

Toledo Museum of Art
Museum Place Community Conversation #7 Notes – Toledo School for the Arts
Meeting Date: 3/6/18
52 youth in attendance

Who Attended: Jason Daniels of JAYRAMON LLC introduced himself as facilitator for the evening. There was a total of 52 community youth present for the meeting and 2 representatives of Toledo Museum of Art (TMA).

Why We Are Here: In early 2017, TMA became the official property owners of the Museum Place (MP) Residences—five historic buildings along Monroe Street and Collingwood Avenue, in Toledo’s Old West End Historic District. As a trusted institution in the Toledo community, the Museum is hosting a series of public community conversations about the next steps and plans for the MP properties. Current MP residences, community members, neighbors in the surrounding neighborhoods, and other area stakeholders all invited to attend the community meetings and provide feedback. There will be a total of 10 Community Conversations taking place in or near neighborhoods surrounding TMA campus. Each meeting will be led by a facilitator and last up to 90 minutes.

What to Expect: Each meeting will include the same questions. What will be different are the discussions and themes suggested by stakeholders. Notes from each of the 10 meetings will be posted to TMA website. At the conclusion of the meetings, a final report will be created and shared with the community, TMA staff and board of trustees.

For this meeting, youth gathered at Toledo School for the Arts where they provided written feedback to the following 4 questions and had a brief dialogue.

Question 1: What kind of art do you like and what do you like about it?

Question 2: What do you currently like about this neighborhood?

Question 3: What do you aspire the neighborhood to look like 10 years from now?

Question 4: How could we reimagine Museum Place?

Youth feedback is provided in the chart below [\(scroll down to Page 3\)](#), categorized by question. Please take the time to read each answer. Common themes are noted at the conclusion of the document.

The Parking Lot: Sometimes ideas that are raised during the course of a discussion are interesting and worthwhile to follow up but are not necessarily of direct use to the goals of the current meeting. The following ideas made it to the parking lot and will not be forgotten, as it is documented for discussion in the future.

- There are no parking lot items.

What kind of art do you like and why do you like it?	What do you currently like about this neighborhood?	What do you aspire the neighborhood to look like 10 years from now?	How could we reimagine Museum Place?
1. Paintings of objects, people and scenery.	Active	Neat and kept up. More stores or something attracts people.	Neo-arcade. Place that brings in teens and others. Place to store antiques that are not museum-worthy.
2. Medieval era tapestry.	Nice people. (Neighborhood needs to be cleaned up.	Clean	More modern, garden-like place. Very “green” and new looking.
3. Did not complete.			
4. Making movies. Telling stories. Being able to see how I sound or look.	Creativity	Friendly, loving, caring and unified.	Musical art – the art of sound is amazing and underappreciated.
5. Did not complete.			
6. Classical film and renaissance oil paintings	It feels like a community.	More parks.	Arts center for youth and young adults to learn trades and arts.
7. Renaissance and abstract art.	Amount of art incorporated into the streets.	Less litter.	Currently like the buildings and how big and nice they are.
8. All kinds of art. Performance art. Abstract art.	Diversity and artistic nature of Toledo.	Hope Toledo becomes more modern, renovated, and utilizes currently vacant buildings.	A space dedicated to local art and performance. Local artist should be able to come and work/create/perform. Café/restaurant. Should be a draw for community to explore, enjoy and create visual and performance art.
9. Abstract and contemporary art.	How artistic the neighborhood is and how rustic the aesthetic of it is.	Filled with local artists and be a place where anyone can come and share their artwork.	Studios for local artists to live/work.
10. Music art.	How green and fresh the neighborhood. (Old West End has	Green. Museum becoming the centerpiece of the city.	Apartments for artists to showcase their artwork to museum staff. In return if

