

UPTOWN

DEC 2018

19 Attendees

Carmelitos Housing

Recap from Advisory Committee Meeting No. 6

The 6th Advisory Committee meeting was held at Carmelitos Housing on December 12th, 2018. The meeting focused on three topics: sharing the updated UPLAN vision statement, community feedback on the parking study, and planning for the upcoming demonstration project. Attending community members split into three groups to give feedback on current parking conditions and potential changes to local parking requirements. The final portion of the meeting had participants brainstorm activities and interventions for the upcoming demonstration project.

The first section of this document summarizes comments on current parking conditions and potential requirement changes. The second section lists suggestions for demonstration projects at sites along the two corridors.



This meeting's conversation focused on the Atlantic Ave. and Artesia Blvd. corridors.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

PARKING:
Relax the standards

TOP DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS:
Activate a vacant storefront or lot



PARKING STUDY

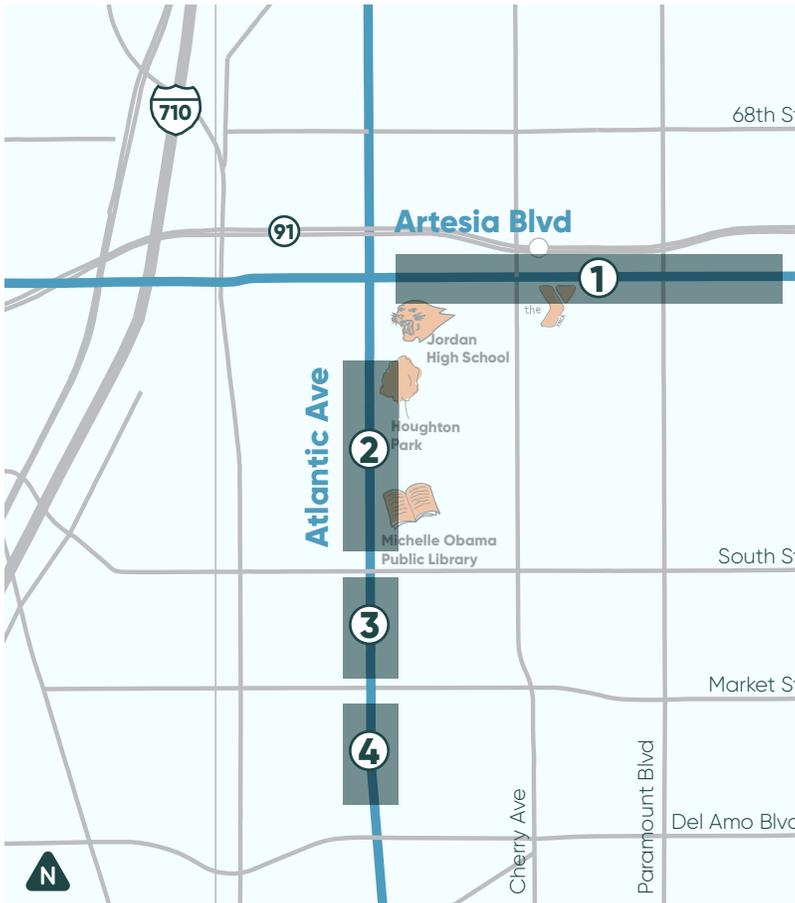
Overall, participants supported relaxed parking standards:

- Park once districts were supported
- Reduced or zero parking requirements for small businesses were supported
- Other uses and sites recommended for parking reduction (see below)

Existing conditions takeaways:

- Participants often park on-street, along the Artesia and Atlantic corridors
- Speed of traffic makes exiting vehicles difficult

Suggested sites for parking reduction:



Suggested sites for parking reduction

- 1 Shared parking on Artesia Blvd.
- 2 Park once district near Michelle Obama Library
- 3 South of South St., on Atlantic Ave.
- 4 Park once district near Atlantic Ave. & Market Ave.

Suggested uses for parking reduction

- Restaurants
- Fitness facilities
- Healthy food options
- Community services
- Health services
- Entertainment
- Shopping
- Start-ups

Additional comments:

- Support for rideshare drop-off zones
- Some participants did not support unbundling parking
- Concern about spillover into residential areas if parking is reduced
- Participants recommended Houghton Park or vacant lot at 61st St. & Atlantic Ave. for additional parking
- Some participants did not like the new bike lane on Artesia Blvd.



POP-UP PLANNING

Community members were presented with examples of:

- vacant lot activations
- vacant storefront activations
- facade beautification
- temporary art installations
- park improvements
- mobility improvements

Across groups,
most comments pertained to:

Activations for Vacant Storefronts & Lots

1. Vacant Storefronts

Goals

- Fill gaps in commercial strip
- Help adjacent businesses feel safe and inviting
- Deter graffiti and combat blight
- Advertise community events

Suggested interventions

- Painting on windows
- Cover storefront with art
- Photo installation featuring residents' portraits
- Install local art
- Link windows by footpath graphic

Suggested sites

- Near Party Supply on Long Beach Blvd.
- Near Ricardo's Nursery
- On Artesia Blvd. between Cerritos Ave. and Atlantic Ave.



2. Vacant Lots

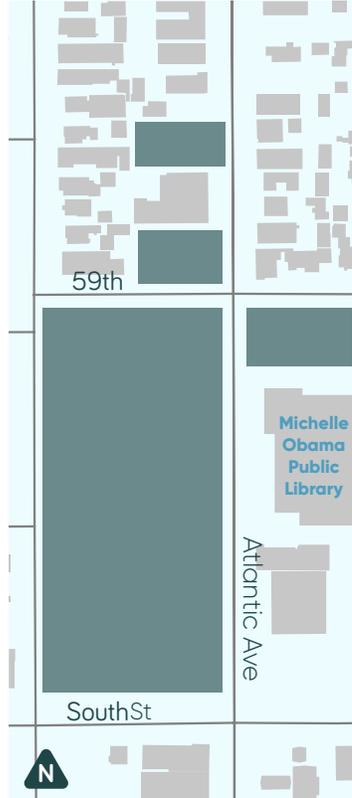
Goals

- Include multi-generational activities
- Include local partners

Suggested activities & experiences

- Movie night
- Carnival games
- Tree maze
- Educational events
- Sports and active events
- Photobooth
- Collaborative art installations
- Murals and wall painting
- DJ and dancefloor
- Food trucks
- Social media moments
- Hanging gardens

Recommended sites Examples



Additional suggested interventions:

- **Lighting on trees**
 - Near parks, on center medians or at vacant lots
 - Lighting of trees could be a community event
- **Close down streets**
- **Improve crosswalks to highlight traffic-calming measures**
 - Painted/art crosswalks
- **Temporary bike lanes**
- **Railroad ties for play space**
- **Alley activation for places to hang out**
 - Suggested site: the alley to the west of Atlantic Ave., between South St. and Phillips St.
- **Visualizing future developments is helpful, only if on the neighborhood scale**
 - Before and after visuals are interesting
 - Could potentially cause conflict or get hopes up