

Upper Harbor Terminal Redevelopment

Community Engagement Chronology and Summary through Concept Plan Phase

February 7, 2019

Pre-2015

Extensive engagement as part of two eras of Above the Falls planning.

Current Planning Process Engagement Approaches

As outlined in Exclusive Rights Agreement, City and MPRB planned and implemented a cooperative community engagement process for UHT planning. Engagement occurred in several phases.

In preparation for engagement, [website](#) was created to facilitate communications and access to information. Site includes information about UHT site and planning process as it has unfolded. A special GovDelivery account was created, which now includes over 1,000 participants, supplemented by email distribution list of 300+ people that includes all North and Northeast neighborhood and business associations. As of December 2018, over 40 meeting notices and process updates have been posted on website and sent to these two distribution lists. Other communications methods have included Facebook event postings and other social media, NextDoor, occasional ads in *North News*, four KMOJ radio interviews and occasional mailings to nearest UHT site neighbors.

Engagement process has included multiple approaches. These included open houses and community meetings hosted by City and MPRB, participation in a wide variety of community events and meetings organized by others, smaller focus and targeted meetings and online surveys. In recognition that McKinley Community organization was not actively meeting during much of engagement period, process included door knocking in areas closest to UHT site. Churches and a mosque in North Minneapolis were contacted about their interest in allowing staff to host engagement after services, but they did not accept offer. Standing offers were made to nearby neighborhood associations to present at meetings. Informal conversations were held with indigenous representatives and other ethnic groups. After considering appointment of a community advisory committee, staff decided that approach would not be best way to get diverse input, particularly from communities whose voices are often not heard.

2015 to early 2017

Goal of this phase was engagement to seek general input on goals for UHT redevelopment. Outcome was [Characteristics of Success](#) that were included in Request for Qualifications. Input also informed Request for Qualifications language.

2015-05-14 Northside Neighborhood Council meeting

[2015-09-29 NorthFirst](#)

2015-11-12 Northside Neighborhood Council meeting

[2016-02-23 Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee](#)

[2016-03-12 Northside Housing Fair](#)

[2016-03-23 Victory Neighborhood Meeting](#)

[2016-04-02 Community Connection Conference](#)

[2016-05-05 HAMAA & Lao Assistance Center](#)

[2016-05-24 Urban League Open House](#)

[2016-06-15 Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities](#)

[2016-06-16 Folwell Ice Cream Social](#)

[2016-06-18 Southeast Asian Soccer Connections](#)

[2016-06-18 Juneteenth](#)

[2016-06-25 Folwell Park Open House](#)

[2016-06-29 Juxtaposition Arts Youth Ride and Kayak](#)
[2016-07-09 Somali Independence Day](#)
[2016-07-11 North Regional Library Community Meeting](#)
[2016-07-29 Riverfest](#)
[2016-08-27 Urban League Family Day](#)
[2016-08-30 Community Organizations Roundtable](#)
[2016-09-10 Open Streets West Broadway](#)
[2016-09-29 Upper Harbor Terminal Community Meeting](#)
[2016-12-08 Nexus Board and Commissions Leadership Training Institute](#)
[“What would bring you to the River?” input summary](#)

Request for Qualifications issued in August 2016. Development team submission received October 2016. Input was sought on whether City and MPRB should select the development team as master developer.

[Summary of input received](#) on development team submission, including online survey
[2016-11-03 Folwell Community Meeting](#)

Focus group meetings with community reps on community engagement approaches and Equitable Development Scorecard, followed by community open house on those topics

[2016-10-27 Focus group #1 on Equitable Development Scorecard](#)
[2016-12-02 Focus group #2 on Equitable Development Scorecard](#)
[2017-01-06 Focus group #1 on engagement approaches](#)
[2017-01-13 Focus group #2 on engagement approaches](#)
[2017-01-31- MPRB Open House](#)

Spring 2017 – January 2018

City and MPRB formally selected development team as master developer and authorized execution of Exclusive Rights Agreement. Agreement was executed in June 2017. City, MPRB and development team then launched engagement to get more specific community input to inform planning. Development team selection and agreement authorization were approved by City and MPRB at public meetings.

