

Community Workshop Notes



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Round 1 Community Workshops July 12 - July 27, 2011

This document contains notes from the Round I Newark Master Plan Community Workshops that were held between July 12 and July 27, 2011.

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Housing:

- Foreclosures below Park Ave and, in particular, along 6th Ave attract rodents and crime
- Best housing is in the northwest corner of neighborhood: north of Abington Ave, west of N 8th St
- Convert foreclosed buildings to affordable housing

Business & Industry:

- Residents shop outside of neighborhood
- Development opportunity on Roseville Ave between 6th Ave and 7th Ave
- Park Ave is well suited for small businesses; could be expanded
- Bloomfield Ave is the commercial main street and can be expanded
- 3rd Ave to Abington Ave employ a lot of residents (e.g., Italian restaurants)
- Noise pollution from nearby industries
- More quality retail shops needed

Circulation & Mobility:

- Park limits access to light rail
- Improve lighting at Park Ave Light Rail Station
- Targets for creating bike paths: 11th St, 12th St, and 5th St up to Bloomfield Ave along 1st Ave, as well as along Branch Brook Park and the light rail
- Not easy to access certain stores across the Passaic River by public transportation or by bike
- Need more bike racks
- North of Monteith Ave and south of Anthony St is an area unfriendly to pedestrians
- Franklin Ave and Heller Pkwy are not pedestrian friendly
- Potholes from 1st Ave to 4th Ave along Springdale Ave

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- Build pedestrian bridges over light rail (e.g., at 3rd Ave?)
- More bus stops needed
- Reduce speeding
- More traffic signals needed on Roseville Ave
- Dangerous intersection at Springfield Ave and N 9th St
- Franklin Ave is not well lit

Public, Cultural & Educational Resources:

- Boys and Girls Club is an asset
- Abington Ave Elementary School is a good school, but overcrowded
- Cherry Blossom Welcome Center should have more programming for youth activities
- Many churches
- Need additional high school
- English / Spanish night classes

Historic Resources:

- Cathedral
- Branch Brook Park is a landmark
- Historic buildings along Roseville Ave between 4th Ave and 6th Ave

Open Space & Natural Resources:

- Lack of access to park from certain areas (e.g., 3rd Ave)
- Kasburger Field is good for playing sports
- Tennis courts are good but underutilized
- Need more recreational youth activities / programming at Branch Brook Park

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- More tree planting needed
- Clean up Branch Brook Park
- Newark Schools Stadium recently built

Utility Services & Infrastructure:

- Garbage dumping along the fence of Branch Brook Park near light rail