



April 1 Meeting Summary: Local, Community and Collective Ownership

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Summary and themes from small group discussions

How can wealth building strategies benefit ourselves and our neighborhood? What strategies do we want to focus on?

- Investigate new options for community ownership, including “investment cooperative” and “land trust models”
- Keep a focus on jobs and supporting local businesses – seeking good paying jobs, skills & training opportunities, and bringing more jobs to our community, support those who take a risk to invest in the neighborhood
- Design a housing strategy: retain long-term residents, support affordability
- Strengthen community connections and engage even more neighbors (“A well-organized community can make developments for themselves”)

What does success look like for our future?

- Engaging our multi-generational and multi-cultural community
- Housing that is affordable, including home ownership opportunities. Housing plan intentionally works to interrupt/battle patterns of segregation
- Strong local business community. Business ownership and employment reflects the diversity of the community
- Sabathani remains vital and increases activities that engage the community
- Young people are served with good education and job opportunities
- Our neighborhood remains diverse
- The neighborhood is walkable and has good transportation options

What are our next steps?

Find the best ways to move project ideas forward to benefit the E 38th Street area!

- “Form groups to study models that work”
- “Keep discussions going” “develop an action plan”
- “Form a leadership group to move ideas forward”

Explore big ideas

- Create a museum or archive for African American history
- Support Sabathani Senior Housing as a priority project
- Landscape all of E 38th Street
- Start an Investment coop (or other model) for community development
- Design community benefits models for neighborhood development
- Create a “big project” that provides employment skills and training to young people