

The Visioning Workshop was a chance to recap on who is involved with the project, a time to discuss what the range of possibilities for the site are, and an opportunity for input from the community on what they would like the Rachel Wilson site to become. This was done through NDC staff and volunteer facilitation of group conversation and two design visioning exercises.

AGENDA

- 6:00- 6:20 Welcome, sticker-voting activity on precedent images with green stickers as “likes” and red as “dislikes”.
- 6:20-6:30 Introductions, explain role of NDC and other groups involved (Community Members, AAFFHS, Bon Secours, City Planning, Green Network Plan, Biohabitats). Recap discussion from Kickoff meeting and how that influenced today’s exercises.
- 6:30-7:15 Explain worksheet and break into groups to complete the activity.
- 7:15-7:25 Share worksheet findings by group, talk about what trends there are and what they implications they may have.
- 7:25-7:30 Next steps

STICKER VOTING

Based on the conversation at the kickoff meeting, NDC volunteers collected images of gardens, play-scapes, community gathering spaces, memorials, and existing Baltimore adopt-a-lot sites. These images were arranged on tables and participants were given green and red stickers to put on the images they did and did not like.

Likes

- Tire climbers
- Individualized fence posts
- Giant spool reused as a kids bench
- Formal playground equipment
- Shaded walkway to seating around a tree, encircled by flowers
- Formal garden, patio, and fountain
- Heart-shaped planter
- Nature-based mural
- Mural with faces
- Brick headstone with metal dedication plaque

- Tiled/mosaic memorial
- Hammocks for climbing, lounging over plants

Dislikes

- Geometric stone seating/memorial
- Large chalkboard space
- Tree stumps for play
- 2x4 stage with diy curtains and plastic chairs
- Cinder block or wooden planters

GROUP WORKSHEET

Also informed by the kickoff meeting, each group (three groups total) was given four worksheets – one for gardens, one for community gathering, one for memorial, and one for play. Each group was

given time to come up with 8 possibilities that they felt satisfied the category and was then asked to pick their top two.

Garden

- Native perennials
- Flower garden (x2)
- 1 large memorial tree
- Rock garden
- Educational signage
- Low maintenance

Community Gathering

- Security – a gate that locks, lighting, cameras
- Well lit, safe, drug and crime free
- Separate controlled gathering space, fencing, gate
- Gazebo/covered seating space (x2)
- Circular bench wall

Memorial

- Headstone plaque
- Mural wall
- Tomb with writing
- Circular winding path with quotes from family
- Reflection
- Long-lasting, durable

Play

- Fenced tot lot (ages 2-10) with a slide, swing set, etc.
- Tires to climb on painted colors Rachel liked
- Dodge ball supplies in shed
- Play field
- Fire fighter themed playscape (with water?)