Our Process

MAP our 0.4 square mile neighborhood to recognize the unique and interwoven issues of housing and public health, through workshops, tours, and informal conversations. We developed the following principles:

PARTICIPATORY VISIONING

Residents led our 11 design workshops by continuously engaging with residents, neighbors while embracing the culture of Skid Row. We created a sense of ownership by helping to develop solutions for the neighborhood.

MOBILE PARTICIPATION STATION

Our Skid Row Design at a Scale was a mechanism that we used to gather input from individuals who represent and reside in the neighborhood. Residents were encouraged to share their ideas and thoughts to help us create a sense of ownership. We developed a mobile station to reach out to those who might not have participated in the workshops or who were not able to participate.

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED ASSET MAPPING

A collaborative effort between the Skid Row Neighborhood Council and our team to identify the assets of the neighborhood. We recognize the expertise of the existing resident community. We worked closely with the Community Design Collaborative, an interdisciplinary group of researchers and practitioners to identify and document the assets of the neighborhood.

Timeline

- July 23, 2015: Volunteer Mapping Day 1
- July 1, 2015: Volunteer Mapping Day 2
- Feb 19, 2015: Downtown Women’s Action Coalition
- July 7, 2015: Celebrate Skid Row and Juneteenth!
- Sept 16, 2014: Residents led our 11 design workshops
- Aug 19, 2014: Redesigning Skid Row: Residents tell their own stories

Findings

No discussion of the existing conditions of the neighborhood. Instead, we focus on the unique and interwoven issues of housing and public health.

RESIDENTS

There is a range of housing options in the neighborhood. There are only 2 locations of public housing in Skid Row. A range of existing housing options in Skid Row, a recognized historic neighborhood.

COMMUNITY

There are a range of community-based organizations in the neighborhood. The majority of community-based organizations in the neighborhood are located in the Skid Row neighborhood.

DESIGN

There is a range of design solutions for the neighborhood. The majority of the design solutions are located in the Skid Row neighborhood.

LAKES

Majority of the area is served for informal use. There is a range of design solutions for the neighborhood.

OUR SKID ROW

Residents identified locations within the community that are positively impacted and negatively impacted. A range of design solutions are located in the Skid Row neighborhood.

COMMUNITY ACCESS

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MURALS

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EDIBLE GARDENS

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ART PROGRAMS

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WALKABLE URBAN LEGISLATION

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RECREATION & PARKS

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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WORKSHOP SUGGESTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY DESIGN ACTIVITY

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Model-based Workshop

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Street Section Drawing

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Our Skid Row
A resident-driven neighborhood vision for a vibrant and equitable Skid Row

Our Skid Row Community Vision strengthens Skid Row as a neighborhood that uplifts the existing community, providing a nurturing place of empowerment and sustainability so that all residents will thrive in an environment they can comfortably call home. Building upon existing community assets, especially existing low-income housing and comprehensive social services, community-led organizations and grassroots efforts, Our Skid Row defines Skid Row as a vibrant and equitable neighborhood.