[2017-04-25 Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee](#)
[2017-05-30 Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee](#)
[2017-06-08 Cityview Open House and Online Survey Results](#)
[2017-06-27 Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee](#)
[2017-06-29 Juxtaposition Arts Event](#)
[2017-07-29 FLOW](#)
[2017-08-24 Business Community Meeting](#)
[2017-06-00 Juxtaposition Arts - June Engagement Summary](#)
[2017-09-09 Open Streets West Broadway](#)
[2017-09-12 Friends of the Mississippi River “Connections” study event/walk](#)
[2017-09-21 Friends of the Mississippi River “Connections” study event/walk](#)
[2017-11-06 Bicycle Advisory Committee](#)
[2017-11-16 Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#)
[2017-11-20 McKinley Community board meeting](#)
[2017-11-30 Housing meeting](#)
[2017 Site Visits and Tours Summary](#) (engagement with about 100 people during multiple events)
[2017 Food Focused Meetings Summary](#) (engagement with about 22 people during two events)
[2017 Public Festivals Engagement Summary](#) (engagement with about 190 people during five events)
[2017 Door-to-Door Engagement Summary](#) (engagement with about 55 people in McKinley)
[2017 Online survey](#) about potential destinations

Late 2017 to summer 2018

City, MPRB and development team did extensive work to explore ways to deal with site challenges e.g., powerlines, historic structures), do market studies and evaluate options. Occasional updates to Above the Falls Advisory Committee were made during process. Result of this phase was a draft concept plan.

[2017-07-25 Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee](#)

[2017-08-29 Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee](#)

[2017-09-26 Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee](#)

[2017-10-24 Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee](#)

[2017-11-28 Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee](#)

[2018-01-30 Above the Fall Community Advisory Committee](#)

August 2018 to November 2018

Engagement to seek input on draft concept plan.

2018-07-28 FLOW

[2018-08-15 UHT Redevelopment Community Engagement Meeting](#)

[2018-08-16 UHT Redevelopment Community Engagement Meeting](#)

2018-08-20 Good Deal Oriental Foods Open Hours Session

[2018-08-21 Webber Library Open Hours Session](#)

[2018-08-22 Serendipity Spot Open Hours Session](#)

2018-08-22 Hawthorne EcoVillage Event

[2018-08-28 UHT Redevelopment Community Engagement Meeting](#)

[2018-09-08 UHT Redevelopment Presentation and Council Member Cunningham Discussion](#)

2018-09-15 West Broadway Open Streets

2018-09-25 Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee Meeting

[2018-09-28 Community-Led Workshop](#)

[2018-10-02 Community-Led Workshop](#)

[2018-10-13 Coffee with Jeremiah Meeting](#)

2018-10-16 Community-Led meeting re: co-creation

2018-10-30 Promise Zone Economic Development Working Group

2018-10-30 AFCAC meeting

Door knocking in McKinley neighborhood

[Online survey](#) about draft concept plan (259 responses)

Multiple small meetings with interested stakeholders

2018-10-30 Promise Zone Economic Development Working Group

2018-11-07 Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) meeting

November 2018 to current

Presentations on concept plan, as revised in response to community input.

2018-11-27 AFCAC meeting re: proposed regional park boundary

[2018-12-08 Community meeting \(hosted by Councilman Cunningham\)](#)

[2018-12-11 Community meeting](#)

[2019-1-08 AFCAC meeting re: proposed regional park boundary](#)

[Letters received from organizations](#)

Summaries of the items in blue are posted at: <http://upperharbormpls.com/community-engagement/summaries-meetings-engagement-opportunities/>. A graphical summary of input received from August 2018 through November 2018 is [here](#).