

East Portland TIF Exploration: 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave Working Group

Meeting #1 Notes – January 3, 2024

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1. Prosper staff welcomed the committee and reviewed the meeting agenda. Committee members did a round of introductions and discussed what they hope to be maintained and expanded as growth and change come to East Portland:
  - a. Making walkable communities along 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave to be a more environmentally and socially friendly environment.
  - b. More housing to be more walkable and more friendly to neighbors. Community ownership, people who love and support their neighborhood.
  - c. Support people who live in extreme poverty. In addition to housing, we need to see more coffee shops and cool small businesses.
  - d. Young people hear gun shots while walking to school and walk by adult shops so addressing those issues.
  - e. Big trees maintained and more trees added.
  - f. A lot of large family events, more reasons for families to come to 82<sup>nd</sup>, this is a destination for you and your family.
  - g. Maintained and expanded trees, housing, variety of diverse small businesses, diverse in culture and in what they do/provide for the community, more reasons for people to stay and walk around.
  - h. Maintain the current community, there is diversity in the neighborhood. Expand walkability and accessibility.
  - i. Expanding the business community.
  - j. A place where people want to live, activity, less high speed driving
2. The committee discussed in-person versus online meetings moving forward.
  - a. Mostly online meetings with in-person meetings with a virtual option once every other month to better connect with each other.
  - b. Hope for more in-person meetings, it is felt more can be accomplished in person. Hybrid meetings could be a good compromise.
3. Prosper Portland and City of Portland staff shared [this presentation](#).
4. Staff facilitated three discussions related to values, vision, and goals, providing examples of existing EPDX community plans/feedback and asking:
  - a. What resonates with you? Are there themes emerging?
  - b. What's missing?

- c. Are there things that you'd want to include that feel specific to our geography?
5. Values, vision & Goals Feedback
- a. Discussion 1: Values. The compass that keeps us headed in a desired direction. Values are beliefs about what's important, what is a priority. Fundamental beliefs that motivate and guide actions. What values stand out to you and what is missing?
    - i. Looking for economic diversity and inclusion
    - ii. Elder consciousness
    - iii. Youth voice and empowerment, think about the future generations.
    - iv. Incorporating disability
    - v. Climate, ecology, and greenspace
    - vi. Respecting disagreement, acknowledge people have different needs and will need to work together and be able to have conversations.
    - vii. Different cultures are not monoliths and there is diversity within communities as well
    - viii. Include \*access\* when we talk about inclusivity.
    - ix. A Just Transition (greening our economy in a way that is fair and inclusive, community collective through circular economy)
    - x. Community ownership is key
  - b. Discussion 2: Visions. The ideal state of what the future could look like. Using TIF as a tool for inclusive growth and equitable prosperity. What is your vision for East Portland. What kind of long-term impact would you like to see on/around 82<sup>nd</sup>?
    - i. Green space is important.
    - ii. Mixed-use development.
    - iii. Think beyond just safety.
    - iv. Increasing livability, housing, economic opportunity, prosperity
    - v. Leadership for youth and listening to the youth, give them the power to innovate and create their own future.
    - vi. Activity centers for youth to play and socialize.
    - vii. Not just include people who are on the margins but bring them into the center. Everyone is counted, no one is left behind.
    - viii. Everyone in the community can thrive in whatever way that means to them. Opportunities for people to follow their dreams.
    - ix. To be more specific on walkability- creating 15-minute neighborhoods adjacent to the 82nd corridor. Accessible amenities and resources.
  - c. Discussion 3: Goals. The specific aim or desired result; milestones to achieve your vision. Goals are specific ways we execute our values to achieve our vision.
    - i. Walkable sidewalks
    - ii. More bike connectivity
    - iii. Support non-car transportation options

- iv. Incentivizing local businesses to participate in workforce development for people living in extreme poverty.
- v. Hyper local options for jobs and employment.
- vi. Hyper local healthcare
- vii. Establishing 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave as a destination with a sense of place
- viii. 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave as “The Avenue”
- ix. Land banking/acquisition

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