

2nd Avenue Listening Session

2/17 Session Notes

Moderator: Jane-Colmean

Note Taker: Eric Hoke

Introductions of each participant and what brings them to meeting (5 mins.)

CM Angie Henderson – Native Nashvillian – Sidewalk Public Works Committee – intern at Metro Historic – Mother worked in Silver dollar – majored in urban growth – optimistic

Dawn Cooper / Sam Cooper – Own 178 2nd Ave N – Rental VRBO air bnb – playlist properties – owned property for over 15 years – first place he stayed (NY,

Phelix – WeGo – Moved here for over 15 years – Important street for connectivity and transit

Phill Thomason – Historic Preservation Consultant – Worked on most of the buildings that were damaged

Ron Lustig – ESA – Liked it when it was the good old days – excited about revitalizing and activating 1st Ave – the importance of revitalizing beyond tourism

Johnathan Clark – Plumbing Manufacturing Rep – Looking forward to redesign and reconstruction

Do you have a favorite memory/experience from the 2nd Avenue area? (10 mins.)

- Walking up to 2nd Ave made High schoolers feel like an adult
- General atmosphere
- Spot that was walkable
- Great collection of historic buildings
 - Lost buildings near the court house
- Fill in the “missing teeth”
- Walking to Spaghetti Factory
- Nexus of Businesses – the old goodies warehouse (2nd and Church)
 - First attempt to bring in new energy to the street or new businesses – Burned down in 1985
 - Market St Festival

What makes the 2nd Avenue area unique? What are key characteristics to keep in mind as we move forward (12 mins.)

- Senses of place

- The feeling of a different space but still in Nashville
- Choose 2nd Ave over other street
- Multipul blocks that beging to feel as since of history
- Scale
- Western side looking east
- Washington Manufacturing building
- Walk from Public Square towards broadway
- Nice real feel of texture and character
- Sunlight filterer thought
- Trees!
 - Makes this special
 - Not historic
 - But are vary inspiring
 - 1980s were planted
 - Trucks were often clogging the Eastern side of the street
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- How to make this space more green moving forwad
- Look at technology ata
- First ave had a RR spur that serviced the back offa
- Bank St still has cobble stone
- Work done to look at archeological assessments

What changes could make the 2nd Avenue area a better place? (12 mins.)

- Centered towards Nashville Residents
 - How could we increases sense of ownership for Nashville residents
- Hard to walk because there are so many people
- Difficulty Parking
- “Loved to Death”
 - Overrun by tourists
- Making the sidewalks wider
- Rethink the street
 - Lanes
- More space for people
- Office buildings being repurposed
- More Live Work Play
 - Market will drive this
- Doesn’t have to go back the way it was
- 2nd ave has more good faith partners
- Utilize Alleys!
- Looking at the connectivity towards the river

- 3rd Ave, 4th Ave, and Church
- Widening of the sidewalks
- Adding public space for café or green space to the outside
- What makes 2nd and 3rd Ave unique are the residential areas
- Mixture of work and play
 - Foster that in the visioning
- Foot traffic is key
 - Transit is important
- Give more space to pedestrians
- Connectivity to 2nd N to 2nd S
- Core bike lanes
 - Different attempts all different
 - Need to have a comprehensive look
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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.)

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What do you think are the biggest obstacles to overcome? (12 mins.)

- Too much planning no enough excitement
- Big Lot at church and 2nd
 - Anything we can do with that site
 - The economics make that site difficult
 - Lots of income that comes off the parking
- Parking has become so expensive
- AT&T Building!!!
 - Contentious façade
 - Filling in the Gaps of teeth
 - Encouraging the moving of AT&T
 - Mural and Art in the buildings
 - Comparison to Radnor
 - Security Liability
 - Couldn't call 911
 - Big thorn in Ann Roberts side

How should this area feel in relation to the river? (10 mins.)

- Challenging for lots of cities
 - Savana has a disconnect between street and grid

- Riverfront park needs to be
- Blocks are too long
- Need more connectivity through
 - Anther connection other than Butlers Run
- Connectivity to the East Bank
 - Think about the 2 banks together
- Ped Bridge connectivity
- Greenway connections
- Court house is a barrier
- Need City incentive
 - Metro says activate 1st with Tax incentive
- A way for pedestrians to cross the river
- Woodland should connect to 1st better
- Ped bridge is a important placemaking spot
- Enter the building from 1st ave is a challenge
 - Always delivery trucks – Bus
 - Industrial atmosphere
 - City can encourage that area
- Reimagining river front park
- East Bank
 - Looking tow downtown
 - Appreciate the
 - Signs Wayfindgin and placemekaing
 - Old Neon WKDF
 - L&N
- Challenge of the dumpsters smell
- Accommodating Deliveries
- It cannot make single use

What did we not ask you that you would like to discuss more or learn more about? (8 mins.)

- 1st Ave 2nd Ave but what about 3rd!!!!
 - And up to 4th
 - Alley way network
- Discussion **of the importance of historic preservations**
- **Sidewalk Cafes in the contest of COVID**
 - **Fudning mechinisme for sustianing street**