

COMMUNITY COOKS MEALS AT BREAKING BREAD

Note: The notes below do not include the public meetings and open houses held during Summer/Fall 2017, co-hosted by the City of Minneapolis, MPRB and the development team members. Notes from those meetings are available at <http://upperharbormpls.com/community-engagement/summaries-meetings-engagement-opportunities>.

During Summer and Fall 2017, adult and youth staff from Juxtaposition Arts and MPRB staff attended and co-hosted two Community Cooks events. Community Cooks events are evening meals led and hosted by Appetite for Change that engage community members in cooking and eating together, while discussing topics of interest to the community. The two meals engaged people who are part of the Northside Fresh Coalition and Northside local food system efforts, Appetite for Change, Green Garden Bakery, Asian Media Access and other community members.

These events included conversations and surveys about public space and park elements people would like to see at UHT, response to ideas about music, food and markets at the site, and overall priorities and concerns about development at UHT. Notes from these activities are included below.

Tying in with Appetite for Change's focus on the Northside food system and food justice, more specific questions about food on the site were also discussed (growing food, entrepreneurship, access to healthy food, programs for young people, etc.).

These two events engaged approximately 20 people. When people provided a residential zip code, it is included with the comments below.

Overall we engaged with about 22 people during these community meetings at Breaking Bread. Some people shared demographic info, including their zip code, age, and race/ethnicity. A summary of that info is included below. Zip codes, when people shared them, are included with comments below.

Residential zip code (20 people shared this info)
North Minneapolis Zip (55412, 55411, 55405): 50%
Other Minneapolis Zip: 20%
Other Zip: 30%

Age (14 people shared this info)
Under 18: 50%
18-24: 14%
25-34: 0%
35-54: 21%
55-64: 2%
65+: 0%

Race/Ethnicity (15 people shared this info)
Black or African American: 33%

Asian American: 40%

Native American or American Indian: 0%

White or Caucasian: 20%

Latinx: 0%

Mixed/Interracial: 7%

MOBILITY & LEISURE

- Food & hanging out with friends (55405)
- Places to hangout with friends and chill and eat, like a courtyard or something (55405)
- Walking paths and biking paths, somewhere to fish, somewhere to just hang out with their friends. (55411)
- Skatepark and/or different kinds of sports (volleyball, badminton for example) at UHT. (55411)
- Play area, sports area, places to sit, visit with friends- wifi availability (55412)
- Have trails and connect to other trails (55411)
- Arcade, movie theatres (55411)
- A place where teens can hangout and have fun. Having a park would be nice for people to have a time and moment to study and other things (55411)
- Something that don't exist are places to hang out, cause there really aren't any places (55405)
- be able to have more docks, grills for family to come and hang out, picnics (55411)
- come with friends and kick it, food places close to the park (55411)
- Relaxing with friends, market, food vendors, music (55411)
- Maybe small playground, picnic, grills (55411)
- Food and places I can sit and chill (55411)
- Community events

EXPERIENCING THE RIVER/WATER

- One way I would like to experience the river is we should have a walkway across the river (55411)
- Boat rides, jet ski
- Fishing is a big deal to them and they feel like that if they have somewhere to fish they would hang out all day (55411)
- Be able to go fishing with my family
- Loved kayaking and would do it again (55405)
- Possibly swim (if that's possible), be able to have more docks (55411)

FACILITIES

- Also, having a Green Garden Bakery building/kiosk would be super dope (55405)
- There's not much for teens to do but some type of community center would be perfect (55412)
- Pools (55411)
- We got the northside YMCA but I would like to see a teen center where you can go with a clinic, sports, cooking class, groups and clubs (55411)
- I feel like usually there is a pool "area" but for little kids, so maybe like a water park (55405)
- Airsoft/ paintball playing field (55411)
- Park trails, parks, art museums, theaters (55412)
- Skating rink (55432)
- Food hub, bike shop, basketball court

ART & CULTURE

- Also a movie theatre as many of them are far away (55405)
- Liked the graffiti on the domes (55405)
- They want to have art everywhere and a farmers market. (55411)
- We should have art we can play on and all we really have is basketball. (55412)

