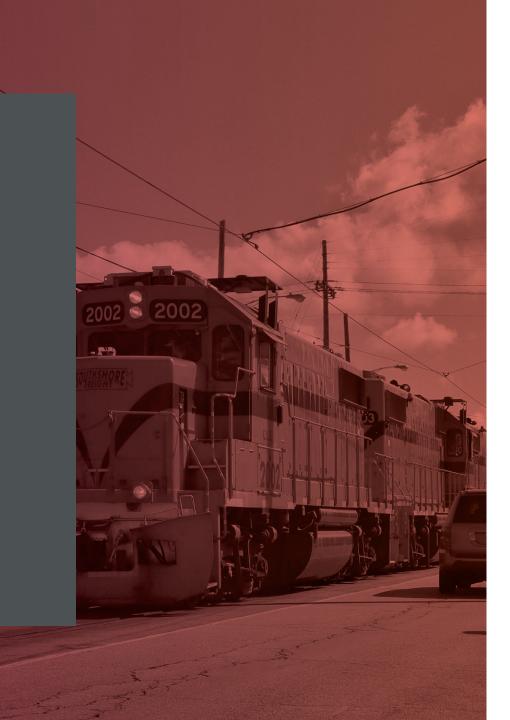


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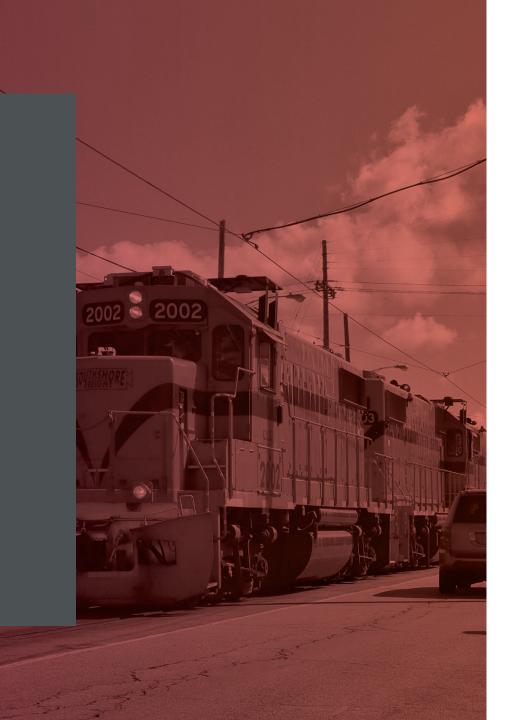
MICHIGAN BOULEVARD

- Desire for an on-going business association/coalition
- Youth congregate at businesses and look for jobs/something to do
- Businesses see 40%-60% decline in winter months
- Desire for façade improvement program and for ownership of properties



HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

- CDC working with City on 14 lots
- Homebuyer education both pre AND post closing
- Infill on vacant lots will likely require both development subsidy & homebuyer subsidy
- Price to build has increased dramatically (difficult to build under \$200K - more often \$250K +)
- Buyers are more willing to look at attached products as a result



NWI FORUM (HEATHER ENNIS)

- Need for transformational projects in READI 2.0
- United Way's Level Up Program has great wins
- CWI's Hub model is one to pursue
- Need for a 12-month event schedule



CWI (LISA DAUGHERTY)

- Level Up is great and likely to come
- Mobile training units for solar installation
- Hub: Portage (Garyton model)
- Continue to work with Ivy Tech and other institutes
 of higher learning for adult education and
 certification



DR. BARBARA EASON-WATKINS

- Career & Tech moving to Brown-Mackie site
- Elston campus space for additional pathways
- Start exposure to career pathways in middle school
- Also early learning classrooms at Brown-Mackie



MCAS EARLY LEARNING

CATHY BILDHAUSER KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 5 early learning classrooms at Brown Mackie (on my way pre-K private partnership)
- Desire to work with employers to provide funding for more students



LUBEZNIK CENTER

JANET BLOCH KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Existing partnerships on the westside
- Desire to expand those partnerships and enter creative placemaking space



NIPSCO

RICK CALINSKI + DENISE CONLON KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Precedent for supporting CHDOs and other nonprofit housing developers
- No timeline on generating plant closure and public outreach



MEETING GOALS

REVIEW AGENDA FORMAT
DISCUSS ITEMS NEEDING CLARITY
TRACE PAPER MINI-CHARRETTE

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SUPPORT FOR HEALTHY AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES

TASK 1.1: HOPE CENTER - A THRIVING COMMUNITY SPACE

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»WHY

The West Side neighborhood faces a number of challenges from high unemployment and poverty rates, to having a number of residents that lack transportation. The HOPE Center is a great resource for the neighborhood, but the number of programs on site has decreased over the years. At the same time, the building, a former school, is in central locations and has a lot of available space that could be used as offices for new community-supporting programs. In addition, it has rooms and gym that work well for community gatherings. The center also faces challenges as an aging facility, and with a smaller staff of only one volunteer employee and a non-local board of directors.

WHAT

At every level, participants in the process called for the HOPE Center to receive investment to help it thrive for the West Side. Ideas included:

- Doing a scan of area service providers and identifying those who could be located in the space, or have an office location there
- Work with an architectural team to renovate the structure to modern standards, while respecting the Mid-Century building. Update the site, including parking, play spaces, and community features
- Update the brand and create a signage package to increase visibility

Potential Funding Sources to Pursue

· Request READI 2.0 for renovations

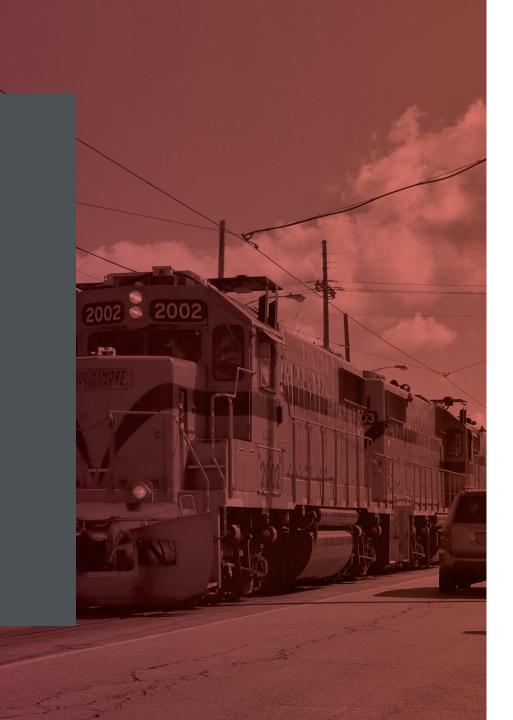
» HOW «

- 1. Conduct a scan of local nonprofits to identify the most needed programs and amenities for the center.
- 2. Develop a renovation plan, and budget for the building and site and seek funds for construction
- 3. Seek funding for a paid program manager position





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THINGS TO REMEMBER!

- We don't know until we know
- We're dreaming for the what ifs

IF SOMETHING WERE TO BE DEVELOPED - **AND** YOU WERE ALLOWED TO WEIGH IN:

- What types of uses would you prefer homes, retail, a mix?
- Historic assets art opportunities?
- Destinations concert venue, restaurants, boardwalk?
- What are the important street or trail connections?
- Green spaces programmed or natural both?