

**Cedar Lee Meadowbrook Development (#21024)  
Public Spaces and Connectivity Open House MEETING MINUTES**

August 11, 2021

Location: Cleveland Heights City Hall Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Summary of Meeting**

Open house to discuss public spaces and connectivity with attendees of the meeting. Multiple stations were set up within the City Hall atrium space, including Vision & Goals, Cedar Lee Mini Park, Green Space Comparison, Seasonal Activities, Activity Locations & Details, District Connections & Welcoming Details. Some stations were informational and others were interactive. All stations provided an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas with members of the City and project team.

Feedback at the interactive stations was documented and is included below.

**Topic****Activities**

1. What activities would you like to see in this space during WARM WEATHER?
  - a. Better utilize: social media, print, YouTube ads, Facebook ads, events.
  - b. Farmer's market.
  - c. Outdoor gathering space near housing and stores.
  - d. Bands, restaurant showcase.
  - e. Theater, music, children's activities, orchestra.
  - f. Music festival
  - g. Open streets DATS, close Lee Rd. Cleveland Flea Makers Markets.
  - h. Way finding signage.
  - i. Designated outdoor refreshment area.
  - j. Canopy for shade in summer and cover on snowy days and severe rain.
  - k. Beer garden, food truck pads.
  - l. Planned events. Maybe monthly...music, drumming, open mic, poetry, juggling demos...
  - m. Basketball, skateboarding, things for teens.
  - n. Water fountain.
  - o. Splash pad.
  - p. Dining area for local businesses like Van Aken.
  - q. Festivals, stronger support for local artists, Cleveland Hts Home Days Fair.

- r. Shade, water, place to sit.
  - s. Public bath rooms.
  - t. Free WiFi.
2. What activities would you like to see in this space during COLD WEATHER?
- a. Hot cocoa, snow play spaces -> snowmen.
  - b. Stronger celebration of Holidays. Christmas have a Santa candy crawl is awesome!!
  - c. Bus shelter, snow-covered trees and shrubs.
  - d. Activities for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas.
  - e. Business hosted music events a la Brite Winter Fest
  - f. Musical instruments for year round in public areas.
  - g. Ice Skate Rink.
  - h. Ice Sculptures Garden.
  - i. Canopy for shade in summer and cover on snowy days and severe rain.
  - j. Public restroom would be nice year-round.
  - k. Warming station, heated picnic seating.
  - l. Winter festival games, music, local food.
3. Locate key activities for the district:
- a. Lee Rd. and Tullamore Rd. – 4-story mixed use street side buildings.
  - b. Lee Rd. and Meadowbrook – Park and gathering space.
  - c. Lee Rd. and Meadowbrook – Nice wildlife section.
  - d. Parking garage – Covered dedicated bike parking.

### **Connections**

4. Where are the important connections to and within the district?
- a. Heights High Spaces for teens?
  - b. Maintaining and improving a pedestrian connection via Cedarbrook. (2).
5. What would make these connections better
- a. Parking garage too tight, machines broken, poorly maintained.

- b. Connect the North Block of Cedar to Southern portion by developing vacant lot @ Meadowbrook.
- c. Bike lane.
- d. Uber/Lyft Drop Off/Pick-Up station for district.
- e. Finish Cedarbrook (walk bike).
- f. Offer scooters like Lime, etc. (2).
- g. Make crossing Cedar @ Wendy's safer and inviting to pedestrians.
- h. Buy out the 3 bldgs. on Cedar- clear view to Hts High Cedar travellers. (3).
  - i. Yes – are these all still vacant?
- i. A park on the acre along Lee w/own shelter, public restroom, water fountain -> public use, helping people move through the city on foot. (2).
- j. Have plenty of parks and parkland nearby. Waste of acreage, spoils flow of commercial district! It has to be part on Cedar.

## Details

- 6. What details would you like to see in public spaces and connections?
  - a. Street trees and no cars.
  - b. Mapping showing Lee rd. amenities?
  - c. Visitor Center to highlight local businesses events, specials in/around community.
  - d. Please ask BIPOC ppl this question. Not just white ppl.
  - e. Manmade water falls Trees and flower areas.
  - f. Decorative and clear pathways thru Greenspaces.
  - g. Drinking fountains for people and dogs.
  - h. Talk to realtor about the rentals – and rental rates.
  - i. Flexible public space for events, gathering spaces, dining, etc.
  - j. Be sensible and sensitive to homeowners on Cedarbrook and Tullamore.
  - k. No hostile architecture (make space welcome to ppl w/o homes)
  - l. Be welcoming to renters. X2
  - m. Open-air theater space to get people engaged.
  - n. Space for art. Outdoor Gallery.
  - o. Bike repair station like by library and bike racks.

- p. Stronger nightlife, entertainment district, annual festivals.
  - q. New housing for strengthening the walkability of the retail district.
  - r. Outdoor seating tables.
  - s. Public restrooms.
7. How can these spaces reflect the Cleveland Heights mission of “All Are Welcome”?
- a. Make spaces welcoming to young people.
  - b. Below market rate housing.
  - c. Work directly w/renters to the east of the development.
  - d. Welcoming activities, esp. to involve new residents, TEENS in creative, positive ways.
  - e. Mixed/low-income housing opportunity in new dev.
  - f. Mixed-income housing is a must.
  - g. Maintaining public gathering spaces and pedestrian connections into and through the area.
  - h. Visitor center to help visitors in the area know whats going on with events, businesses, etc.
  - i. Free parking to invite visitors to stay longer and relax, feel at home.

### **Other considerations**

8. Other thoughts...
- a. Direct local parking revenue into improvements and maintenance w/in the district.
  - b. Consider scale in relation to public space.
  - c. Millennials are poor.
  - d. Every dev't should address inequality and climate change. Parks are dev't. They increase property values, improve walkability, facilitate business. Do apts on 4 areas, park on 1.
  - e. Mixed rent levels.
  - f. All local businesses.
  - g. Take road space and make it sidewalk w/street trees.
  - h. Would like to know more about environmental impact, loss of absorbent green space, flooding from this dev't.
  - i. Investment NW corner Cedar-Lee Bldg.

If any of the items herein are in conflict with your recollection of what was discussed or if any important elements have been omitted, it would be appreciated if you would contact us immediately. Otherwise we will assume the above items are correct.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Bandy-Zalatoris".

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