

WHAT WE HEARD

King Street Block Club
Focus Conversation on Housing
Attendees: 10
21 January 2023



Housing

We've heard that people want low income housing options and senior housing, and have also discussed housing affordability being related to job security and workforce development. We've also heard concerns about displacement. We'd like to hear more about your housing experience:

Tell us about your current housing experience.

Tell us about your housing aspirations.

"Housing is related to water, waste/sewage, energy etc, all of it is unaffordable."

HOME MAINTENANCE + IDENTIFYING RESOURCES

- Been ticketed while fixing up my house with limited resources
- Been fixing up my house for 7+ years. Lead has had a big impact on my family
- Housing is related to water, waste/sewage, energy etc, all of it is unaffordable.
- We loose power often
- Help applying for services (H.O.P.E, Tax Exemption Applications, things like that, etc.) for seniors
- Difficult to find contractors to do work (plumbing/sewer, roof etc)... even harder to find affordable contractors

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- CBA's with large developers just delay the removal of legacy Detroiters. If you are making affordable housing "define affordable correctly" don't put 10 year limits on affordable housing to delay kicking out long term residents. Make the entire structure affordable housing in trust for 88+ years
- Whole neighborhood sewer system has problems

We've heard that generational wealth building for Black families is a priority for neighbors. Does this resonate with you? If so, what supports do North End families need to build towards this? What does generational wealth mean to you?

HOUSING

- Homeownership
- How can I ensure my son can inherit my house + keep up with property taxes?
- Land trusts black family land program like Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund
- Legacy households
- Multi-generational households

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- Putt putt
- Safe route to school
- Parks
- Open land

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Place-based Discussion:

Housing

The red highlighted areas are some potential sites for housing development where the city owns a number of adjacent properties (see Figure 1).

What housing types and density would you like to see here?



Figure 1: Red highlighted areas are some potential sites for housing development where the city owns a number of adjacent properties