topics would you like to see covered at future Learning Tables?

- How City, State, parks, etc. Can partner with community for decision making without co-opting the project
- Get experts to understand the possibilities of the space-explain, present, ideate
- Historic zone w/ rules to protect the community?
- Better data on #5 ridership specific to 38th & Chicago
- Opportunity for pilot projects here?
- Anti Displacement (2x): How can we protect and support the community here today and the people already displaced?
- Anti Displacement Strategies- Community ex. (Miss Linda, 6 renters, United for Justice), reverse racial covenants? 38th Street Thrive Plan
- Promoting ways for community to come together and how this space can give back to the community
- Influence of Systems of oppression on the Black Community
- Continued Community input and decision making on projects impacting the neighborhood
- Connecting Community to (info sessions) programs, grants, infrastructure projects etc. So that we can participate/apply.
- How to prepare for the youth we want to see in the community
- Training and preparation for our youth
- Transparency less talking, more action
- Community healing and ownership
- Memorializing the movement locally creating a local museum/healing center at the site
- Climate Resilience incorporated into the design: Sabathani resilience Hub as an example
- Follow-up/next steps on plans for the People's Way Racial Healing Center
- How do we heal the harm done by certain players in the community
- Transformative and restorative Justice models vs. extractive/abusive behaviors
- How do we shift power to the community?
- Transportation and Mobility solutions-bring back Metro Transit and others (Evie, Metro Mobility etc..)
- Healing Circle and Community Building

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My greatest hope for the future of the community surrounding George Perry Floyd Square (38th and Chicago) is _____? I'm willing to do _____ to make my hope a reality.

- Stay in this community and my home comfortably, be able to walk to get things I need (groceries, health care etc..)
- Feel comfortable getting around the neighborhood
- Any and everything! Be a senior mentor, tell my story, be an artist supporter!mentor other artists
- What is the Community? Explore and answer/understand that, make sure the community has what they need (bus service,transit accessibility of basic needs,memorial to George Flyod and other lives lost). Create a formal, structured plan for the community to create a racial healing center, creating vision and maintaining it.
- Community benefits agreement for the racial healing center
- Creating a model for Community resilience , racial justice & healing, arts & culture, memorial, job training and opportunity
- Talk to my neighbors to create the vision and work to make it happen. The people have the power!



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