

Eureka East 12th Street Update
Urban Renewal Board Meeting - August 19, 2019

1. I.Q. Hurdle House – completed repairs, community sign & long-term preservation

Earlier this summer, Eureka engaged architect Donna Carter to help with the repairs and painting of the I.Q. Hurdle House. This initial work has been completed.

We have created a sign providing information about the life and contributions of Mr. Hurdle. We are working with a contractor to get the sign erected on the property so the neighbors and community can read and learn more about Mr. Hurdle.

We will work with Donna Carter and her firm to help Eureka with options for a long-term preservation plan for the house. This work is expected to begin in the next several weeks.

2. Suggested cultural heritage plan

Eureka will also be discussing with Donna Carter the possibility of engaging her firm to develop a cultural heritage plan for the broader East 11th, 12th and 13th Streets. This potential plan would help identify strategies for preservation, interpretation and visitation in the area, prioritize these strategies and develop long-term capacity for the operations and maintenance of key historic and cultural assets.

3. Community engagement update – what neighborhoods, groups and non-profits have been engaged

Community groups we have met with or visited with their leadership to date:

- Austin Revitalization Authority
- Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
- Kealing Neighborhood Association
- Swede Hill Neighborhood Association
- Robertson Hill Neighborhood Association
- Blackland Community Development Corporation
- Simpson United Methodist Church
- Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods (OCEAN)
- Urban Renewal Board
- Historic Landmark Commission
- Six Square
- Huston-Tillotson

Hosted Simpson United Methodist Church Back to School Event on July 20

- Distributed cookies and backpacks to all of the kids

Working with Pastor Waddle to schedule additional meetings with other surrounding churches

4. Next planning steps:

Overarching principles for re-development of Eureka's properties are in development right now, taking into consideration the wants and desires of stakeholders as heard in recent stakeholder meetings and through various plans created by the neighborhood associations and the City. These overarching principles will respond to the nature of the East 12th Street corridor as a key transportation, social and cultural spine traversing several neighborhoods.

As projects along this corridor are identified, more specific conversations with stakeholders will commence. Key priorities now are projects related to the future of transportation in East Austin (i.e. transit, pedestrians, bicyclists, dockless technologies, and more), enhancements to Boggy Creek and its connections to the surrounding neighborhood, corridor-wide cultural heritage and preservation strategies, and strategies to enhance the educational institutions and service in the area.

We plan to attend the September Urban Renewal Board meeting.