



Pennsylvania Avenue East Small Area Plan

Community Advisory Committee Kick-Off – Summary Notes

Tuesday, March 2 | 6:00pm-7:30pm

CAC Summary Notes

A full recording and transcript of the meeting can be found [here](#).

1. *Reflection: Favorite spot, view, or memory along the corridor.*
 - **Views from the corridor**, of the Capitol, at sunset
 - **Access to green space**, fort circle parks, and Anacostia Park
 - **Architecture and culturally significant buildings**, fire house and White House
 - **Being part of the community**, teaching at Randle Highlands Elementary and enjoying food from local restaurants

2. *Reflection: What is your vision for the community or the corridor at large; what strategic priorities and/or future development do you care most about; what gaps or challenges are you confronted with in your community or along the corridor?*
 - **Pennsylvania Avenue as a gateway.** The look and feel coming of the Sousa bridge does not provide the aesthetic, welcoming entrance that the community cares about. This can include public art, murals, and improved lighting.
 - **Pennsylvania Avenues as a place for creativity, arts, and expression.** The community is full of artists, creatives, and entrepreneurs. Their work should be celebrated in the community.
 - **Pennsylvania Avenue as a walkable, bikable community.** Destinations along the corridor should be easily and clearly marked, safe routes or dedicated lanes for bikers, and improved walkability to access community amenities.
 - **Pennsylvania Avenue as a multimodal hub.** Improve connections across the river, enhanced bus service, and improving traffic challenges and the Minnesota/Pennsylvania intersection.
 - **Pennsylvania Avenue as a livable community.** Plan for the wellbeing of residents. This can include improved access to grocery stores, recreation and play space and outdoor seating, cafes, and neighborhood destinations.
 - **Pennsylvania Avenue as an example of responsible, inclusive development.** Plan for and with current residents and continue to provide opportunities for financial independence and upward mobility.
 - **Pennsylvania Avenue as a vibrant retail destination.** Revitalize existing retailers, while promoting the corridor to retain and attract a diverse community.

3. *Reflection: Understanding the makeup of the Community Advisory Committee, are there communities or voices not represented?*
 - Seniors
 - Veterans



- Business Owners
4. *Reflection: What recommendations do you have for community engagement?*
- Virtual Community Townhalls
 - Social media
 - School groups and parent organizations
 - Faith-based networks