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