

Sandusky 2018 Neighborhood Initiative  
**COVE DISTRICT**

AGENDA | 6 December 2016 | 7:00 - 8:30PM  
Sandusky Central Fire Station, 600 West Market Street

1. Introductions
2. Brief overview of Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative
3. Warm-up exercise: Place Attachment Quiz
4. Review of input from first Community Conversation + preliminary design responses and alternatives
  - Sense of community / Sense of place
  - Bike and pedestrian access
  - Gateway treatments / Neighborhood identity
  - Winter weather amenities
  - Property maintenance
  - Safety concerns
  - Other
5. Wrap Up / Next Steps

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Summary of Community Conversation | 27 October 2017

The Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative will generate ideas for enhancing six neighborhoods in the city, with short-term investments that will coincide with the city's bicentennial in 2018 and longer-term improvements. Planning recommendations will address

- Physical improvements, such as signage, lighting, public art, enhancements to existing parks and the possible creation of new green spaces.
- Housing concerns: including home maintenance, code enforcement, the demolition of deteriorated buildings, and possible new construction.
- Events and programs to build community connections and neighborhood identity.
- Anchor projects: opportunities to build on existing anchor institutions and planned investments.

This initial community conversation generated preliminary ideas for improving the Cove District. A second meeting will take place on **December 6 from 7-8:30pm at the Sandusky Central Fire Station (600 West Market Street)**. At this meeting, more specific ideas and alternatives will be discussed and neighborhood priorities identified, leading to a neighborhood plan that will be adopted by the city in early 2017.

What follows is a review of comments from the first community conversation and a preview of some of the ideas and images to be discussed at the upcoming meeting on December 6.

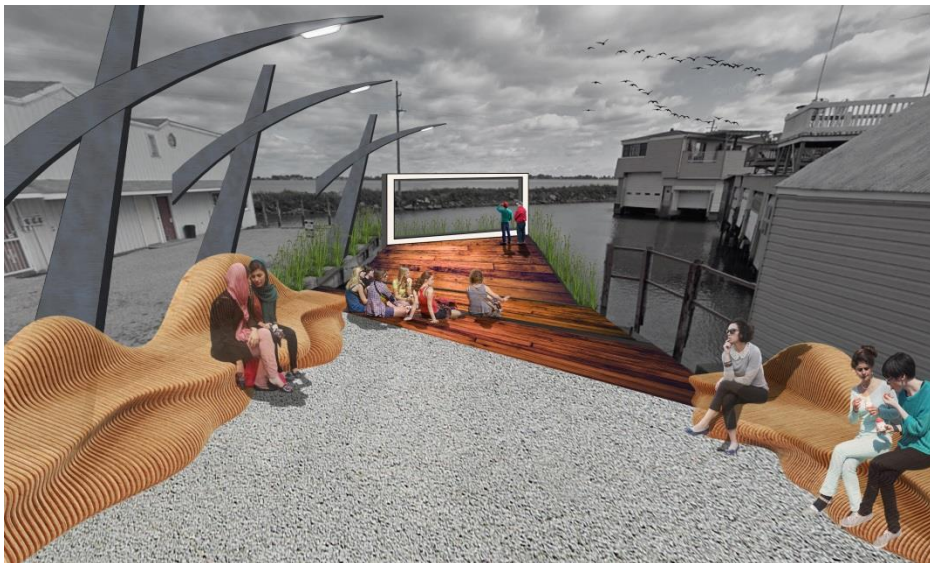
#### ISSUES & IDEAS

1. Strong sense of community in the Cove District: neighbors know each other and feel attached to this place
  - Sense of community is something to support and celebrate  
*[Expanded programming for neighborhood events, during the tourist season and in the off-season]*
  - Sense of place is something to share - not just Sandusky's best-kept secret  
*[Clear delineation between public spaces in the neighborhood and private areas]*
2. Pedestrian and bike access
  - Continue bike paths to First Street & connect to downtown
  - Improve pedestrian conditions on dead end streets.  
*[End of Curran Street may be a place for public amenities: small seating area, landscaping, lighting, overlook]*  
*[Model Blocks program for Curran Street to include pavement markings to differentiate pedestrian areas and car areas]*
  - Bike and pedestrian access at water's edge; opening up the breakwall so the water doesn't become stagnant

*[Trail along unused railroad spur is an opportunity to link residents to the lakefront and downtown]*



*[Public viewing space at the edge of Curran Street creates neighborhood and downtown connections]*



3. Gateway treatments for the neighborhood

- Cove District gateway signage and wayfinding
- Meigs Street is a gateway to Sandusky.

*[Model Blocks program for Meigs Street with an emphasis on code enforcement, home improvements/paint program, landscaping initiative]*

4. Winter weather amenities

- Snowmobile ramp
- Winter programming

5. Property maintenance

- Targeted code enforcement

6. Safety concerns: absentee landlords and break-ins