

Sandusky 2018 Neighborhood Initiative
FIRST THRU FIFTH NEIGHBORHOOD

AGENDA | 6 December 2016 | 5:00 - 6:30PM
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
 - Neighborhood boundaries
 - Neighborhood challenges and concerns
 - Neighborhood identity
 - Bike and pedestrian connections
 - Possible enhancements to Sandusky Plaza
 - Ontario School as neighborhood anchor
 - Other
5. Wrap Up / Next Steps

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Summary of Community Conversation | 27 October 2016

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 First thru Fifth neighborhood. A second meeting will take place on **December 6 from 5-6:30pm 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

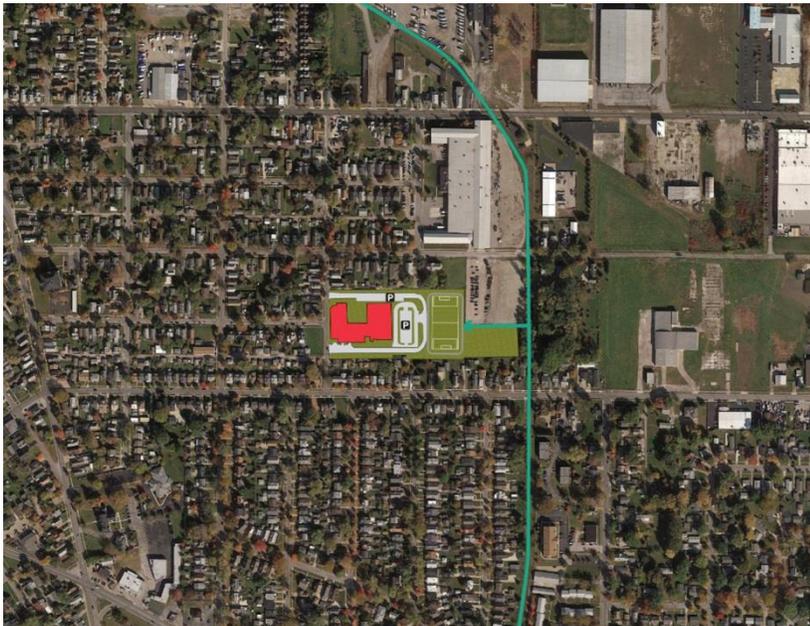
1. What are the neighborhood boundaries?
 - Core neighborhood includes First thru Fifth Streets, between Sycamore Line to Ontario
 - Broader neighborhood includes surrounding areas, where there are opportunities for connections and enhancements
2. Neighborhood challenges and concerns
 - Vacancy
 - Maintenance and stewardship of some properties
 - Demolition program has been helpful
 - Code enforcement is supportive but overwhelmed
 - Parking in alleys is a concern
 - [Model Blocks Program in core area, with emphasis on code compliance, community events and programming, and possibly green model blocks investments]*
3. Neighborhood identity
 - McKinley and Cleveland Road is a neighborhood gateway
 - [Gateway signage and landscaping, possible mural for the Sand Bay building]*



4. Pedestrian and bike connections

- Proximity to the lake, but no easy way to get there
[low cost landscape improvements and pedestrian signage along Ogontz Street to draw pedestrians toward the lake]
[green space improvements to small site at the water's edge, to provide a neighborhood waterfront destination]

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



[Trail along old railroad spur connecting to new Ontario School]

5. Sandusky Plaza updates

- The parking lot appears to be larger than needed for the retail uses.
[Landscaping around the edges of the shopping center and an interior landscaped island would improve the appearance of the site and help to manage stormwater runoff.]



- Convenient retail is a good thing. Although Sandusky Plaza was designed for car access, could it become more appealing to nearby residents as a pedestrian destination?
[Enhanced sidewalks, crosswalks, and perimeter landscaping would improve pedestrian access to and through the shopping center.]



6. New Ontario School as neighborhood anchor

- Possible Safe Routes to School program to encourage nearby residents to walk to school