

Visioning Workshop 4: Summary

The City of Minneapolis and the engagement team (4RM+ULA and the Cultural Wellness Center) conducted Visioning Workshop 4 on August 27, 2024.

Approximately 80 people attended the event at The Square at the Chicago Ave Shops. At the event, we discussed what matters most to the community and focused on 4 areas for improvement within George Floyd Square: The Streets (ROW), Memorials, The Peoples' Way, and Broader Issues, including Racial Healing.

A brief presentation by the Cultural Wellness Center helped shape the focused approach that would be conducted during this workshop. Community members broke into five groups, each with one of the focus areas identified above. After the presentation, each group presented their discussion points and findings.

Group A: Streets (ROW)

Nathan Koster - Leader, Craig Vaughn/Josh Colas - Note Taker

Group B: Memorials

Mary Altman - Leader, Noa Havilio - Note Taker

Group C: Peoples' Way

Rebecca Parrell - Leader, Lyssa Washington - Note Taker

Group D: Broader Issues (Racial Healing, Community Safety, Economic Vitality)

Charisma Smith/Alexander Kado - Leader, Rae Beasley - Note Taker

Group E: Broader Issues

Atum Azzahir - Leader, Heidi Garrido/Sister Peace - Note Taker

Highlights and Themes from Workshop 4

General Highlights and Themes

- Larger issues impact what is going on in the square and are more important than the 3 projects that the City is advancing.
- Community connections have been developed in the square and should be maintained.
- Continue community input as the projects move to the next steps.

Racial Healing Themes

- Change has happened here.
- Systems' inequities are profound - we must build power.

Community Safety Themes

- Police reform and accountability are critical.
- It is too early to repair harm when the police are still harming us.

Memorials Highlights and Themes

- Center the community; you do not need to please everyone; make the community here feel included.
- Create a place where people can come and enjoy

themselves, not just a place for people to drive by. Make it a place for the community.

- The City shouldn't curate the memorial. Continue with the 50 people or so who have managed it so far.

Peoples' Way Specific Highlights and Themes

- It is important not to lose sight of the value of PEOPLE in all the words on paper.
- RFQ Discussion: Successful applicants should demonstrate they have a deep knowledge of the area, its residents, and businesses.

Right-of-Way Specific Highlights and Themes

- Center people in the ROW (Public Realm) design considerations. Pedestrian safety is paramount.
- Provide more detail on the length of time the street will be closed and where.
- The raised intersection was well received.
- Transit service along Chicago is vital for residents, visitors, and businesses.
- Displacing additional traffic into the surrounding neighborhood is not desirable.

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General Feedback Received After Breakouts Groups

The following value statements were discussed in the group breakout, with specific priorities identified for Memorials, Peoples' Way and the Street Design (ROW) projects.

- Center the needs of the people and the community of George Floyd Square
- Honor the life and death of George Floyd
- Respect George Floyd Square as an active memorial space
- Repair the collective harms of racism and its impact on our society

Additional feedback and summaries were provided after the breakout sessions. Some general themes, questions and comments emerged and are highlighted below:

- Look at other successful community models around the country for reference in developing a plan for the square. Leimert Park in LA, Flats in Cleveland
- Acknowledgment that there is no other place like GFS in the world.
- What is the City vision for the Peoples' Way.
- What considerations are there for improving other streets and alleys in the area?
- Has shared parking been considered in the area?
- Pedestrian crossing concerns
- Speeds & safety concerns
- Rerouted traffic concerns (however, traffic has been detoured for 4 years)
- Biking on Chicago? Is it necessary
- No property acquisition other than People's Way site
- Open / Transit Mall / Pedestrian Plaza are the 3 options being shown for Chicago Ave north of the intersection
 - How does the transit mall get enforced?
 - Community member said the pedestrian plaza goes against serving the community
 - Fire Access, property access, restricted access control
- Attendees said the pedestrian plaza reduces intersection vitality --> economic development. ("deadzone")
- Comment - "want people first and foremost".
- Make sure we are caring for everyone in the community, especially the most vulnerable.

