

Dix Edge Area Study March Community Leader Group Meeting

Tuesday, May 4th 4pm – 5pm via zoom

Attendees:

City of Raleigh Staff: Matt Klem, JP Mansolf, Hannah Reckhow, Elizabeth Nooe, Bynum Walter, Fabian Rodriguez

Community Leaders: Dieneker Shaw, Terri Edwards, Mel Wright, Eric Braun, John Hinshaw, Sim McIver, Hayes Permar, Douglas Humphrey, Jenn Truman

1. Introductions/Icebreaker

- What are things we should be thinking about for those in the study area experiencing homelessness?
 - There are cities around the US that designated areas where people could put their tent.
 - There is a gap for families with children that are experiencing homelessness. There is also a gap for transgender people experiencing homelessness who may be denied access to gendered shelters. Triangle Family services helps to fill this gap. Alice Lutz is the executive director.
 - Maybe talking to homeless population can help identify solutions
 - Some may prefer to live outside of shelters, but there are potential issues including trash and fire.
 - A program to build housing for those who are ready to be housed.
 - There are programs that are trying to address these issues, but it is not an easy issue to address.
 - Is there a way to start a better program, possibly one that focuses specifically on those who may not have mental health issues or may not have disabilities.
 - Are there ways that outreach to those experiencing homelessness can be improved?
 - Personal relationships can help alleviate issues and fill in gaps where organizations are aren't reaching.
 - How can we think about urban public space differently? What types of uses can front on public areas and understand how we can make this area as a welcoming area. What public space do we have in this study area and who is it for?
 - Is there room in public space to support more housing for the homeless population.

2. Upcoming workshops

- Virtual workshops are coming up on May 18 (Land Use and Housing for all) and May 20 (Connectivity)

3. Preview of Transportation Recommendations

- Matt Shared a draft of visuals for the upcoming workshops and asked for feedback
- It might be helpful to label each diagram as the existing streetscape.
- Showing the plan view was hard to understand
- The 3 sections are on top of each other was hard to understand so having each separated might be helpful.
- Could there be pictures of what some of these connections may look like?

4. Outreach help

- Any help with doorhangers, yard signs or any other engagement?

5. Open Forum for questions/feedback/concerns