



## **Community Meeting #2**

November 19, 2022

10am – 12pm

Far South CDC

837 W. 115th St

### ***Participants***

#### **Welcome/Why Create a Framework Plan?**

The meeting started with an introduction by Michael Penicnak from DPD about the creation and implementation of the plan. Then, Katanya Raby from Far South CDC gave a holistic feeling of who the consulting team is and why we need community input for the plan. Ali Begazo from Teska connected some of the ideas from the first community meeting, following a PowerPoint highlighting different parts of the study area.

#### **Opportunity Sites**

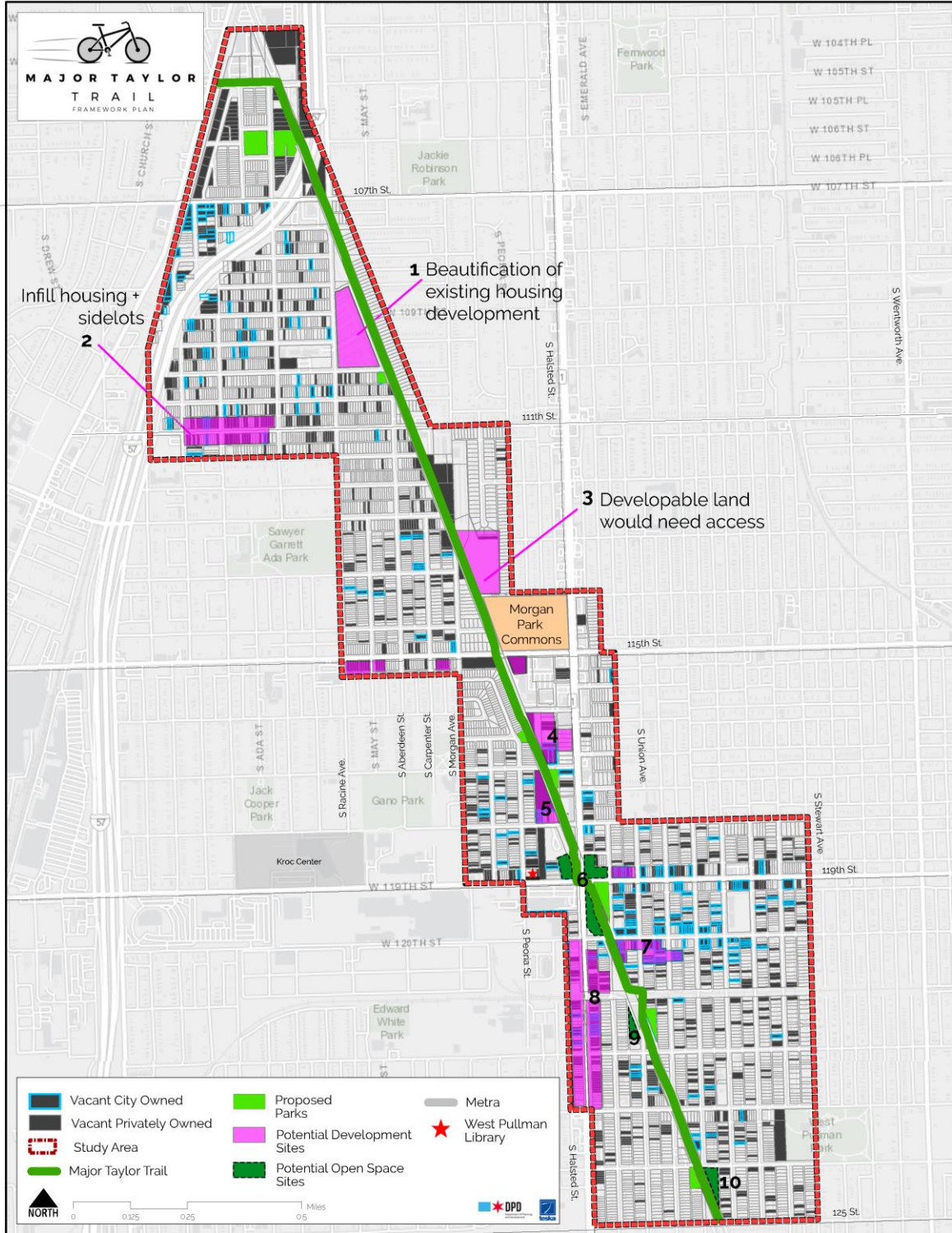
Scott Goldstein from Teska brought forth the market demands discussed in the first community meeting such as tourism potential and discussed other important study area data. Ramona Westbrook from Brook Architecture explained 10 opportunity sites and discussed the context of their physical state in relation to the Major Taylor Trail. Attendees engaged in discussion with the opportunity to ask a question throughout the presentation to any of the speakers.