Additional information:

- September 21st CVC meeting
- 16-20 youth focus group and elders focus group will meet in September.
- Agape office hours 6-8 PM (3741 Chicago Ave) Wednesdays ongoing.

Engagement Timeline



Group Breakout Session Highlights

Group A: Streets (ROW)

Nathan Koster - Leader, Craig Vaughn/Josh Colas - Note Taker

ROW Design

- Center people in the ROW (Public Realm) design considerations
 - Nathan provided an overview of the layout changes since the July meeting
 - Values & priorities discussion (updated statements were read aloud)
 - 38th Street graphic imagery was walked through, highlighting details with comments
 - Increased the labeling of assets including transit stops
 - Emphasized pedestrian safety with inclusion of a raised intersection
 - Other modes as well (i.e., bicyclists)
 - Full reconstruction considerations – underground utility needs including lead pipe services lines being replaced
 - Will parking be maintained.
- Question – How long would reconstruction take?
 - Unknown at this time (anticipating 1-2 construction seasons)
- 7 design priorities represented as bullets under the 4 key values which are overarching
 - See handout – Koster read them aloud
- Nathan mentioned the evaluation process based on values & priorities
- Question – Will alleyways be addressed as part of this project? A-Typically no.
 - 2 alleys mentioned that should be addressed or evaluated for improvement, considering potential roadways closures

Concept Overview (Graphics)

- Will parking be maintained?
- The raised intersection concept received positive feedback. One person noted there should be more raised intersections throughout the City.
- Received positive feedback on calming traffic with a tighter curb to curb width. Participants would like to keep speeds around 20mph.
- One person inquired about RRFBs at 38th & Chicago. Nathan noted there are options to shift the location of the crossings and add bollards.

- Concerns were expressed about traffic calming on adjacent streets during construction.
- One participant asked if a bikeway is needed within the project limits given the Park and Portland bikeways.
- Questions were asked about ROW acquisitions. Nathan noted the goal is to perform work within the effective ROW.
- With the area being under served and under privileged, the pedestrian plaza concept can appear to restrict emergency service access, transit, and access to minority businesses.
- Nathan noted the team is working closely with Station 77 to maintain firetruck movements.
- Business owners expressed challenges with the Transit Option. There are concerns with restricting customer access.

Group B: Memorials

Mary Altman - Leader, Noa Havilio - Note Taker

- Mary Altman: Presented the priorities from the handout. This is just a draft. We won't design. Talking about current memorials. Bullets review (from the handout);
 - Are these the community desires?
 - What are we missing?
 - Center the needs of the community and people visiting.
- Community Member 1:
 - As a life long residence, it feels like we are trying to please everybody else. And the community feels left out.
 - A black woman that was triggered by the block.
 - Getting the people who live here involved.
 - We welcome everybody but they should follow the people who live here.
 - Talk to people to build community. Focus on building humanity.
- Community Member 2:
 - In order for the community to come together there needs to be a place. Different generations. Coffee shop where everybody recognizes you. You could have murals for memorialization, but a place that allows coming together. Find someone with a business mind.

Group Breakout Session Highlights (Continued)

