UPDATE VISIONING VOICES SPEAKER SERIES
Growing Healthy Neighborhoods Event Summary

March 21, 2017
Host Neighborhood: Near Northside
Location: Assumption Church

60+ RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS CAME TOGETHER...

for the second Visioning Voices Speaker Series, representing several Syracuse neighborhoods including community members from the Valley, Southside, Eastside, Westside, Lakefront, and more. The event was held on March 21, 2017 at Assumption Church in Syracuse’s Northside. More than 60 city residents and community organizations learned and shared exciting ideas about how to activate underutilized public space through small scale interventions.

Guest speaker, Nate Hommel from Philadelphia’s University City District presented the principles and strategies of tactical urbanism and shared inspiring case studies with participants that sparked new ways of thinking about our public spaces. Evaluation surveys from those who participated expressed how this event allowed them to learn more about the Northside neighborhood, listen to different perspectives of community members and community organizations, and provided participants with a greater understanding of how they can be involved in grassroots initiatives around the city.

“Glad to see so many of my neighbors”

“I came to get a taste of the community design process which I thought might feel messy/disorganized. Instead it was inspiring and fun. I really enjoyed it.”

“Great event-interesting and engaging material. I was happy to learn about developments on the Northside and to learn how citizens can expand our built environment.”

- Event survey responses

More to come! The Visioning Voices Speaker Series organizing committee is currently planning events for the fall and spring of 2017-2018. If your neighborhood is interested in becoming a host neighborhood for future events, or would like to suggest topics and/or future speakers please email the Center for Community Design Research at ccdr@esf.edu

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