

# The Future of East 38th Street

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### AGENDA

May 6, 6-8pm, at Sabathani, 310 E 38<sup>th</sup> St

#### Welcome

#### Small Group Conversations

Design Process – turning to action

#### Conclude

### THANK YOU!

The Future of E 38<sup>th</sup> Street community meeting series was designed and facilitated by a dedicated planning team. Thank you to the planning team members for their creativity, time and effort in working with community!

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#### We want to hear from you!

Do you live in Central or Bryant neighborhoods? CANDO and Bryant Neighborhood Organization (BNO) want your ideas for the Future of E 38<sup>th</sup> Street.

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# February 4 Meeting Summary: History and Storytelling

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### Future of E 38<sup>th</sup> Street: History and Storytelling Summary and themes from small group discussions

#### What memory, emotion, or hope do you have for the E 38<sup>th</sup> Street area?

- Love of vital small businesses
- Activities and support for youth
- Connected and caring neighborhood

“I was born on Fourth Avenue”

The momento I brought is a record album in memory of Jet Record Shop on 38th Street. I used to save my lunch money to buy records.”

“Sabathani Church and all the glorious services we had”

“Neighbors looking out for one another”

#### What about our history is important to preserve in building our future?

- African American History & Significant places: including Sabathani & Spokesman-Recorder
- Small business community
- Green spaces: parks and gardens
- Architecture and design elements

“Keep money in our community” “shop local”

“Keep the Spokesman-Recorder as a historic site”

#### How can we do it? (preserve our history)

- Develop historical markers, museum, or other recognition of African American history, including people and places
- Use art, social media, storytelling and other creative methods to record, retell and recognize area history
- Preserve the spirit of the community (close, caring, connected, diverse)
- Review Land Use and common design elements for area

“Reopen the Dreamland Café!”

“Make a mural showing the layout of community ... decade by decade”

“Museum in the streets”

“Preserve Sabathani Community Center!”

# March 4 Meeting Summary: Development and Opportunity

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### Summary and themes from small group discussions

**How can a development or business at this location contribute to the cultural identity of our community?**

**How can the culture of the community influence a development or business?**

- Bring more retail!
- Training and skills development facilities are a community need
- Space that features community gathering and enhances community connectedness
- Culturally inclusive qualities are important
- Add street vitality – windows, outside interest, art
- Seek space for a Museum or archive for African American History

**How could the area around this development or business contribute to a connected and livable community?**

- Bring innovative business uses - maker space, fabrication space, arts uses
- Provide space for community gathering
- Healthy community services - gym, wellness-center, promoting healthy living
- Promote local jobs, skills and training opportunities for individuals and businesses
- Keep the community multi-generational – serve a range of ages
- Enhance the public realm – walking connections, bicycling, transit,

**How would you define success?**

- “When everyone benefits from investment in the community”
- More places for people to gather and connect, for work and pleasure
- Building cross-cultural bridges
- Businesses want to reinvest in the community

### Properties discussed include:

**Former Mattress Liquidator space, 3725-29 Chicago**

- Retail and arts-related uses
- Mixed use opportunity - for housing and commercial

**3759 Ave S**

- “the current building is closed off looking -- put something vibrant outside”

**Kente Circle, 38th St and 4th Ave**

- “Design an artistic front that is a cornerstone of the community”
- Incorporate a “ multi-cultural eatery” or “Black-owned soul-food”

**Sabathani Community Center, 310 E 38th Street**

- Incorporate community gathering space - a place to gather and share ideas, a coffee shop with community meeting spaces
- Include a health clinic for seniors

**3741 Chicago (Property for sale: former home of 4 Points Body Gallery)**

- Opportunity for evening activity, exciting retail or service center opportunity

**3800 3rd Avenue South (New owner Anthony Taylor, Bicycle shop/repair facility proposed)**

- Proposed use would enhance community health
- Promotes a connected community, through resources and opportunity for volunteers

**3801 Park Ave (Property for sale, long vacant)**

- Community gathering ideas (market, community ownership, collaborative retail space)
- A variety of ideas for housing at this location

# 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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