- Community Member 3:
 - (Funky Grits) Great food, but church didn't allow to park, so the business was lost. What is important is what the world sees here – which is a memorial. It's most important. Keep this place visible for the world.
- Community Member 1:
 - Church felt excluded, how do we support the community. We don't want people to just come and look at black people's pain, we want them to support businesses.
- Historically one of the only places where black people can live.
- Community Member 4:
 - Lives on 5th. "Prioritize" rather than "Consider". (handout comment)
- Community space is a need.
- Community Member 5: People come from all over the world. We can't undo what happened. Business and living here can't go back to be normal. So this needs to become part of the plan for the community and for businesses.
- Community Member 6:
 - We need to prioritize the community of color-amplifying the voices that have been here for a long time.
- Community Member 7:
 - Every time I pass by here. Feels like a place that people are working on it. More of a community block, a place where people can come and enjoy themselves, not just a place of people to drive by. A place for the community.
- Participant who joined on the sidewalk, sharing his story:
 - A story of getting injured and not wanting to have 911's help. Refusing refusing, until he was strong enough to get on his own feet and leave. Wants to work like other people. Grew up here. Told us about his past work. (he is now on a wheel chair, seems sick, probably can't work anymore).
- Community Member 5:
 - I want to make sure this is in fact heard: the City shouldn't be curating the memorial. The 50 people or so who have been managing the memorial so far can continue. CVC is a great example of people working without the City.
 - Everybody has the power currently to make things better, talk to people, add a light, improve the garden.
- Tearing out the street will destroy what the community has achieved here. Like Kim's restaurant in downtown that was displaced by construction work.
- Community Member 6:
 - Curation feels like something that needs to be clean and pretty and organized but its not what we want. The living quality and reality of it is important.
- Community Member 2:
 - We don't want to exclude anyone's opinion. It's important that this is a place that feels comfortable for the people, communicate and educate.
- Community Member 5:
 - How do you educate people about the history of what happened here. How people marched to the third precinct police station from here.
- Community Member 8:
 - This is still a protest. We can't change a lot, but we can have experts help us with conserving and displaying. Experts that know how to make the information accessible to the public
- Community Member 5:
 - This place is unlike any other place in the world. Artifacts worth millions of dollars to the world. The implications will be for decades and centuries.
- Anthony from CWC:
 - How do you turn this into a statement of measurements? It will be an ongoing protest. The response.
 - How does a place like that look like, what is the experience for you in 10 years that will make you feel like that, something we can measure. We are not designing, picking a color, but thinking about the larger things
- Community Member 7:
 - When we are protesting. It's hard to access sometimes. We want to protest but not want to do something negative. We are adding something to the street – but that also makes it hard to access. And we also want to have the community. And it's nice to have something that is accessible. They say it's a dump sometimes. I don't believe it. I think it's

Group Breakout Session Highlights (Continued)

- just hard to focus.
- Community Member 4:
 - The focus is George Floyd or police violence against black and brown people.
- Community Member 9:
 - Seitu Jones and Javier and Jim -dedicating art. Celebratory. Opening. Seeing the artists. Was so blown away. And on the radio I heard someone was shot that same day. There is a meaning to that place for me because of that.
- Community Member 2:
 - Memorializing the racism. Make sure you memorialize all the deaths that have come from the hands of police. George Floyd and all the people from the past.
- Mary Altman:
 - Recognize not everybody thinks the City should reconstruct the roads and the sidewalks. But it is planned to be constructed in 2026. Nathan is there talking about the options. Rise and Remember is designing a memorial.
 - Concern about the period of construction, for businesses, and keeping an active memorial.
- Community Member 5:
 - How you address all the art that is already here?
 - What is wrong with this sidewalk that is already here?
 - It feels like a threat, very high threat for what we have been working from.
 - If you said there is a plan to put drinking waters, being safe from police, etc. then we would be okay. It's just pavement that can be patches. I built the fists. They don't mean a darn thing if there is no art around them. Building the roads are so far off.
- Community Member 1:
- They were going to redo the streets before COVID and George Floyd.
- Participant (with a very young girl):
 - Folks come from all over the world because he is an icon, ground zero.
 - How roads are contributing to the real issues that we care about?
 - What kind of preservation needs to happen?
 - Mary Altman: We are even consulting about preserving asphalt.
- Community Member 4: Generational families

living on 4th and 5th – should be included and communicated with.

