

## Main-Court-4<sup>th</sup>-Washington Walking Tour Team Reports

<b>Team 1: Main/Jefferson/3d/Washington</b>		
<b>Positives</b>	<b>Small Improvements - low cost; do in 18 mo.</b>	<b>Blight</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fire Museum – is a destination</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park at Main and Adams</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Calvary and its planned improvements</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Grizzlies Prep</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Columbus Park – needs better lighting and landscaping; activate with food trucks; improve the bus stop; public art site</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse – exterior cleaning; plant trees along sides; install planters on concrete spaces</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Old Police Station 128 Adams– all congregations develop relationship with new Owners; highlight it with a temporary lighting project like Crosstown; install more attractive fencing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Crump Building – develop top floors</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sunken Courtyard on Main – clean it up; use as amphitheater for concerts; better lighting; Food Trucks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apartments above Jacks – public art?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park – public art on wall</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Grizzlies Prep needs cleaning; if there were a Grizzlies gym Calvary and St. Peter could use also</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Concentrate on westernmost assets first as downtown energy is on west side</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Columbus Park – attracts transients; is a concern for Grizzlies</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Washington – trip hazards; unsightly sidewalks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Old parking garage area behind Police HQ</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Old Police Station 128 Adams – cleanup; get rid of spray paint and unpainted boards</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jefferson – sidewalk repair</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jack’s – rear wall facing 2d is unsightly</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 100 N Main – Environmental court needs to intervene; “so goes 100 N Main, so goes the neighborhood”</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bus Stop at Jefferson 2d – ugly; improve it</li> </ul>

<b>Team 2: Main/south end Ct. Sq continuing down alley/3d/Jefferson</b>		
<b>Positives</b>	<b>Small Improvements - low cost; do in 18 mo.</b>	<b>Blight</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Court Square</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Burch Porter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ct. Square Partners Improvements</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Large empty on 2d south of 147 Jefferson</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nice Mid-Century buildings to maintain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 147 Jefferson – screen movies on the big south wall</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maggie Isbell Alley – runs Adams to Union – could be a bike lane; murals in alley could tell a story (*focus on streets before alleys – need to create density and activity on streets); frame alley with planters</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Empty lot south of 147 Jefferson – secure from Owner somehow and activate - transform into 5x5 Soccer Court; can serve Grizzlies, other downtown schools and Liberty Soccer; excellent opportunity for crowd funding</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture Garden Park (where?) to honor massacre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 147 Jefferson – purchased 2/11 and empty since then; may have structural and abatement issues; the ground floor on Jefferson is good for retail; 147 easier to renovate than 161</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 161 Jefferson – purchased 2008 for hotel site; empty and deteriorating since then; may have structural and abatement issues; new hotel plan pending neighborhood meeting 10/28 and Special Use Permit from Land Use Control Bd 11/11</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Court east of 2d – has always been a strange smell here – may be electrical</li> </ul>

<b>Team 3 A: Washington/3d/Alley/4<sup>th</sup> (Fr. Augie knows the alleys)</b>		
<b>Positives</b>	<b>Small Improvements - low cost; do in 18 mo.</b>	<b>Blight</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Trinity Lutheran <input type="checkbox"/> Alleys can be a resource for art; rename them for Saints	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington as a potential art-way <input type="checkbox"/> 247 Jefferson – Carolee Carlin’s art in windows <input type="checkbox"/> Integrate the n. side Adams to Washington so that people want to walk there	<input type="checkbox"/> Alleys in bad shape <input type="checkbox"/> n. wall McGevney House is collapsing <input type="checkbox"/> degrading sidewalks <input type="checkbox"/> City owned parking lot east of 247 Washington

<b>Team 3 B: Adams/3d/Jefferson/4th</b>		
<b>Positives</b>	<b>Small Improvements - low cost; do in 18 mo.</b>	<b>Blight</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Peter <input type="checkbox"/> McGevney House <input type="checkbox"/> Law offices in historical buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Historical markers	<input type="checkbox"/> Link Calvary’s block plan with properties to east on Adams – banners, lighting, planting <input type="checkbox"/> Darth Veda Park is developable <input type="checkbox"/> Work with attorneys to develop a streetscape plan and present to city <input type="checkbox"/> Link Rhodes History Dept. with McGevney house and activate it; highlight history of other historical houses	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface parking lots at 214-213 Adams need cleaning

<b>Team 4: Jefferson/Third/Court/4th</b>		
<b>Positives</b>	<b>Small Improvements - low cost; do in 18 mo.</b>	<b>Blight</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> River Dogs 246 Court <input type="checkbox"/> Dermon Building – nice terra cotta; small footprint; boutique hotel is planned – Memphis is vegetable patch for boutique hotels; good location so easier to tie into downtown development	<input type="checkbox"/> Connect with Dermon owner <input type="checkbox"/> Contact parking lot owners to investigate possibility of some green space <input type="checkbox"/> Activate parking lots with liner buildings on edges (food trucks, planters) <input type="checkbox"/> Work with DMC to enact an ordinance requiring surface lots to be landscaped	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface parking not pedestrian friendly or ADA compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilize Dermon facade

<b>Team D: Drivers of entire area Main/Court/4<sup>th</sup>/Washington</b>		
<b>Positives</b>	<b>Small Improvements - low cost; do in 18 mo.</b>	<b>Blight</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Memphis Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> 2d is low hanging fruit to activate; improve out from Court Square <input type="checkbox"/> identify person to work with DMC to mobilize the city	<input type="checkbox"/> Sterick Building – owner needs to be encouraged to do something; legal help needed

Neighborhood Name discussion:

- Court Square is Ground Zero
- Rebranding to create a sense of place
- Beware of rebranding by committee
- Washington-Court
- Heart of Memphis
- Cross-Court; Court Crossing
- Alley District
- Mid-Century District
- Don't try to name the neighborhood or a part of it – name the project
- Jefferson to Adams area could reflect its unique status with newer buildings as the “second wave” or “second Memphis” or even a pivotal year

Questions/Ideas:

- Is this is church or civic project? Churches are the ones that have been here consistently; this group is a mix of civic and church stakeholders
- City should look at what it owns and has responsibility to maintain – part of Brilliant at the Basics
- Others to include – George Nassar (atty. St. Peter)
- Those who are interested in developing
- Include a photographer and marketing person
- Can look at other cities like Louisville, Chattanooga alleys, also other parts of Memphis like Broad Avenue
- Document everything with pictures and send to M Craddock who will put in a Dropbox for all to share