- Outdoor live music/performance is a great idea. R&B, soul, hip hop (no alternative or rock - that doesn't cater to the people of North Minneapolis). Don't book artists whose genres are alternative or rock! If First Ave is involved, this space will no longer be for North Minneapolis (55411)
- Farmers market, fruits/vegetables and food, art, and ethnically diverse events. Regarding a venue, what would parking be like? What would happen in the winter?
- First Ave is a great idea if the music is for everyone of every age. What if there is not music there (at an outdoor venue/amphitheater)? What are you going to have? At night, movies. On Sunday, different churches, sports games, and etc. (55411)
- I think First Ave is a good idea. (An outdoor music venue) would give people a chance to come out and have fun, and a chance to let their voices be heard. When music isn't going on, I think it should be something like an outlet mall where there's a lot of food places and a movie theater. (55411)
- It would be interesting to see something different over North. Types of events: bands, classical music composition, musicals/plays. When concerts aren't going on: movies, market, space to hang with friends. Would be best for North if it is free to the public. First Ave - great idea! However issue (?) with how it would be built. (55412)
- (An outdoor venue) would be good but it don't need to be so big; would like to see Appetite for Change (AFC) playing and hip hop and R&B. 10,000-person amphitheater takes up a lot of space - don't want to see it be that big. When music isn't going on, would like to see exercise and outdoor movies - a big screen would be good. (55421)
- I like the idea of an outdoor venue, but have a security by the doors to get in so there is no violence/guns/weapons. Want to see famous rappers. First Ave is a good idea, but just be aware of violence. When concerts aren't going on, have community events, grad parties, yoga classes, drive-in theaters. Concerned about size of events/concerts. (55412)
- Prefer smaller stages/smaller scale performances (55411)
- (An outdoor venue) would be great for concerts! Want to see pop, hip-hop, rap, R&B, jazz, anything! Except heavy metal, rock and country music concerts. Having First Ave involved - I think that's great! So the younger people could maybe come into First Avenue for a change (if it's not still 18 or 20+). When concerts aren't going on, would want to see carnivals or state fairs or something like that where it comes around seasonally. Great performers, food (good food!), good weather, and a good host and we good! Use Appetite for Change's youth for performances! (55411)
- What if there is not music there? What are you going to have? Want to see movies at night. On Sunday, different churches, sports games, and etc. Want to see music for everyone of every age, and good seats. First Ave is a great idea.
- I don't really go to performances, but want to see concerts with famous rappers/famous people. First Ave being involved would be fun and cool. Farmers market when music isn't going on. (55432)

SHOPS & MARKETS

- It would be nice to see seafood and healthy food (55405)
- Food was the key topic, especially the idea of a market or other place for selling food at the site (55405)
- The farmers needs to be the sponsor, but a market should include local vendors who sell diverse and unique items representing all cultures, including jewelry, arts, clothing, and seasonal foods. (55405)
- UHT farmers market should combine with other local farmers markets to prevent competition, and she thought it would be successful as a night time market as well. (55405)
- Would like to see the UHT be a place for local food business to profit by having a space that works well for them. She'd also prioritizes natural foods and likes the idea of a "process-free zone" (55405)
- (A market) would be great for the citizens that live close by. Great idea. A market that has fresh produce all the time! And other necessary things like baby formula, diapers, etc. A store that has everything Walmart would have. (55411)
- They want to have art everywhere and a farmers market. (55411)

- More entrepreneurs on Northside
- Food, spas, antique + junk shops- flea markets- craft fairs (55412)
- Malls, shopping center
- Local garden (55411)
- A store, food trucks, food stand (55411)
- A store (55411)
- Food about the local culture (55411)
- It's a good idea to have a market by the river, I like the idea of fruits/vegetables and food market, flea market, night market, market where food vendors of different cultures come (African, Mexican, Asian) and sell cooked food, fresh produce (55411)
- Relaxing with friends, market, food vendors, music (55411)
- Farmers market, fruits/vegetables and food, art
- Food hub, bike shop, a mini market to buy fruits and chips and etc. (55411)
- Make sure all the things are organic; Farmers market so AFC can sell there. (55421)
- Eating options: Healthy, no fast food restaurants that be everywhere else (55412)
- Good idea but depends on what type - farmers market in a more spacious area and so AFC can sell more produce (55412)
- Think they should have some African foods along the parkways and some soda machines, also an art store where you can look around and buy things you want. (55411)
- A mini market to buy fruits and chips and etc.
- A market with food and after-school snacks (55432)

EATERIES

- It would be nice to see seafood and healthy food (55405)
- Would like to see the UHT be a place for local food business to profit by having a space that works well for them. She'd also prioritizes natural foods and likes the idea of a "process-free zone" (55405)
- In terms of food, they all love to eat - they don't want fast food, they want something more like home cooked food. (55411)
- A store, food trucks, food stand
- Food about the local culture (55411)
- I feel like we should have nice restaurants (55405)
- Come with friends and kick it, food places close to the park (55411)
- Food trucks of different cultures (55411)
- Relaxing with friends, market, food vendors, music (55411)
- Food and places I can sit and chill (55411)
- Local, casual, healthy, fine dining, outdoor, indoor
- Breaking Bread, taco food truck (55411)
- Food trucks and casual eating places (55412)
- Healthy restaurants with everything made from scratch, food trucks, soul food restaurant (55412)
- Not a lot of fast food, please! But good things like coffee shops or a bakery, a place that has breakfast food like IHOP or something. It can be a few food trucks to support their small business (the citizens). Benihanas!, Culver's, Chipotle. (55411)
- Food trucks of different cultures (55411)
- Breaking Bread, taco food truck
- Local, fine dining, fast food, food trucks (55432)
- I feel like there should be restaurants by the river because we have to go out far to get to food places like Buffalo Wild Wings or Perkins, stuff like that. I think we should have fine dining and food trucks. (55411)

