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| Project: | Logan Park |
| Project Number: | Logan Park Small Area Plan |
| Subject: | Meeting Notes: Steering Committee |
| Date: | December 18, 2015 |
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Meeting Date: December 16, 2015

Location: Logan Park

**Strengths, Weaknesses, Priorities**

* Consultants provided brief summary of Strengths, Weaknesses, Priorities dot exercise completed by steering committee and public meeting participants.
* SC emphasized rail as a physical barrier- in particular rail cars sitting on the tracks
	+ Rail bridge on Monroe – concerns about safety and visibility
* How to make the “dynamic mix” sustainable?

**Logan Park as Heart of the Neighborhood**

* What does it mean for the park to be the heart?
	+ Place of gathering / activity
	+ Inclusive; something for everyone

**Logan Park as Heart of the NE Arts District**

* Logan Park arts-related uses is the heart of the NE arts district today
* What does this mean in the future? What is the plan/vision for the NE arts district?
	+ Reach out to NEMAA and the NE Arts District organization (latter is responsible for strategic planning)

**Coexist, Connect, Commingle**

* What is or should be the relationship between the two sides of Logan Park (the west “residential/neighborhood” side, and the east “business/arts” side)?
* Coexist, connect, commingle: All three are happening today in various ways
	+ Some feel that the two areas coexist harmoniously
	+ Connections and commingling are happening today to some extent
		- Commercial tenants/artists moving into the residential side
		- Q.arma has a live/work proposal in the works (6 units)
		- People from the neighborhood attending events in arts buildings, going to the breweries
	+ Could be more connected and commingled
		- Better biking and walking connections
		- More representation of business/arts within the neighborhood association; more outreach to businesses
		- More programming (or communications of arts events) for residents

**Neighborhood - Issues / Goals**

* Duplexes are a strength and unique asset in the neighborhood that should be maintained
* Some say that historically, the neighborhood has resisted change- but that that has changed in recent years with new uses/residents coming in
* Desire to retain what is valuable (healthy, small scale housing stock; quiet, low-density character)
* Provide more everyday retail uses; add day-time energy (coffee shop, bakery); but location matters
* Better connections to river; develop streets as an asset/amenity (artful streetscape)
* Logan Park should be an inclusive space; diverse park programming

**Business - Issues / Goals**

* Need to make what’s there today sustainable (retain eclectic, character, grittiness, affordability)
* Manufacturing has been replaced by Makers (arts/creative)
* Do “makers” stay in NE as values/rents rise, or do they move on to the next frontier?
* Neighborhood currently offers “starter homes”; business area offers space for “starter businesses”
	+ To what extent does/should the neighborhood provide for “move up” housing/commercial space?
	+ To what extent does/should the neighborhood provide for “lifecycle” housing/commercial space (i.e. meet the needs of residents/commercial tenants as they age/scale up)?
* Some diversity of residential and commercial spaces (price points, uses, tenants) allow the neighborhood to be more sustainable/resilient in the long-run
* Better walking and biking connections within and to business area

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