**MAJOR TAYLOR**  
TRAIL  
FRAMEWORK PLAN

**Major Taylor Trail Framework Plan**  
*Opportunity Sites*

November 7, 2022





## Interactive Stations

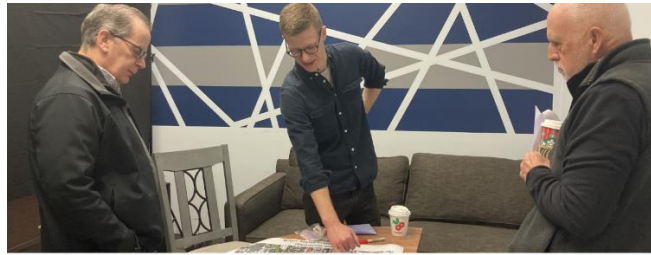
For the second part of the meeting, attendees visited three different stations that had a map with a few of the opportunity sites and model pieces that they could physically place based on what they wanted to see in the area. The model pieces represented different types of land uses such as single-family homes, multi-family homes, senior housing, mixed-use housing, retail, office space, bike lanes, and green space.

At the end of the meeting, the group gathered back together to discuss each map according to what people wanted to see on each site. Ramona, Scott, and Will spoke on behalf of each group presenting what pieces were on the map and attendees' thoughts about the sites.

## Opportunity sites 1 to 3

- Cleaning up the trail
- More amenities on the trail such as open area park, benches, water fountains, bike racks, and bike tool station
- Additional mixed-use housing
- Protected bike lanes on 107<sup>th</sup> and 112<sup>th</sup>
- Connection incubator center for small businesses
- Meeting space, event venue, and coworking space
- Holistic solutions center
- Rooftops for studio apartments
- Restaurant row on 111<sup>th</sup> Street
- Hotel on 111<sup>th</sup> serves as a place to stay for those visiting National Pullman Monument





### Opportunity sites 4 to 5

- Additional businesses such as café, bike shop, optometrist, brewpub, and grocery store
- Assistance with accessibility is one of the biggest issues and open space for seniors
- Place to rent out a bike and more Divvy stations near the trail
- Lack of markers and lighting in the area
- Light Industrial: food products, consumer goods, new energy manufacturing
  - These fit the current area landscape and will provide plenty of jobs to neighbors
- Townhomes behind site 5
- 115<sup>th</sup> site- orient toward the trail





### **Opportunity sites 6 to 10**

- Work on developments like affordable single-family homes built by Habitat for Humanity near 119<sup>th</sup> Street and Union Avenue
- Calumet River Underground Railroad project- create more kayaking opportunities and kayak rentals. Connect the area with the rich history of Major Taylor and Calumet River to create local and tourist attractions.
- Recreation area where you can get a map of the bike trail and historical landmarks nearby.
- Urban farms where people can rent small plots and educate themselves about the benefits of farming/gardening
- Make 119th street a protected bike lane
- Culinary and community-oriented businesses near 119<sup>th</sup> St
- 3-4 story mixed-use buildings near Metra station with a plaza that can be used for community events and farmer's market
- Community green space with a park, workout area, and other neighborhood amenities