Group C: Peoples' Way

Rebecca Parrell - Leader, Lyssa Washington - Note Taker

Small Group Discussion on Values

<after presenting the values statement board>

- The 4th priority (Repair the harms that white supremacy...) should be listed first.
- Repairing the harms could look like:
 - Repairing harm first, and what belongs on the Peoples' Way site will follow.
 - What is happening in the Rondo neighborhood in St. Paul, with down-payment assistance for descendants of Rondo and repairing harms of the neighborhood's destruction after the government built I-94. 35W created the same destruction of the black neighborhood in South Minneapolis along 38th St.
- It is important not to lose sight of the value of PEOPLE in all the words on paper.
- Some of the wording feels too removed from a close community and not grounded enough in serving the people.
- The Peoples' Way Values should include a reference to valuing and supporting the "economic vitality" of the community.
- As/if the Peoples' Way becomes a destination it needs to in the process raise property values for all and not negatively impact who is here (i.e. taxes).
- In order to determine values, the City should see what's common through all of the different studies, engagement efforts, processes (i.e. 38th Street Thrive, BLM MN, group that meets at Calvary, etc.).
- One community member read the 24 Demands addendum aloud and noted that the City 's website replicates language from the 24 Demand's addendum language by stating a goal is to have a National Racial Justice Healing Center. They also noted that the 38th Street Thrive plan has similar supportive language for a National Racial Justice Healing Center and that BLM MN is working on a "Global Center for Reparations."

Group Breakout Session Highlights (Continued)

- How does the local religious community feel about the Peoples' Way (and GFS) processes? Some thought that Worldwide, a 38-year resident at the corner of 38th and Chicago, has felt mostly left out of the conversation.

Small Group Discussion on RFQ <after presenting the Draft RFQ board>

- Add to the prioritized uses as examples in the RFQ:
 - Community Center
 - Contemplative space/Space for reflection
 - Civic Education Center – where people can learn about the civic process and civic duties - to learn about voting and government.
 - Note that a project can include more than one of the prioritized uses.
 - There's the potential for multiple things at the same time.
 - Delete from the RFQ:
 - The community does not need the clothes closet in the transit stations on the sidewalk.
 - One member believes that something the community needs is a memorial or visible reminder of the names of the black families and ancestors who created the neighborhood, as a reminder of who came before and helped shape the place for today.
 - Would this potential new building at the Peoples' Way site be a duplication of other area programs, organizations and their work in this geographic area?
 - Successful applicants should:
 - Demonstrate they have a deep knowledge of the area, its residents, and businesses
 - Support the existing local business community
 - Address a community need
 - Translate their mission into a vision for the building and property
 - It is important to NOT forget about who is here - what happens here needs to serve this community.
 - Comments about Eligible Applicants
 - Yes, it is a good idea to restrict to only non-profits and allow for partnerships with for-profit businesses.
 - Can a BIPOC non-profit developer partner with a for-profit developer/organization?
- Yes, that is the current suggestion as of Aug 27. This or any other partnership can happen; generally, an LLC or some other structure would be created to safeguard the groups working together.
- The RFQ should encourage and support creative financial ownership models for applicants.
 - Could a Community Development Corporation (CDC) redevelop the Peoples' Way? Yes, CDCs are generally non-profit organizations.
- The 38th St Thrive Plan identifies creating a new CDC for the 38th Street Cultural Corridor as a community priority or goal. There are only 2-3 true CDCs in the metropolitan area. They take time to form and would likely not be in place to respond to the RFQ in 2024.
 - Could the redevelopment of the Peoples' Way incorporate additional parcels to the north or west? Yes, but the successful applicant would need to partner with the adjacent property owners. The City is not planning to purchase any additional property at the intersection.
 - Would the successful applicant to the RFQ be required to do additional community outreach when they develop their project? Yes, the successful applicant will continue to work with community throughout their project.
 - What are the duties of the successful RFQ applicant and how are they beholden to the community? The City has legal agreements that can require successful applicants to perform specific duties.
 - There was a suggestion that it is important to understand the ownership structure of the building where the vision sessions are happening. The parties involved in the building are the Graves Foundation and two BIPOC developers.

