



# Neighborhood Pop-Up Conversation

## Greater Corktown Neighborhood Framework Plan

Date:	<u>Monday, August 12, 2019</u>	Time:	<u>5:30 - 6:30pm</u>
Location:	<u>Nancy Whiskey Pub (2644 Harrison St, Detroit, MI)</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>5 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

- Development density should not be focused in the interior of existing neighborhoods, but focused on the edges. No 3 story buildings in the interior of the community.
- Greater Corktown Development Corporation (GCDC) has interest in building town homes.



#### “Traveling” theme

- Certain corridors are prime for a “main street” dynamic: 14th Street, Temple Street, Rosa Parks Boulevard.
- There are important neighborhood crossroads and neighborhood gateways that are important to residents. Intersections of these streets form nodes for development and activity. Pedestrian safety, intersection design, and traffic signaling can improve in these spots.
- **Neighborhood crossroads:** Michigan Avenue and 14th Street; Temple Street and 14th Street
- **Neighborhood gateways** (see the map on the following page)
- **Prioritized corridors for improvement: neighborhood and major corridors**
  - **North and South:** 14th Street, Trumbull Avenue (needs to become more walkable), Rosa Parks Boulevard (slow it down with traffic calming).
  - **East and West:** Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (many pedestrians, could be improved), Michigan Avenue; Temple Street (pedestrian safety), Grand River Avenue (pedestrian safety).
- Better connectivity between Fountain Court and Historic Corktown (current walking options include W. Fisher Service Drive on the west of the study area).
- Pedestrian safety can be improved along footbridges, walking paths, and routes to school. Intersection design, wayfinding, and traffic management can be improved (ie. MLK and Grand River Avenue), such that people don’t have to dodge across or walk in the middle of the street.
- Traffic along Trumbull Avenue and Rosa Parks Boulevard can be better managed.
- Youth from Fountain Court catch school buses at the intersection of MLK Jr. Blvd and Lawton Street. How can we make it safer for kids to travel to and from school in the neighborhood?



#### “Greening” theme

- Desire for additional community space, such as dog park, youth space, or community/cultural center.
- Detroit Metro Youth for Christ community group desires community space/development of campus.
- Desire to see more outreach done with local schools to capture the ideas of the youth.
- The neighborhood was once a dense community and demand for open space and farms should be realistically balanced with residential uses.



Red tags indicate important neighborhood "gateways" and "crossroads"

Blue tags indicate locations and routes for improvement

