

GROUP 5 NOTES

Moderator (Planning): Stephanie McCullough

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

Cyril Stewart

Sandra Lee: Boutique Store 174-176

Freddie O'McConnell: Since childhood.

Stan Snipes: 144? 2nd Ave N. They were pretty full before the bombing

Grace Goostree: Butler's Run. Excited to hear what is going to happen to the 2nd Ave

Andy Howell: I was a Carpenter's Assistant when the Silver Dollar Saloon was remodeled (by our company) as home for Historic Nashville. Back in the 70's!

Sarah Duguay: Mike's IceCream

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

Cyril: Grew up in Nashville. Church St- shopping st. Everything moved out to the suburbs.

Stan: 3 years on 2nd. A lot of walkability. Food & drinks. History. Experience.

Sandra: 2010. 2nd Ave because of the historic architecture. Big doors. Family friendly. A little away from the craziness of Broadway. Hope it will not become another Broadway

Freddie: I'll toss in my two cents: I loved about 2nd Ave that you could do everything from laser tag to line dancing. My earliest memories were from the Old Spaghetti Factory, which just celebrated 40 years and was the first location outside of the Pacific Northwest, if I recall correctly.

Our daughters loved OSF, and we got our last family meal there for the foreseeable future just a few weeks before the bombing.

Andy:

Sarah: February 2020. Mike was on Broadway. Downtown still feels like a small town

Grace: 10 years on fifth and church. She likes the activity but still family friendly. Less honky tonk level.

Grace: Clean up. Not deserted.

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

Stan: Only change they face, late night crime (Shooting). Bullet came through their window. Limited lunch time options. Homelessness with the dogs.

Sandra: Same homeless people problems. Bars are closed and that hurts their business.

Marijuana smell. They are optimistic.

Sarah: Homelessness. One of them pulled a knife on one of their employees. Police could monitor the area. Foot traffic from Broadway could help solve the 2nd Ave problems.

Grace: There are not enough police officers to keep up with Downtown activities. A lot of Hobos and laws protecting them. Homeless people are more protected than the taxpayers. Marijuana smell.

Cyril: Sidewalks can be improved. Pedestrian safety can also be increased.

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

Sandra: We need public bathrooms so bad! Families ask for bathrooms. Signs.

Sarah: She would love to see commercial activities come back.

Grace: Sidewalks! People trip... Safety & cleanliness top priority. Business towards day time activities.

Cyril: Rebuilding the same character and scale. Both sides of the street to be activated. Family dining places...

Stan: Cleanliness. Walk ways. Fixing drinking on the street. Drop off area needed. Lighting can be better for safety and visibility.

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.)

Sarah: Easier access 2nd Ave.

Grace: Business will be better. Not only a party city but also a family friendly. She has private security with her to go to the places.

Cyril: Public square to Broadway continuously active on both sides.

Stan: Lunch time options. Food hall.

Sandra: Landscaping, seating, and lighting. But it is also hard to have seating because of homelessness. More small businesses, more options. They might move to Marathon