Group Breakout Session Highlights (Continued)

Group D: Broader Issues (Racial Healing,

Community Safety, Economic Vitality)

Charisma Smith/Alexander Kado - Leader, Rae Beasley - Note Taker

Racial Healing

- Systemic Healing is the hardest --> using warfare culture/language.
 - Need to address this dynamic. --> talking beyond labels. "Impossible to repair harm with warfare language."
 - 'Power' & lack of power to change systems. It took the power of the people. The collectivism is the challenge
 - The order of healing: Self --> Social --> System
 - Systems are very deep (i.e. education, laws) - we have to build the power, collectivism to change those systems
 - Change is the concept. You have to be willing to change. "Do what's right & let the law catch up." Thurgood Marshall.
 - With change things evolve. One example is us being here.
 - Rome collapsed from the inside out. We have to teach the children.
 - With acknowledging truth in the harms, I don't think I've done any harm with trying to stand against others who have caused me harm.

Community Safety and Health

- Question: Community members have raised these priorities through community engagement. Do you agree that these are important priorities that should be included in the George Floyd Square Vision? Are any missing? Yes with City strategies and actions
- We have the best and the brightest in the state. It needs to be here in GFS too. Ex. Medical and bike lanes

Police Reform

- 3rd precinct house all the bad cops. Some are transferred in from other cities after reprimand
- Police accountability is critical - and insurance
- It's too early to repair harm when we're still being

harmed.

- Police Reform is a broad term. Put some teeth in what we need regarding police reform --> accountability.
- Question: What are we responding to? Yes, they should be included in the plans
- 3rd Precinct needs police reform --> Need safety from police officers
- Police accountability is important and that needs to be the focus
- Too early to repair harm when we are still being harmed. Ex. Getting pulled over and excessive searches

Mental Wellness:

- Mental health is important for stability. It's really important for those who have business & others are around to make sure things do not escalate.
- Support for the un-housed - need to treat them as human beings
 - Is Hennepin County involved in the process?
 - Resources should be used to the fullest extent
- This county has the responsibility of caring for housing and mental health and behavioral health. - Partnership with Hennepin County?
- We have some of the top mental health and wellness facilities in the state of this country
- Multiculturalism concepts & procedures - how do we bring this back to 38th and Chicago?
- GFS --> International Destination --> we should have the best available in this place. Needs to be international
- We need to understand the community. Should be stated and the cross-cultural needs should be met.
- How do we fix here first? Start locally

Environmental Vitality:

- The best in MN should be in this community too. Ex. Job training, conductors
- 3M Rubber white paper. Solar panel high energy efficiency
- Kristel Porter - Environmental work
- Hydro generators high powered and advanced technology
- What is the city already doing?
 - Calvary housing, 40 deeply affordable units
 - Job training at Sabathani. Solar project

Group Breakout Session Highlights (Continued)

- PRG – Partnership. Helps with the housing process. They are a great example & intentional
- Model the Polaris new job effort
- Why can't we have a clinic right here? Why don't we have a medical facility here? We need to have them here and support us.
- Business incubation
- Safety indicators for officers willing to serve the community safely

Memorials:

- How to translate to 38th
- Doesn't this include arts? Refer to Mary and the memorial small group
- At the September meeting do/can we give feedback on actionable items? Yes.
- Is there a group getting together about museums?
 - There are talks about a getting a kiosks to tell the communities experience
 - Prince Corbett working on professional retreats?
 - Michelle Jackson – facilitating about racial equity
 - Model Examples: La Merch, Lil African village, LA

Group E: Broader Issues

Atum Azzahir - Leader, Heidi Garrido/Sister Peace - Note Taker

The meeting focused on the development and vision for George Floyd Square. Key points included the importance of community-led initiatives, such as healing workshops and mutual aid, to foster healing and connection. Participants emphasized the need for a community-owned property, economic vitality, and preserving the area's history and art. Specific concerns were raised about pedestrian safety, traffic management, and the impact on local businesses. The city's role in protecting the property and ensuring community input was highlighted. The group discussed the need for transparency and collaboration in the development process, aiming to create a space that reflects the community's values and vision.

