

GROUP 4 NOTES (REMI)

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Introductions of each participant; how was where you live or work affected by the explosion? (10 mins.)

Tom Turner: street ambassadors? works downtown, directly involved with the response of explosion. (May also live in the area)

Janet Kurtz: church st lofts, broken windows 15 years.

Joe Cain: NDHA? Help build 2nd ave to what it was, trying to help figure out what it will be

Malina Springer: GHP rebuilding

Judy Miller: work above civic design center building 15 years, moved to the gulch

What did you love about 2nd Ave. area before the pandemic and the explosion? (15 mins.)

Tom: has great potential for a connection street

Janet: the people who live there. The hometown feel the street has

Joe: the core of Nashville in the historic areas. There was life

Judy: building character and the activity on the street

What challenges were you facing before COVID and/or explosion? With respect to 2nd Ave.? (15 mins.)

Tom: great buildings on the streets, but the backsides of the buildings were a challenge overall connections, Tree diversity/health, sidewalk conditions, lighting conditions for pedestrians, outdoor dining options

Janet: security and safer environments. Personal security

Joe: east side solid block no breaks, west block church/commerce no activity

Judy: keep it neat and clean. For both visitors and residents

What other concerns do you have? (15 mins.)

Tom: closest commerce street to the river try to build them as two sided facades. The alleys could be activated even more, development parcels. 2nd church big development site

Judy: the river needs to be taken advantage of

Janet: the local shops/businesses have the family elements. Strong residential feel to it (positives)

TOP CONCERNS:

Tom: the riverfront (try to maintain the historic character based on existing character)

Janet: traffic concerns for events (but it is a downtown core) dancing in the district closed 1st ave

Judy: maintain the historical character of the buildings (can they make them modern?)

Joe: make this area successful, it may not look the way we are thinking for it to become that

What opportunities and aspirations would you like us to consider? If you could make one change to the built environment on 2nd what would it be? (15 mins.)

Tom: connections for the riverfront. The built environment doesn't directly relate to the type of character the street represents. Diversity is important, but things should be cohesive. Building on 2nd and church. Building addresses on 1st

Janet: move at&t building to a new location (agree with tom) we were the "it" city ten years ago.

Increase commerce sense from the residential aspect

Joe: 1st avenue changes

What do you want to see preserved? (a different question?)

Tom: storefronts/historic, tree canopy, the atmosphere of the street, 1st avenue address

Tom: the street had potential before, we need more of the hometown feel. We want visitors to have a feeling of what it is like to be a resident in the city, not only a tourist. We want to go from ok to great

Janet: building owners are saying we are coming back. Raise enough money to be able to see the trees from space. We want to light the trees. Fundraiser for new brick sidewalks for people to buy a brick to be placed

The birds are a big issue for people