



Neighborhood Pop-Up Conversation

Greater Corktown Neighborhood Framework Plan

Date: Saturday, September 7, 2019

Time: 11:00am - 1:30pm

Location: Fountain Court
(3088 Lawton Street, Detroit, MI)

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Co-hosted by: Fountain Court Cooperative

Participation: 14 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

- Residents are interested in a community center that will service all with programs for seniors, youth, and young adults.
- Desire to see commercial strip with retail that is within walking distance.
- Vacant land should be used for economic development purposes that bring jobs.
- Desire to see local improvements, but concerns with the possibility of rent increases and the community becoming unaffordable,
- There need to be more stores on Grand River Avenue, 14th Street, and 18th Street. Desires to see more development in the study area with neighborhood serving retail that will build the capacity of the local economy. Concerns over retail leakage due to residents having to travel out of the area to shop.
- More affordable housing and stores.
- Restaurants that are small and trendy.
- Area needs a grocery store, shopping centers, and a movie theater.
- More fresh produce stores and a community center.
- No good markets (Honey Bee Market/La Colmena too to walk from Fountain Court).
- Job opportunities and pros/cons of local improvement: improvements may cause rent increases. What steps will be taken and will they be followed through on?



“Traveling” theme

- Investment in road and streetscape improvements.
- Road improvements.
- Improved streets and sidewalks.
- Concerns around connectivity around Burton School.
- The bike lanes are unsafe for kids.



“Greening” theme

- More/improved park space for the youth and children.
- Community center that will service all with programs (seniors, youth, young adults, etc.).
- Desire for children’s park space and safe ways to travel throughout North Corktown.
- Locate a park with a play park in front of Michigan Central Station.
- There should be more investment in the local parks.
- Considerations and mindfulness of pollution.