GREEN SPACES

- A park like chutes and ladders (55412)
- More trees, more native plants (55411)

- Parks etc. Something missing is a tree house and a water slide. We need a cave too. (55411)
- Parks have trails and often connect to other trails (55411)
- Public parks, walking trails (55411)
- A place where teens can hangout and have fun. Having a park would be nice for people to have a time and moment to study and other things (55411)
- Local garden (55411)
- Be able to play different sports (volleyball, badminton) and four square! (55412)
- Space to hang out with family, park with fun activities (55412)
- I would like to have barbeques there, swim, play basketball, volleyball and tennis. On holidays I would like to be able to pop huge fireworks so everyone can come and enjoy. A huge play area for kids along with big tire swings. (55411)
- Grills for family to come and hang out, picnics; want to be able to come with friends and kick it, food places close to the park (55411)

YOUTH & KIDS

- Likes the idea of an arcade (55411)
- There's not much for teens to do but some type of community center would be perfect (55412)
- A place where teens can hangout and have fun. Having a park would be nice for people to have a time and moment to study and other things (55411)
- We got the Northside YMCA but I would like to see a teen center where you can go with a clinic, sports, cooking class, groups and clubs (55411)
- There is actually stuff for youth to do in North Mpls, it's just that some young people aren't active. (55411)
- I feel like usually there is a pool "area" but for little kids, so maybe like a water park (55411)
- I want more spaces to go to other than a park (55411)
- I'd like to see an ice cream parlor or a malt shop, like in the old days; classes that are fun, like "how to" classes and programs that will benefit us (young people) in the future. (55412)
- Want spaces for youth in North that make people see it's not that bad and it's a good place to be (55421)
- Want to see a place for youth to see movies in North (55412)
- Food, sports and music would make UHT best for kids and youth (55411)
- Small playground, picnic, grills. Want places I can sit and chill, with food; places with no violence (55411)
- Spaces for basketball, football, other hobbies, socialization
- Want to see a place for youth to hang out, shop, go to movies, have fun. Want hangouts that are safe (55432)

FOOD SYSTEM

What is needed for local residents to have access to healthy food? What are existing barriers to healthy eating?

- Money, communication, availability (55412)
- Need a connection between growers and "eaters" (55412)
- Internet (55411)
- Community garden. Fast food (barrier) (55411)
- More local farms (55405)
- More regular restaurants (55405)

What is needed to support local growers?

- Ask. Invite. Connect. Network. Money to support someone to organize it & maintain it. (55412)
- Land (55412)
- Change ordinances and open lots local growers buy open properties for gardens / farmers (55412)
- Help plant more native plants & get rid of invasive plants (55411)
- Help plant more trees, flowers (55411)

- TV commercial (55411)
- Decomposers (55411)
- More funding, more space (55411)
- More youth and communities (55405)

What would help entrepreneurs get started?

- Same. Pay someone to organize & mobilize & connect. (55412)
- Money (55412)
- Flexibility & zoning (55412)
- A website on how to get started (55411)
- Advertisements (55411)
- Honestly, positive vibes (55405)

What employment opportunities for youth do you see that could be involved with local food?

- Growing, selling, market, cooking, networking. ALL OF IT! (55412)
- Growing, preparing & selling (55412)
- Volunteer to help with local gardens and help grow food (55411)
- Farming (55411)
- Volunteering (55411)
- Maybe food they like (55405)

OVERALL PRIORITIES & CONCERNS

- It should be friendly for kids and families. (55432)
- I think the jobs at UHT should go to the homeless or people (teens & adults) in low-income families
- I have nothing in mind but I feel like we should be unique (55405)
- More entrepreneurs on Northside (55412)
- Concerned about violence - want to see places with no violence (55411, 55412)
- Cleaning the river and getting food / I'm concerned that the river will remain toxic (55411)
- If First Ave is involved, this space will no longer be for North Minneapolis (55411)
- I think this could be a cool thing for Northside (55411)
- Somewhere where friends, family and couples can do things that they don't usually do (55412)
- Priority is to do anything to make the Northside better; no concerns except to make it safe (55421)
- There should be a playground for the little kids right by North Memorial and have some bathrooms, too (55411)
- Priority: Somewhere a family can eat and bond! And feel welcomed. (55411)
- Priorities are that it is clean, healthy, family and friend-friendly. I wish we had a cleaner/healthier community! and that people actually cared. / Concerned about violence (55411)
- It should be friendly for kids and families. I'd like to see friendly people. I think it will be a cool thing for Northside. (55432)