

June UHT Engagement Findings

DESTINATIONS

What are destinations in the neighborhood that you frequent?

- JXTA
- Groceries
- Library
- Work
- Parks
- Appetite for Change
- YMCA

How do you get there?

- Bus
- Walk
- Bike

What are existing destinations in the area that you feel are already successful? How do you think these destinations could be improved?

- West Broadway (there should be less fast food)
- Lowry (more variety/ more shops)
- Good economics
- Webber park

UPPER HARBOR TERMINAL

What memories or interactions do you have with the Upper Harbor Terminal site?

- Could barely breath, uncomfortable
- Chemicals everywhere

How about with the river?

- Kayaking
- Biking
- Only visit the river over south because we don't have access over north.
- Sightseeing
- Fishing

What about this land, the site, and its history would you want to be considered in the design of this place?

- Toxic right now but you should make green

- Keep domes
- People whose houses used to be over there

MUSIC

What do you think of the idea of putting a music venue on the site?

- Inaccurate, unnecessary
- Performance space should be community focused

What scale or size of music or performance venue do you envision?

- Not a (big) venue. Medium size, community driven

How often would you visit UHT to hear/see a live performance?

- Sometimes, depending on how accessible the terminal is, there are no bus routes over there
- Depends on what is happening there. Place/events where young kids can be, family friendly would make it easier to come.

How could you see using a music venue on days when nothing is scheduled?

- More daytime activities, youth programming, hip hop classes

What else is on your mind?

- What other reasons are there for considering a music venue? If First Ave wasn't a partner, would it still be considered?
- Discount tickets to shows for community youth; incentivize show tickets through high school athletics/good grades/ achievement/ etc.
- Youth need to be employed

WATERFRONT CONNECTIONS, PARK, TRAIL ACCESS

How would you want to experience water and the river?

- Able to swim in it, beaches

What types of access to the river do you envision and for what uses?

- Be able to walk up to the shore like the lakes, no obstructions to water access

What else is on your mind?

- This whole process feels like gentrification, I live here in North Mpls and I'm disappointed in this whole process.
- As long as the air quality is bad (with GAF and Northern Metals), I am not likely to go and bring my kids there.
- A place where I can ride my bike
- Trail that connects with other parks
- I would go if it was a place where people are nice to me

- I want to see a bike/skate park, with jumps - place for youth to ride bikes
- Save the elevator
- Make the elevator the main focus of height at the park
- Blur the lines “pattern” on the site and keep the infrastructure
- Turn the existing structures into something usable by visitors: rock wall, viewing platform, jungle gym, remnants as sculpture to view & walk through.
- Keep the natural trails
- Build a park
- Water entertainment
- Bike riding classes
- YMCA structure for the youth as well as work out facility for the community
- Indoor park
- A place for sledding, ice sculptures etc.
- Dog park
- Recreational center inside domes

RESTAURANTS

What types of food services do you envision here?

- Food trucks and places where you can eat outside
- Healthy food, black-owned businesses
- Healthy foods
- A place where you can make food or see food being made
- Breaking Bread
- Avenue Eatery

How often would you come eat here?

- Everyday
- Not sure

Is there a waterfront eatery in the Twin Cities that you’ve enjoyed? What did or didn’t you like about it?

- No
- Tin Fish

What else is on your mind?

- Diverse food, cool looking restaurants (Sea Salt is ugly)
- Beautiful lighting (like picture of string lights over outdoor café)
- Idea for a food hub focused on apples – orchard where apples are grown, you can pick apples, place where apples are turned into pies, cider, etc that you can also buy.

MARKETS

What types of markets do you envision here?

- Farmers markets and food truck festivals
- Artist market and flea market
- Flea market
- Something that is unique - like no other market in Minneapolis

How often would you come here to shop?

- Everyday

Is there a market you already go to often? What do you like or not like about that market?

- Global Market – like that it's a bunch of different things, open floor plan
- Global Market
- Lyndale Farmers Market – I don't like that it's under a bridge

What else is on your mind?

- No farm animals at the market
- Opportunities for local vendors to sell their product

GETTING THERE

How do you think North Minneapolis residents could best gain access to the site?

- Creating bus routes that go there
- Biking and walking paths
- There need to be some sort of road that goes down into the site.
- Construct a bridge that connects to the UHT that is only for walking and bikes.
- Make a biking trail that connects through very well known streets/aves
- Keep cars and other vehicle movement at a minimum, give pedestrians priority
- Bike lights to alert bikers are coming
- Make access to the site fluid from the neighborhoods- safe transition from city to park/river
- Allow bikers to go through the site easily or stop and sit/ play/ look around/ eat
- Many people on the slow roll were unfamiliar with the site however, the people I spoke to were interested in biking more around the cities and their neighborhoods. Safety was a paramount concern/priority.
- Wider bike lanes made bikers feel safer and protected from traffic.
- The route of the slow roll helped to highlight the lacking safeguards in the area for people travelling by bike, something that should be considered when planning connections to the UHT.

What is your main form of transportation?

- Bus, bike, walk