- Atum: Perimeter of square isn't just 38th &

Chicago

- Atum: What is significant about the square?
- Resident: There is a healing and writing workshop at Agape. It is a source of healing and creativity. Whatever happened here at the square, the destructive parts had impact, but something rich and powerful can also happen.
- Resident: Something beautiful already happened. The community took care of each other and still does. People met their neighbors, they had their basic needs met. This is a model, but we also have a long way to go. We're here because police violence hasn't stopped. The system is doing more harm than good, the police are taking resources and doing harm.
- Resident: There is a constant struggle to tell the truth in the community. Just this week, a location affected by the uprising was used as a political prop (Speaker of House Mike Johnson posed in front of former 3rd Precinct / Minnehaha 3000 to spread narrative about Walz's harm to Minneapolis). But the people who cause that particular harm at this building weren't from here, weren't from the community. And now these politicians fly in, speak, and leave. We need to fight to tell the real truth. The politicians know they are effective, we have to fight back.
- Resident: But who fights and how? Walz will defend himself, but who defends us? We do – in truth telling.
- Resident: Part of combating falsities is making sure inside community doesn't fall for that story. Making connections and being present with each other and lasting efforts to help and heal. There are so many outlets for helping and healing - whether it's the writing workshop or Wed open office hours, these workshops, the mutual aid, the closet, the events that go on – we just had Black August. There is tremendous opportunity for people to build and strength together.
- Atum: We don't know how to share together.
- Nathan (4RMULA): Carpet baggers trying to create division. We did the opposite here and created connection. As we work together, we build each other up.
- Atum: Becomes a hidden part of the truth that doesn't get talked about.
- Resident: In a most pragmatic way, how can that image of connection and healing – be told? Be exposed, be sent, be visible. So it's not just us

Group Breakout Session Highlights (Continued)

- saying goo things happen, but showing it.
- Resident: Listening to people talk about things that are here and now and I'm wondering how that can translate into something that has permanence. What is the plan to take the memorialization of what happened to George and use that to promote that injustice is systematic. Needs to be a place of progress.
- Atum: How will all of this happen, is the question. How can that happen?
- Resident: Need someone with money and time, input from all the people, and PM skills.
- Atum: We're hoping there is a way to use whatever the City can offer in other ways to leverage.
- Resident: Someone can oversee – that a vision can integrate with community and works for the community and promotes the story that we want to tell. All of this is a big, big project.
- Atum: WE want to hear what you see should happen and we want you to say that I want to participate in what should happen. We want you to put these things in a vision and “I will work on them with you”.
- Resident: I've lived in this neighborhood since June of 73 and raised my two boys. Now two great grandchildren are living with me so I want to see ... we used to have access to food, that's not happening anymore. I want to see progress. We're at a stand still. I drive through here when I go to Cub or whatever. I know when that first happened I went through a lot of PTSD. Old neighbors were good, but some passed away. I want to see something happen. I don't want to worry at night. I try to move around before dark, because there's crime at night.
- Atum: So, safety at night.... You mentioned food.
- Resident: I'm elderly, so I don't like to cook anymore. Coffee shops or sandwiches would be nice.
- Atum: Restaurants around here want to provide food. There are people who, once a week, bringing very healthy organic food right on the corner.
- Resident: I did that one time, it was good. Maybe we need a coffee shop? Fast food?
- Atum: There are new businesses coming. Stay tuned.
- Resident: Mayday is a good option. They're a coop.
- Resident: If we build something and keep building it, it doesn't matter what the Speaker of the House says, we are going to keep building it. We just continue to build and show what we can do. I have apprehension about the City. I know how politicians work. There is a lack of progress – outward progress. How hard it is to take some pencils and artists and start giving us renderings? That was the problem with the CCT. Was very disappointed with that because they were waiting on surveys. Why can't we just come up with designs, then we get more info and start tweaking and look at what is possible. City came in last minute with designs. I have distrust with the City; wouldn't be doing planning like this. By now they should have had some idea of what it could look like and different versions of it.
- Atum: The way we have it set up tonight. What you've said has been said by many others. We want City staff to be in this circle and listening and taking notes and giving you the notes back to see if they are accurate and then making sure those notes get to be a part of whatever is being developed. I'm going to tell the truth – I'm not defending the City – but what I am saying to you, is that the people I work with have now been forced to do is be face to face with you. Renderings is what we wanted to show – those groups are digging down into PW, ROW, memorials and this is so far what design looks like. What they want to show in PW design is to invoke opinion and if it will or won't work in the space. Has to have community – RFQ. City owns property and City will sell property back to community entity that community members get to organize and decide. Also get to say – don't want someone from NYC or something like that. Has to be local, non-profit or local group that organized themselves in a way with a PM and skills and access to whatever it takes to develop.
- Resident: Who came up with the City selling responsibility back to community and community would have to find company to run it? ... whether it's nonprofit or whatever.
- Atum: City bought property – to keep a big huge developer from buying it.
- Resident: CUP owners still own and lease space for grocery.
- Atum: They still own a lot of property here. We

