

**MAPLE HEIGHTS TLCI (#19024)
COMMUNITY MEETING #2**

January 28, 2020

Location: Warrensville Road Community Baptist Church (WCBC) Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

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Summary of Meeting

Thursday, January 28th marked the second community meeting of three planned for the Maple Heights Southgate Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) planning study. This meeting provided the opportunity for the project team to connect with a wider body of residents, community stakeholders, and interested parties, and collect feedback on challenges, preferred improvements, and aspirations for the Southgate Commercial District.

Maple Heights City Council President, Ron Jackson, provided a brief introduction to the project and project team, while touching on the significance of this opportunity for the City's future. City Architecture then led a discussion that began with introducing the TLCI program, followed by a summary of existing conditions analysis, and a recap of the community input that has been received thus far. The discussion was then opened to the audience, as meeting attendees were asked to share their desires for this area more broadly. As a series of culminating activities, attendees were provided slips to write gifts they would give to their community, while also given the opportunity to vote on priority focus areas and the types of improvements they preferred to see.

Community Feedback

Gift to your Community

Community members were presented with an opportunity to share what gift(s) they would share with their City, specifically to improve/enhance the Southgate Commercial District, below are the thoughts that were received:

- Help City officials communicate with residents. Find ways to connect with residents.
- Assist school board family engagement activities.
- A community of caring individuals that are willing to do what it takes to see the community grow.
- Some mentors to guide our youth into a successful future.
- A community center that will allow families to come and have multiple needs met.
- Strong school systems that offers multiple programs that will teach our children many life skills that go beyond the typical academics
- Diversified housing options
- Expanded outdoor recreation space, example – bike lanes, skating park, walking trails
- Create a destination for Maple Heights, “City Center”
- Pedestrian Friendly, ‘Walkability’
- Local jobs/business within Maple Heights to take care of local needs: electric repair, energy efficiency, retro fits
- Within a “community” area in Southgate lot East of Key Bank – green/trees/shade/benches
- Ice cream shop – local Maple business for “tourists/bicyclists” along route + residents
- Be the city of the future and not be left behind: All electric homes with outlets for EVs (electric vehicles), building codes for efficiency and renewable power - ready

Dot Exercise #1 – Ranking Focus Areas

Stafford Park ranked highest among the community, followed by the commercial district's southern gateway at Warrensville Ctr Rd & Rockside Rd, and the Southgate USA shopping center.

- North Gateway – Warrensville Ctr Rd – 5
- North Gateway – Northfield Rd – 1
- Warrensville Ctr Rd – Libby Rd – 0
- Southgate USA – 6
- Stafford Park – 10
- South Gateway – Rockside Rd – 7



Dot Exercise #2 – Transportation

The community demonstrated the most interest in enhancing their crosswalks, and were predominantly drawn to the image that featured the painted crosswalk. Transit waiting environment enhancements and protected bike lanes were also prioritized by participants.

- Bike lanes – 5
- New forms of mobility – 2
- Traffic calming – 3
- Crosswalks – 10

- Transit stop – 6



Dot Exercise #3 – Streetscape, Wayfinding, & Public Art

Interest in the options provided for this exercise were nearly evenly spread, with the public art receiving the most votes. Similar to the transportation board, the community was again drawn to the painted crosswalk image.

- Landscaping enhancements – 7.5
- Wayfinding – 5
- Public art – 8.5
- Gateway elements – 6
- Creative lighting – 6



Notes Taken During Discussion

At the culmination of City Architecture's discussion, Mayor Blackwell helped to encourage attendees to share their desires for the Southgate Commercial District and offer up any topics or items that had not yet been discussed. These notes can be found below:

- Business opportunities for local residents with support
- Trees! Specifically, at gateways and Southgate
- Bike trails/walking paths, Dunham park can be used as a model (Cleveland Metroparks)
- Mixed-Use Housing at Stafford Park and Southgate
- Forest Restoration
- Enhance linkage to Cleveland Metroparks network of parks and trails/paths
- Southgate Transit Center, a connection to major job centers; creating a town center, with a variety of uses, including possibly relocating the city services here to create a campus, transit center a critical piece
- Walkability!
- Outdoor Recreation – Improved opportunities to bike; placemaking and programing spaces for outdoor activities and community gatherings

Next Steps

1. Community Meeting #3 – Warrensville Rd Community Baptist Church, Tuesday, February 25th, 2020 - TENTATIVE

If any of the items herein are in conflict with your recollection of what was discussed or if any important elements have been omitted, it would be appreciated if you would contact us immediately. Otherwise we will assume the above items are correct.

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