

Southern Boulevard Neighborhood Study

planning partners working meeting summary

10.6.2016 | East Bronx Academy | 1716 Southern Blvd

Common themes and issues heard

Connections

- Connect community to open spaces and parks
- Connect community divided by transportation infrastructure
- Connect community to jobs, training, and education
- Connect community to needed services

Services

- Need for ESL / Continuing Education
- Need for Immigration services
- Make sure positive changes are for neighborhood residents
- Need for senior and youth resources
- Need for career training, vocational training, college programs

Housing

- More low income housing
- More affordable housing

Infrastructure

- Implementation of Sheridan study
- Better service on transit
- 174th Street Bridge needs improvement
- Lighting

Parks

- Underutilized spaces in Crotona Park, Sheridan Ave, Bronx River Parks and Bronx river
- Lighting in parks
- Programming and capital (e.g. a carousel)
- Connect the waterfront parks

Retail

- Vacancy on Southern Blvd
- More grocery stores

Public engagement feedback

Top three modes of effective communication

- Flyers and Handouts (23)
- Email (17)
- Community Events, Street Fairs, Community Board Presentations (14)

Top three types of engagement

- Community Event, Street Fairs (21)
- Small group meetings (16)
- Large group meetings, Survey, Focus group, Houses of Worship Presentations (12)

How often should the planning partners communicate?

- Regular Email Updates (22)
- Meet on a Regular Basis (22)



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Partners sharing their experiences

Bronx River Alliance

Casita Maria

Children's Aid Society

Community Board 2

Community Board 3

Community Parent Ambassador

East Bronx Academy

Mid Bronx Desperadoes

NYC Community Schools Corp

NYC DOE

Phipps Houses

Phipps Neighborhoods

Pratt Institute

Salters Square Homeowner's

Association

SEBCO

South Bronx Rising Together

Southern Boulevard BID

Southern Bronx River Watershed

Alliance

Tried Stone Baptist Church

WHEDco

Youth Ministries for Peace and

Justice



Other groups to engage include:

Community Board 9

Local schools & houses of
worship

Local organizations, businesses,
& community groups!

Know of a group to join us as a planning partner
organization for the study?

Email us their contact information at
SouthernBlvd@planning.nyc.gov

Next Steps

November - December 2016: Partners will conduct a community survey of their members and constituents

December 2016: Partners to compile and present the results of the survey

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map of prior and current plans, services, and programs

