



Community Meeting – Project Launch

October 1, 2022

11am – 12:30pm

West Pullman Library

830 W 119th St.

Participants

Ann Alt
Tina Brown
Robert Brown
Doretha Cannon
Cathy Cavanero
Julius Christian
Ayana Clark
Marie Collins-Wright
Brenda M. Dixon
Sherwood Grant
Queenie Greene
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Merrill Perkins
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Walter D. Street III

Peter Taylor
Denedra Watson

Project Team

Ali Begazo, Teska Associates, Inc.
Will Bouman, Far South CDC
Scott Goldstein, Teska Associates, Inc.
Alan Oveido, Rudd Resources
Michael Penicanak, DPD
Katanya Raby, Far South CDC
Kimberly Rudd, Rudd Resources
RaMona Westbrook, Brook Architecture

Welcome

Katanya Raby (Far South CDC) welcomed the meeting participants. She explained that Far South CDC is teaming up with the Dept. of Planning and Development to bring community voices to this Framework Plan. Community engagement is the basis of the Plan, and development in the area around the Trail should reflect the needs and wants of the community.

Why Create a Framework Plan

Michael Penicnak (DPD) explained the reason for creating a Framework Plan. The plan, sponsored by the City of Chicago Dept. of Planning, seeks to bring equitable development to the Far South Side. The plan is intended to develop a land use, housing and vacant land strategy to bring new vibrancy and stability to areas surrounding the Major Taylor Trail



Local Perspectives

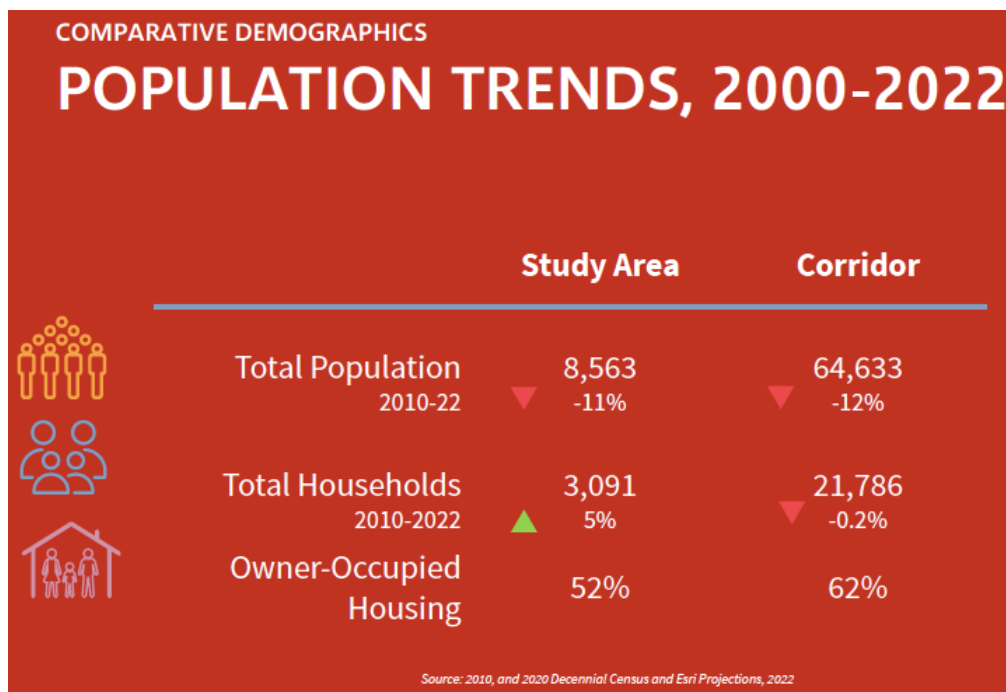
Peter Taylor and Dr. Brenda Dixon (Friends of the Major Taylor Trail + Major Taylor Trail Keepers) provided a short biographical overview of Marshall “Major” Taylor and his contributions to the sports world and society. They also explained the origins of the Friends of the Major Taylor Trail and Major Taylor Trail Keepers organizations and their goals for the Trail.

Overview of the Study Area

Scott Goldstein (Teska) took the group through a presentation including site photos, neighborhood character and population + housing trends.

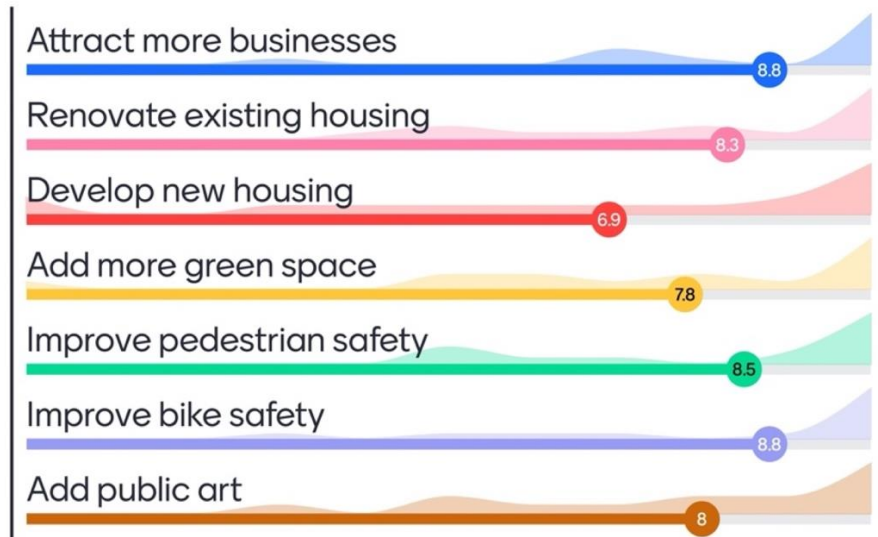
	Single-Family	Condominium	Buildings with 2-4 Units	Buildings with 5+ Units
Morgan Park	77.50%	5.10%	7.80%	9.60%
Washington Heights	72.30%	0.10%	12.10%	15.50%
West Pullman	70.80%	0.70%	21.00%	7.50%
Chicago	25.10%	19.50%	25.60%	29.80%

Source: 2020 Decennial Census, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates





Rank the following priorities



Some other priorities discussed include:

- Health + fitness of the community
- Signage in the area for business district + bike trail
- Mile markers on trail
- 311 + 911 issues with Trail
- Programming on the Trail

Interactive Stations

RaMona Westbrook took interested participants on a walking tour of the Trail south from 119th St. Participants who did not attend the walking tour discussed ideas, challenges, and transportation topics in the Study Area.

Next Steps

Meeting participants are encouraged to go to majortaylorplan.org to use the comment map and provide ideas. The next community meeting will focus on initial design ideas for the area.