

LEARNING TABLE #7: HOW THE PIECES FIT - NOTES

Minneapolis Public Works plans to reconstruct the intersection of 38th & Chicago (George Perry Floyd Square) and will begin this effort by engaging with the community. Engagement throughout the project is intended to help redesign the area in a way that reflects community needs.

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March 27, 2023



Upcoming Learning Table: Public Realm,
May 22, 2023 ; 6pm; Sabathani Community Center

The Learning Table provides the “learning water”; a place to ask critical questions and develop the “learning glue”; a place to develop relationships, create partnership, share ideas, and make commitments, to explore for incorporation in the 38th & Chicago Re-Envisioned Project. At the Learning Table, we Learn Together; Create a Shared Approach; Coordinate Efforts; and Ensure Community Benefit.

The seventh learning table topic focused on How the Pieces Fit for all aspects of the intersection at 38th and Chicago, facilitated by Alexander Kado with the City of Minneapolis. In this Learning Table session, participants were presented the different aspects of George Perry Floyd Square, how they all fit, and how the community can make their voice heard. Participants heard how the City of Minneapolis is working to coordinate art, economic development, and infrastructure projects at George Perry Floyd Square. City of Minneapolis staff provided a brief presentation.

Attendees received one of the themes presented (Economic Development, Art, Infrastructure) and were encouraged to discuss the theme that interest them most. These question prompts were given for discussion and reflection:

What about this theme/aspect of GFS interests you the most and why?

How would you like to be involved/make your voice heard?

In your opinion, what is the best possible future for George Perry Floyd Square in this theme/aspect?

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What We Heard

The 50 attendees of the seventh Learning Table were presented with a question to discuss and answer in small groups.

Arts, Culture, Memorial

Prelim Studies of GPFS Culturally significant space

- We need a unified vision for the GFS that is supported by the other infrastructures - eg 38th st. thrive, the memorial fund etc. - then we can develop the square
- The city's approach is backwards
- It won't work to develop speedway, in the absence of a unified vision. It won't work to encourage business development that may not thrive in a pedestrian mall.
- GFS is sacred ground. It's the center of a worldwide movement for allies, justice. It needs to be reconstructed as a worldwide destination that celebrates racial justice and this community
- Start with the vision
- Need memorial
- A place for people to come show respect, prayer, loving place to never forget
- More formal art less found art
- A place to show/display the art
- People's way should be turned into a building
- Think bigger more substantial memorial
- Historical places or history of neighborhood/City
- Cultural Museums
- Walking historical tours
- Tour attraction
- Peoples way should be a tourist attraction, and youth can work there.
- Focusing on youth will uplift community, tourists can get to know youth, who are less intimidating



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Prosperity

- Where does the city budget stop? Who is releasing the RFP?
- City is putting up the money for the RFP and seeking consultants.
- Who's benefiting from the current grant and application? There have been people who have already suffered and been pushed out.
- Do Grant programs tied to area activity or historical family connections etc, exist
- Open to city or local community

- Local businesses need technical assistance on grant seeking of financial management when they get funding.
- More support for youth and small businesses entrepreneurship
- Prosperity brings safety, everyone does better when everyone does better
- This topic/theme is appealing because it addresses people's conditions
- Best future for GFS in this time is to be a hub of activity that fosters prosperity
- Education programs for knowledge sharing and skills building for kids, adults and underprivileged
- Resources available to meet basic people's needs of the community or provides culturally enriching service that brings people together
- Community events that focused on the 3 points listed above, open for anyone to attend, share ideas to bring back to neighborhoods, being a model and inspiration of change
- GFS- Black Wall street -national historic district
 - National historic movement
 - Judicial centers
 - Health center
 - Financial center
 - Economic development center
 - Business development center
 - Labor center
 - Employment center
 - Child development center
 - Green earth center
 - Arts, culture center

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Infrastructure

- City in Process of Purchasing Peoples Way
- Trust of city officials
- Faith in elected officials
- Remove barriers to allow transit to resume old routes
- Faith of this process
- Reintroduce transit respectfully
- Improve walkability/walking safely
- Walking w/ my child, I feel nervous about distance between traffic and sidewalks and all the barriers and obstacles
- Incorporate people's climate and infrastructure plan into GFS add solar garden
- Bring D line into or close to GFS
- Provide space and infrastructure for the caretakers of the memorial and community
- Have it be community controlled space, not City controlled

Safety

Know anything about police training etc.? The building didn't harm, the people did. A report may be coming out soon.

- Instead of rebuilding a bunker police precinct, build small storefront police "stations" that neighbors can visit and get to know who is policing their neighborhood. This is the 21st century w/ instant communication, why are all of our police hiding out in big, inaccessible buildings?
- Use 38 & Chicago as a test site for a new model of policing Better response times
- Clean up GFS
- Classes for cops to understand the needs of community
- Cops from the neighborhood
- Open a youth program/after school program
- Computers for help with homework
- Tutors for students struggling with school
- Green energy and solar being taken into consideration?



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