

2nd Avenue Listening Session

2/17 Session Notes

Moderator: Stephanie McCullough

Note Taker: Taylan Tekeli

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

David Hendrickson: Landscape Architect

Ann Roberts: Metro Historic Commission Director 1976-2009

Angela Arrieta: Works with Ron Gobble, Assistant/Coordinator

Adam Nicholson: Transit Now Nashville

Denis Daniels?:

Lauren Brown: AIA Mid TN, Educational Groups...

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

David: Does not spend too much time. Visited with family to see a band.

Ann: Her office was at Broadway & 2nd 1978-1982. Commercial warehouses were still there. Spaghetti Factory came in. 2nd Avenue is trying to find a new identity as we move forward.

Angela: Special events were always at the Spaghetti Factory for her soccer events when she was a child.

Adam: Laser tag. Deadrick St. transition was cool.

Denis: Spaghetti. Recently moved back. Relationship with the river in historical context.

Lauren: Not a lot of memories specific to 2nd. It has a different feeling with trees, historical buildings.

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

Ann: Historic architecture. Lines with river. Tells an important chapter of our history as a river city.

Angela: Nostalgic. Whole different vibe when you turn the corner from Broadway

Adam: Local focused. Less honkytonk. Historic environment.

Denis: Historic. Storefront...

Lauren: Agree with others

David: Its relation to river is really interesting.

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

Adam: More pedestrian, local. Less honkytonk. Figuring out the 1st avenues alley need.

Denis: Pedestrian access to the river. Georgetown in DC. Alley is facing the river there and they turned that into something more pedestrian friendly environment.

Lauren: Would agree with Denis and Adam. Connection to the river is important. Pedestrian friendly. Trees. Parklets. Street dining.

David: Historic feeling of the street stops at the Church St. It can expand beyond that.

Ann: Something developed that AT&T building. That building interrupts the activity. Need some character.

Angela: Agree with Ann. Local draw. Outdoor dining.

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.)

Angela: Some vacant buildings could find local tenants. Water baskets from Pro...

Adam: Barcelona. A lot more public space. Fabl Architecture. Dedicated bus and bike lanes. Performances & events.

Denis: West side is more blind walls and car garages. East side of street is active. Like to see **both side of the street** active. River view somehow, maybe rooftops.

Lauren: Reason why the side of the streets are different was widening the street. Family. Local. Not a fan of Barcelona. It might be more touristy if it was like Barcelona.

David: There is always a truck loading, that's a problem. Multimodal. Pedestrian friendly.

Ann: Trucks needed back in and they had to widen the street. 1st avenue is such a challenge. Does not like Louisville that did not respect the history. Family, locals...

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

Denis: AT&T. Move trees and the sidewalk 30' to create a vibrant space? Is history at the only facades or including the inside views as well.

Lauren: Involving different type of people. Outside influence.

David: Trying to make the best of the situation around the existing condition.

Ann: Delivery, trash pickup. All the things to function the buildings. It's continuing. It's never perfect. Unrealistic property costs. Feasibility. Wildhorse was a actual reconstruction because of a fire. Facades are the only historic expect.

Adam: Bringing businesses back. There should be some flexibility on the historic expectation. Moving sidewalks should be considered.

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

David: Balance. Does not want to lose the historic character but some of them can be treated in a way that they can have relation to the river.

Adam: Mid Block connections like Civic Design Center (Butler's Run). There might be an opportunity to access to the river through the new building of the destroyed buildings.

Denis: More pedestrian friendly by rearranging the loading? Tree locations.

Ann: We need a lot lighting on 1st. Increase safety.

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

David: Curious about the whole process. Larger group discussions would be an opportunity to bring more innovative ideas.

Ann: Nothing to add.

Adam: Improving the street scape between Church and Union. Overhauling that area. Microunits. Storefronts.

Denis: Thank you