

LEARNING TABLE #8: PUBLIC REALM; PEDESTRIAN PLACES - 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 #8: Learning Table Recap



Learning Table: Public Realm,
Pedestrian Places May 22, 2023



Upcoming Learning Table: Green Infrastructure
June 26, 2023 ; 6pm; Sabathani Community Center

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 eighth learning table topic focused on the walk-ability and community space and begin to explore what is possible at 38th and Chicago. The session was facilitated by City of Minneapolis Office of Public Works and 4RM+ULA Architects and co-facilitated by James Trice, Public Policy Project and Sharice McCain, NEOO Partners. 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 31 attendees of the eighth Learning Table were presented with questions to discuss and answer in small groups.

What are the components of great pedestrian places?

Safety

- People's way connected- Black wall street-National historic District
- Gardens
- Parking Commence
- Public Safety
- Only safety vehicles
- Busses only for drop off__>hourly
- Park & Portland expressways
- Bikes lanes-bump art gardens
- Pedestrian gathering places?
- People's plaza space to gather,mourn,celebrate
- Guthrie Theatre: Green space, public art
- Safe and walkable
- Places to sit benches,"parking for people"
- Shade structures w/ solar panels, awnings
- Shops and businesses
- Places to go, reason to be there
- Safe and protected (from vehicle)
- Violating, beauty, Serendipity (brooklyn vibe
- Lots of restaurants
- Greenery
- Lots of small businesses
- Access to food and drink
- Easy ability to walk-across the street
- Lighting
- More foot/bike traffic begalas move traffic(people sell can, crazy walking in the people's way)
- Basic amenities (restrooms)
- Look to what other cities have done ex/
- Accessible-navigable
- Welcoming, available for multi-purpose uses, see trust for public land
- Places where people want It's a destination, it should be a place that is frequently used (This is not just another intersection in Minneapolis)to be
- Genuine sense of safety(this includes tangible things like lighting and free of trash
- It's a destination , it should be a place that is frequently used
- (this is not just another intersection in minneapolis)
- Heated sidewalks in the summer
- Has no print vehicles
- Places to sit
- Bathrooms/Harm radiation facilities
- Shade- other people
- Art- good approachable lighting- inviting
- Its open, lots of access points
- Is permanent/predictable
- Its welcoming to all (safe space)
- Not exclusive/extraordinary



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What would make this space safer for pedestrians?

- Safety vehicles only - no traffic, community safety groups, guided tours
- Presence of a diverse pedestrian population
- Less gym shoes & less stories/ of violent crime
- Pedestrians and cars in harmony (not competing)
- Slowing down of traffic
- Less trash less needles
- New “improvements” are causing too much congestion
- We need a foundation to live into
- No private vehicles
- Dedicated parking outside the space
- Agle parking for residents -very narrow lanes
- Make other streets able to replace Chicago capacity
- Bollards EVERYWHERE
- Except to fascists
- Slower speed limits (if they are there)
- Traffic calming feature
- Safer crossings , raised bumps, high-visibility crosswalks
- Raised intersection
- Protected bike lanes: narrow the roadway
- No cars
- Benches
- Tress
- Heat lamps
- Lighting
- Kiosks
- Public Art
- Historical info
- Art maker info
- Weather
- Newer

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How do you anticipate people using the space in the future?

- What can the ally be used for?
- “Parking” reshape the alley for the community-alternative for dinners
- multi-purpose area
- Space for public gathering
- A world class memorial and public center
- A Vibrant local economy
- Children playing
- Family picnics
- People come from all over the world learning, crying, giving together
- Lots of greenery and plans
- To be very safe if that includes no cars, that’s fine
- Open it up w/ some racial healing /GF center
- Community should own speedway & decide what not to do there
- Trees(very big ones
- Green space
- More garden to green
- Space maybe say their names graveyard)
- Great food!
- A place where people can sit down at
- A reason to be there local vendors
- Offerings
- Events
- Field trips
- Mutual aid(people’s closet and pantry)
- Community
- Reflection & healing
- Grief
- Art/Music
- Solidarity + protest
- Celebrate Black Joy
- Celebrate & Incubate Black owned businesses
- Start w/premise of a global destination for anti-racism
- ex./ location of MLK assassination->plaza/reparation organizing, anti-racist organizing
- Lorraine Motel
- As a destination
- As a memorial
- Community-owned space
- Gathering to mourn,grieve, celebrate,heal
- Traveling to and from by transit(metro mobility style)
- Space similar to the Lorraine Motel, other racial justice museums, legacy museum, national civil rights museum
- Visitors making pilgrimages
- Neighborhood gathering and events
- How to avoid it becoming a safe space
- Visiting local businesses
- Parklets for dining at local restaurants
- Other
- We’ve had many meetings, still no action
- Feels like they are telling us what they are going to do



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