

UPLAN Kickoff Meeting Notes 2.07.18

Summary Notes from Cognitive Mapping Presentations

Benefits/Assets listed in Uptown:

- Parks, schools, community gardens, (organic) farm to table options, the MOPL
 - “Our own growing plant nursery”
- Commercial hubs (though also listed as a negative) with lots of opportunity
- Industry with good jobs, specifically TABC Toyota Plant
- Food! Eateries, coffeeshops, activation events around food, Aguas Way as an example
- Community networks: HEAL Zone, Jordan HS, TCC Health Center, Churches and Pools Of Hope, R&B Group/Garage
- Active spaces: Parks, the skatepark, bike routes, riverbank

Obstacles/Burdens in Uptown:

- Too much dead/vacant space, especially commercial, blight
- Too many of: Diesel stations, liquor stores, vacant lots, heavy industry, motels
- Must travel outside a lot, especially for entertainment activities (no activity centers)
 - Low mobility, no elderly transportation
 - No First Fridays equivalent, no family entertainment
- Livability concerns: Trash, dumping, few classes, lack of business development
 - Crumbling infrastructure, poor sidewalks and streetscape
- Essential services missing: urgent care, banks, community services, accessible/affordable basic services in general
 - Affordable housing!