

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Listening Session

## 2/17 Session Notes

**Moderator: Lisa Milligan**

**Note Taker: Van Simone Holder**

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

- Ashley, property owner /business/resident – directly impacted by bombing
- LJ ; East Nash Resident, love of the city, see preserving history and potential in development than tourist
- David; Architect, – Nashville Hostel, renovating the building which was greatly impacted
- Kelly Brockman – Bellevue, business owner – native of Nashville, historical preservation interest
- Robin Ziegler – Downtown Resident, Historic Commission
- Donald Reid – Metro Public Works, Manager

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

- David – Grew up there, “character and atmosphere”
- Kelly – Every Bday spaghetti factory, trolley; childhood memory!
- Ashley- Late 90s Mere Bulles – Bartender (blew fire), Art Installation AT&T – watching the first panel go up
- LJ – Happy Hour , George Jones – welcoming, casual, family oriented place
- Simone – Black Lives Matter Movement Protest

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

- Trees – With lights, Need More!
  - Kelly, it makes it feel more historical, comfortable, when its hot its good shading, rodent problem with the trees as well.
- Brick sidewalks – love it, stability is a concern so improving stability would make it even better.
- The Hill that it sits on, great connection point! between a business area, Broadway, the river, civic design center.
- The width of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave is not as wide as other streets. The feeling of the street, provides less cars and more of intimate and calming setting.
- Robin, the differentiation between Broadway vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Present along 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave is residences, shops, entertainment, businesses maintain those leisurely opportunities for residents and not make it into Broadway. Ensure that future Planning Uses, coexist in a great way!
- Ashley, it’s important that we maintain standards around historic preservation planning, and not what “looks cool”.

- Shopping – first floors are all typically glass, maintain visibility with continued installation of glass.

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

- Sidewalks, improving them and using them more efficiently
  - Widening them
  - No parking
    - “Program” the street for max usability
      - Lane Usage, Bike Lane, Sundays street Closed 12:00-4:00pm
  - Lighting along the street and color is key
    - Way-finding to direct tourists around and along 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Areas
    - Chicago Example, bringing in different aspects of the world to build the street
      - A piece of the great wall of China was added into the building in Chicago
  - More Trees
- The addition street dining
- AT&T Block ; Activation of outdoor live entertainment, community art shows etc
- Additional linkages/passageways to the river
- Bike Lanes

**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.)**

- David; No cars and wider sidewalks
- Ashley, Dog Astro turf? More organized/standardized receptacle uses
- Robin, please be mindful of how we should plan to activate 1<sup>st</sup> for the use of 2nd

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

- Homeless population
- Cars
- AT&T Building – A Break in An Active Street, Lack of Support in Aiding City in Development

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

- Connected, through walking tour/scavenger hunt that ties the river Into 2nd Ave/Broadway
- A history context around the River, possibly painting 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave as a waterway exhibit
- Example is the Belgium River; The Hidden Secrets of Gent – speak easy, the idea of creating something that is intriguing
- Passageways from 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to The River

- Chattanooga: public and private Investors, did a great job along their river. Chattanooga should serve as a peer city example.
  - Ex of things to be included:
    - Sculpture Park/Garden
    - Dance Steps: Electronic/Interactive Dance

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

- Buy-in From owners, ensure that they are involved