

Meet-Ups were a creative approach to public engagement that manifested as a variety of alternative meeting types and gave people additional opportunities to engage.

Existing Conditions Walks - Participants were able to walk each neighborhood in the planning area with representatives from OP to examine existing conditions, discuss opportunities and learn more about the neighborhoods and the people who live there.

Photo Walk - Participants were taken on a tour of North Capitol Street in the Mid City East area highlighting iconic neighborhood elements, architecture, street art and other interesting photographic opportunities.

Historic Walking Tours - In partnership with the Historic Preservation Office, participants were taken on tours of the Mid City East neighborhoods of LeDroit Park, Bloomingdale, Eckington, Bates/Truxton Circle and Hanover. Neighborhood heritage, culture and architecture were highlighted on these tours celebrating the richness and vibrancy of each neighborhood's historic character.

Storytelling - Understanding the stories and aspirations of residents is an important way to capture the essence of a community. During the course of the planning process, a local professional videographer, Bryan Hayes, volunteered as a "Citizen Planner" to document stories by residents in the study area. Through storytelling, residents discussed life in the Mid City East community, what they liked about their neighborhood and their vision for the future. The final video was played at the September 26, 2013 public meeting and posted on YouTube, and a link was provided on www.midcityeast.com

Office Hours were informal gatherings at local venues throughout the planning area. Libraries, cafés and recreation centers provided alternative opportunities for residents and stakeholders during convenient dates and times to ask questions, provide feedback and discuss various aspects of the planning process findings.

- **Big Bear Café** - 04/26/2013, 05/03/2013, 10/17/2013, 07/16/2014
- **Northwest One Library** - 04/30/2013, 05/02/2013, 6/25/13, 10/15/2013
- **Windows Café** - 05/01/2013, 06/28/2013
- **Harry Thomas Sr. Recreation Center** - 06/17/2013
- **Rustic Cafe** - 07/24/2014
- **Uncle Chips** - 06/26/2013

University Partnerships - The Office of Planning was fortunate to have the opportunity to work with students from the Howard University School of Design and Catholic University's Graduate School of Architecture and Planning. The Howard student's project was titled "Project North Deck", which explored the possibility of decking over a portion of North Capitol Street. The vision for this project was to create a greener North Capitol Street and unite the neighborhoods of Eckington and Bloomingdale, while providing a more pedestrian friendly thoroughfare. You can find some of the details and outcomes of their study on page 130. The Catholic University Graduate Studio's class project was a corridor study for North Capitol titled "The New North Capitol Street". Their semester long studio examined connectivity, public realm

12 Agency Coordination Meetings

7 ANC Meetings

5 Walking Tour Meet-ups

15 Civic Association Presentations

5 Neighborhood Focus Meetings

11 Office Hours Meet-ups