



Neighborhood Pop-Up Conversation

Greater Corktown Neighborhood Framework Plan

Date: September 4, 2019 Time: 7:00-8:15pm

Location: Gaelic League (2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48216) Facilitators: Kevin Schronce (City of Detroit), Vince Keenan (City of Detroit), Trey Scott (City of Detroit, notetaker)

Co-hosted by: Corktown Historical Society Participation: 11 participants

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



“Building” theme

- Concerns about affordability: the challenge of preserving the historic building typology of the historic district while understanding that preservation may hurt affordability. Example: multi-family row house construction will lead to more expensive housing units versus a more dense type of development.
- Desire to maintain the historic working-class character of the neighborhood.
- Desire to see funds allocated for beautification and home repairs.
- Support for mixed typology housing.
- Concerns about scale on Michigan Avenue. Buildings should be limited to 4 stories on the south-side on Michigan Avenue, up to Rosa Parks Boulevard.
- In terms of design guidelines, there is concern about the longevity and quality of the materials used in construction. Historic homes were built to last and were high quality.



“Traveling” theme

- Reduce the width of Michigan Avenue.
- Concerns with connectivity between Greater Corktown and the West Vernor/Southwest area.
- **Rosa Parks Blvd:**
 - Should be two-way north of Michigan Avenue. South of Michigan Avenue, Rosa Parks Boulevard should feel safer. The abundance of truck traffic makes it dangerous. It is seen as a main north/south connector in the area and provides access to the west riverfront.
- Tension between residents and parking on residential streets during large events.
- Speed bumps are needed on residential neighborhood streets.
- Need a 4-way stop at Church Street and 11th Street.
- The addition of more pedestrian crossings on Michigan Ave.
- The intersection by the old office building and the Greyhound Bus Station needs to be redesigned.
- Need to address potential residential street congestion due to infill development.



“Greening” theme

- Better access to existing parks and new amenities such as the Ralph J. Wilson Centennial Park along riverfront.
- Strong desire to be connected to riverfront.
- Desire to see more street trees on Michigan Avenue and throughout the Historic Corktown Neighborhood.

Red tags indicate suggestions for intersection improvements

GREATER CORKTOWN STUDY AREA

WEST VERNON SOUTHWARD PLANNING

MICHIGAN CENTRAL STATION CBO IMPACT AREA

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REDUCE WIDTH OF MICHIGAN AVE.

4 WAY STOP CHURCH ST

BETTER ACCESS TO EXISTING PARKS & EXPANSION

204 PARKS TRUCKS

204 PARKS OF GEORGE HOWIE BRIDGE TRAFFIC IS TOO HEAVY

Access

River Access

MAKE STREET BETWEEN BUS STATION + 2ND ST OFFICER BUS STOP

6TH MICHIGAN

Corktown Main entrance

Small Bungalows are needed

2000 or 2000+ sq ft 2-3 story townhomes

More parking in neighborhood

TOWN WILL BE GREATER CORKTOWN WEST VERNON CONNECTED