

2nd Avenue Revitalization: Listening Session

Looking Back and Moving Forward

A Special Virtual Event – Feb. 17 – 6pm to 8pm

AGENDA: *beginning at 6:02 pm*

Meeting Facilitator for first portion – Ron Gobbell introducing speakers, transitions

- **Introduction by Mayor John Cooper**
- **Opening remarks by Councilmember Freddie O’Connell** (Council District 19)
- **Why we’re here** – recovery efforts underway, moving into thinking about the future – Lucy Kempf (Metro Planning Executive Director)
- **2nd Avenue photos before and after explosion damage** – taking a moment of reflection with a series of photos
- **Update on current situation** – Bill Herbert (Metro Codes Director)
- **Brief remarks/update** – Ron Gobbell (Project Manager 2nd Ave. Rebuild)
- **Looking Back and Moving Forward** – Dr. Carole Bucy (Davidson County Historian) *(12 mins.)*
 - Looking back: History of Second Avenue
 - National Register of Historic Places, city’s first district in 1972
 - What was lost including the fire on Christmas Eve, 1982
 - Historic Zoning Overlay finally in 1997
 - Coordination with 2011 Nashville Riverfront Master Plan

Meeting Facilitator for second portion – Anita McCaig, we’re moving into thinking about the future

- **2nd Avenue Area and inspiration** — Nora Yoo (Metro Planning Senior Planner) *(5 mins.)*
 - Map of focus area (river to 3rd, Broadway to Union)
 - Quickly show some precedent images for inspiration and to get folks thinking
- **Open Session to obtain comments, concerns, suggestions** – Anita McCaig (Metro Planning Senior Planner)
 - Brief intro
 - Questions via Mentimeter *(everyone fills in questions below) (5 mins.)*
 - Who are you? *(multiple choice – resident, business owner, property owner, development professional, institutional rep)*
 - What is your zip code where you live or work?
 - Do you live or work Downtown?
 - Were you directly impacted by the explosion?
 - What one thing did you love most about 2nd Ave Area prior to the explosion?
 - Prior to COVID and the explosion, what was your number one concern regarding the 2nd Ave Area?

- In 2021, what is your number one concern?
- **Breakout Session** – Anita McCaig (Metro Planning Senior Planner) (*Overview – 2 mins.*)
 - *Our most important questions for group discussion to listen and get folks thinking (reviews rules and how it works)*
 - *Each breakout group has 1 moderator/facilitator and 1 recorder taking detailed notes that will be shared later in the mtg.*
 - *Every participant will need pen and paper to write answers during the break-out session to enter in online survey later in the mtg.*
- *Overall breakout session (1 hr. 20 minutes)*
 - *Introductions of each participant and what brings them to meeting (5 mins.)*
 - *Do you have a favorite memory/experience from the 2nd Avenue area? (10 mins.)*
 - *What makes the 2nd Avenue area unique? What are key characteristics to keep in mind as we move forward (12 mins.)*
 - *What changes could make the 2nd Avenue area a better place? (12 mins.)*
 - *What would you like to be able to experience in the 2nd Avenue area? Do you have any thoughts on opportunities or aspirations to consider? (12 mins.)*
 - *What do you think are the biggest obstacles to overcome? (12 mins.)*
 - *How should this area feel in relation to the river? (10 mins.)*
 - *What did we not ask you that you would like to discuss more or learn more about? (8 mins.)*
- **Report back of what we're hearing** – Gary Gaston (Civic Design Center Chief Executive Officer) (*8 mins.*)
 - *Each participant fills in online survey to record their full responses for the record and say things that perhaps they didn't get a chance to during break-out session.*
 - *Moderators need to skip questions in the survey and be ready to enter key words in Mentimeter so that Gary can discuss.*
 - *Moderators and recorders are filling in Mentimeter for key themes that were heard.*
- **Next Steps and Conclusion** – Anita McCaig (*1 min.*)
 - Send any additional comments and thoughts you have to me: anita.mccaig@nashville.gov
 - Follow-up survey for everyone to fill in so we have details, also will be sent out for feedback to those who could not attend or for additional thoughts and expertise: <https://airtable.com/shr6b2jmang2goPIG>
 - Follow-up meeting in early March to build on these comments for additional visioning.
 - Remember resources are available on HUB Nashville. hub.nashville.gov remains a central resource for information about this event and the recovery and rebuilding processes.
 - Thank you so much for your participation in this event. We hope you'll continue to participate in the process and our next meeting.