

Community Engagement Process

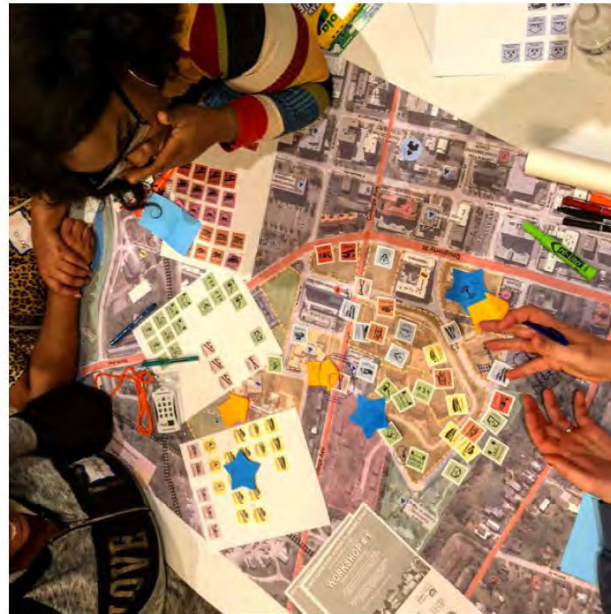


history Closer Washer/Dryer Programs spaces Senior convenience neighborhood Safety Development location going school Affordable Public parking Housing need College friendly people computer Childcare lots Bus lack Street new Pool grocery all drugs Close Basketball Park security Art Health problems Lyndon Having place use FUTURE many families Trail lot walkable retail play House Mixed traffic Apartment live work Electric crossing Playground Greenway Greenspace Ave Barrow kids opportunities Loves residents like homes Lay Make access safe space CONDITIONS Bethel Activities Great trais about more Downtown Ownership Athens Diversity CONCERNS



FEBRUARY 2020 WORKSHOP SESSIONS

- Community Workshops and Mapping Exercises
- Feb 19th and 20th, 2020
- Resident and Community Focused Efforts
- Community Interviews and Polling/Surveys



- Several workshop sessions in early February 2020
- Bethel Village resident focused, and overall Athens community focused
- All Prior Studies and Work is on the website



ONLINE ENGAGEMENT SHIFT









- COVID-19 shift
- Online Resident and Community surveys
- Website as Planning “Hub” for workshops and Urban Planning Efforts
- All Sessions, Work, and Presentations will be posted on the Website



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- Virtual Charrette and Workshops [7 sessions]
- August 13th, 14th and 15th 2020
- Sessions derived from Resident and Community interviews and earlier exercises
- Online/Website follow-up surveys and Q/A
- Bethel and C&A resident focused surveys conducted

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK		COMMUNITY FEEDBACK	
 <p>SESSION 1: Complete Streets & College Avenue</p>	<p>Complete Streets & College Ave:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and improved crossings on College Avenue • Safety and lighting along College Avenue • Incorporation of Pulaski trail • Multi use trail on College Avenue per Athens in Motion • Slow traffic on College Avenue 	 <p>SESSION 4: Transportation & Transit</p>	<p>Transportation & Transit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Avenue's safety and walkability • Safe and covered bus shelters • Reconnect Bethel. Currently bus stops do not enter the community • Create safe school bus stops
 <p>SESSION 2: Parks & Openspaces</p>	<p>Parks & Openspaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple parks and open spaces throughout the community • Improve access to Lay park • Address safety issues to make the green-way & trail more accessible • Importance of playgrounds 	 <p>SESSION 5: Sustainability & Green Strategies</p>	<p>Sustainability & Green Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage/ stormwater problem at the bottom of Hoyt and Hull - frequent floods problem • Planning infrastructure for future adaptability to renewable energy • Fewer and bigger Eco Stations that combine waste, recycling, and composting • Integration of stormwater management into streets
 <p>SESSION 3: Exploring the Civic Parcels</p>	<p>Exploring the Civic Parcels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Department location is very prominent and underutilized. • Possibly integrate the fire station's outdoor spaces into community or move the fire station and redevelop the site • Establish urban feel along Dougherty Street • Lay Park shouldn't be a focus for re-purposing. 	 <p>SESSION 6: Artlets & Neighborhood History</p>	<p>Artlets & Neighborhood History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate art and history into the community. • Reintroduce the historic street grid • Places and spaces within the community to highlight the history of the neighborhood • Incorporate art into playgrounds



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