Group Breakout Session Highlights (Continued)

are trying to force you and City to talk about specifics.

- Resident: Big thing to me: The City Council and Mayor really lack resolve to get up and make a decision. This is what we did and why we did it. More worried about offending people. Not going to make everyone happy. But we want to see something done. Enough meetings and dialogue. Then we can see that our participation has meant something.
- Resident: Part of why it's taking so long with planning and design is because the previous plans have had to be dissolved because of resolve of community being "We need something for us" – process is taking community input approach, the city had to figure out how to do that. If we had this in place from beginning, it would've been faster.
- Resident: What has changed in City since GF death with police. Not one thing has been done to bring them in check. Got \$92k raise without any conditions. We just had two officers crash into each other. Very concerning. Since GF was murdered, we don't have a promise about the 3rd precinct and where they'll be located. City Council wants to make friends with police. Not deserved. Until we start police discipline, we won't have civilized city. Homelessness – constantly being shoved back on St. Franklin Ave – more fencing. This is inhumane. We have more than enough money to take care of homeless. If we don't take care, it will boomerang back. Nothing good will come from that. Police can do what they damn well please and they do. People need consequences. Love idea of GFS but it's a distraction from what is happening.
- Atum: We can take steps to do something here that hasn't been done before, right here. So that the police around circling around again.
- Resident: Without the video made by Daniela Frasier, GF would just be another name. The fact that this went worldwide is why there's attention here. All ideas that we have are fantastic. Need to respect – My goal is to broaden what happens here in this area to help make a difference, rather than hold onto past.
- Resident: Defending the City and process: Been very active in neighborhood Assoc for 20 years. During my time – felt like City has own ideas about this is what we're going to do, then menu is chicken or fish – those are choices. We're going to do what we're going to do. "Participation theater". CM held meeting at Powderhorn and she got up and police were there, city officials.... Going to hear what we're doing. Someone grabbed mic and said no you will listen to us. Truly believe this process came out of that night. This is the first time I've encountered bottom up where options were community created, not city created. We need people to show up. Only way to develop trust is to participate. Otherwise it's same people and same voices and same results. Thank you, first timers, – I hope you keep coming back.
- Resident: City doesn't like frank and honest people who challenge them. Not going to play with [noise]. Politicians like to speak in [noise].
- Atum: This will go in front of City Council. We will be asking the to do something about. These discussions will be presented. 9/24 we will be meeting again. You need to be back. There is sadness here but also creativity and pride.
- Resident: Focus on what we're going to do here. Not here for other issues. But focus on issues laid out, businesses, etc. Meetings go off on tangents. Organize for next November – need good candidates for political office.