



Neighborhood Pop-Up Conversation

Greater Corktown Neighborhood Framework Plan

Date:	<u>August 8, 2019</u>	Time:	<u>6:00-7:30pm</u>
Location:	<u>Pink Flamingo (2746 Vermont St, Detroit, MI 48216)</u>	Facilitators:	<u>David Esparza (Consultant Team), James Feagin (Consultant Team), Vince Keenan (City of Detroit), Trey Scott (City of Detroit)</u>
Outreach by:	<u>North Corktown Neighborhood Association</u>	Participation:	<u>7-8 participants</u>

Discussion notes: What would you like to be achieved through this planning process, that supports the energy and efforts of the community?



“Building” theme

- Robust conversation regarding density with some advocating for increased density, with others uneasy about it:
 - Some concerns with density and the potential to damage the current open space aesthetic that the community enjoys. Potential ability to combine lots and enact Green Area Ratio Standards that are deployed by the City of Washington, DC’s Zoning Ordinance.
 - Density is needed to support retail capacity to ensure that businesses survive when locating to the area.
 - “Build it and they will come” statement by a local restaurateur: current restaurant as an example, with it attracting members from a large target market area.
- Desire for an increase in cultural amenities with the possible funding of a community center. Potential for green building standards and commercial cultural corridors, with a focus on 14th Street.
- Support needed so that homeowners and residents that need help can access resources (ie. new roofs).
- Major concerns over land disposition by the Detroit Land Bank Authority in North Corktown. Lack of understanding on lots for sale and a desire for greater transparency. Residents want the ability to have somewhat of a “first-offering” to purchase public land in the study area. Side-lot program can be improved.



“Traveling” theme

- Resident interest in the upcoming City-Wide Transportation Master Plan.
- Strong opposition for turning Rosa Parks Boulevard into a 2-way street. Residents are worried about parking on the street and a possible increase in speeding with drivers rushing through the neighborhood to board interstate on-ramps.
- Concerns about decreased parking and increased speeding on Rosa Parks Boulevard.
- As density increases are there plans in place for public transportation?



“Greening” theme

- Considerable conversation about a potential pheasant habitat/sanctuary. Is it a good idea?
 - Possible located on or near the Owen Middle School site. Take existing green space and create habitat. A space for birds and people, similar to Riverwalk. Detroit has unique bird species, which is fantastic, but it should not be exclusively bird habitat. Everyone loves the pheasants. “They put me to bed and wake me up in the morning.” Determine a way to maintain the pheasants.
- Green corridor plan to encourage long walks and utilize parks and lots we currently have. Preliminary designs have been prepared by the North Corktown Neighborhood Association.