	residents that really take care of property.)		Museum is interested they could engage with artists.
11. Painting art and art that is well colored.	Friendly.		
12. Art.	Currently, it's boring.	More robotics, technology and people riding hoverboards.	
13. Modern art. Native American art.	It's close to the museum and the Glass Pavilion.	Smaller art exhibits and sculptures.	More sculptures and a floral area.
14. Modern art. Any art with bright colors.	Many places visit in the neighborhood.	More stores.	Art on buildings. Art installations within the buildings. Café/Restaurant.
15. Interactive art. Ancient art.	Graffiti.	Cleaner. More art installations. Less vacant areas and buildings.	More shops and restaurants. More learning spaces for kids and teens.
16. Modern and abstract art.	Kid-friendly.	Super colorful with more art on buildings.	More art installations. Art on buildings.
17. Abstract art.	Art on buildings. Food downtown. Plentiful theaters to perform.	Abandoned buildings are filled with new stores. More artwork.	Small park. Space for art pieces, art exhibitions and places to play sets (music).
18. Dance.	Neighborhood is colorful and pretty.	I think the neighborhood will lose its color and the things that make it pretty.	Art studios that school(s) would be able to use.
19. Abstract art.	Creative. Welcoming. Homely.	More businesses and apartments.	Museum continue to be welcoming.
20. Art style of the 1930's – 1950's.	How much we are re-doing downtown Toledo and making it look nicer.	More people downtown and there seems like there are more people in Toledo.	More places to sit and just admire the art and maybe some structural art outside.
21. Art history and contemporary art. Classic and modern art.	Collaboration within art in the neighborhood.	I hope the neighborhood is healthy and great for the environment.	Use and an outreach (center) that to improve the art, health and safety of community.
22. Music – the creativity used in it and freedom of expression.	Amount of art available	Hopeful, more artistic, colorful and clean.	Clean up the apartments, market them to stand out from the rest of the community and area.

23. Graphic design and artifacts (mummy).	Nice vintage feeling.	Health with nice trees and modern architecture.	Clean up and beautify the neighborhood.
24. Romanticism, renaissance and surrealism art.	I love the Old West End.	Hope we have a grocery store.	More exhibits more often.
25. Art that has to do with painting that tells a story.	Creativity.	A colorful neighborhood with lots of lights and paintings by all kinds of people.	More colors and big or small paintings.
26. Photography.	Proximity.	Hope it is clean.	More “get to know your neighbor activities”.
27. Visual art that tells a story and is beautiful.		Nice, friendly and safe.	Improve technology to benefit everyone.
28. Modern art that makes me feel hopeful.	Love how Adams street is an open and accepting place.	Bigger buildings, more art, clean.	More art related activities.
29. Scenic art, historic scenes.	Nice people.	Nicer.	Murals. Sidewalk murals like in bigger cities. Make them colorful.
30. Digital art and watercolor painting.	Decently safe in the neighborhood. Lots of art too.	More art, life, plants, safety. Do something with abandoned places.	More art and interactive activities that can help bring people to the site.
31. Sculptures and 3D art.	Toledo School for the Arts and there’s always something happening. There is life and vibrancy.	More murals.	Museum should expand into the community and bring in more local artists.
32. Impressionism.	Good for walking. Enjoy that it’s not just one building (referring to Museum Place).	More gardens(ing).	Nice space for local artists and a space to create. Local bands can perform there. Gallery for local artists.
33. Dadaism and modern cartoon art.	Greenery and plants, especially in streetscapes.	Less traffic.	Restaurants. Platform to local artists and place for local bands to play.
34. Modern art.	Its growing.	Made up and safe.	Make it more known.
35. Colorful, meaningful art.	I know it well.	Safe.	Colors!!
36. All types of art from historic to contemporary,	Eclectic, historic design.	Thriving without removing architecture.	Campus of arts offerings for community learning.

impressionism, textiles and glass.			
37. Music and Paintings	Peaceful and lively.	Clean and modern.	Add a playground and modern apartments that are more affordable.
38. Abstract sculptures.	Murals and graffiti (that's tasteful).	Clean and more colorful.	Art everywhere (ceilings, walls, floors, doors and windows-surrounded by art).
39. Any kind of art.	Lots of character.	Clean, safe and green with tons of art.	Clean, safe, modern with many "green" options.
40. Dance, art and acting-art that expresses.	Museums, Valentine Theater, Hensville, and anywhere else that has artistic freedoms. A place to dance or somewhere with food.	A nice, clean, free neighborhood with many things to do for people of all ages.	A place for teens to hang out.
41. Surreal art.	Like the buildings and atmosphere.	I think it would be great if the area was full of murals and color.	A place for artists and spaces for studios.
42. Interactive art.	It's fine.	Clean.	Add a playground.
43. Graffiti.	Art with murals on buildings and walls.	A booming city with lots of mini-shops and art.	I think that the museum could have influence on the city but for now, the museum is booming.
44. Kehinde Wiley art because it was art that included diversity.	Lots of opportunities for artists to expand their knowledge of art.	I aspire the neighborhood to look like a place where people can come and feel welcome and express their feelings through their artwork at the museum.	Places that show every work of art from different countries with history lessons about that country. Participants will be able to leave feedback about it.
45. Dance – express self freely.	Artwork around town and the food.	More stores.	Make it look nicer.
46. Modern art and at the with black people in it.	Art installations.	Filled with murals and more art installations reflecting the lives of the people that live in the area.	Interactive outdoor art installations. Beautify the buildings and their outdoor areas.
47. Egyptian and modern art. New art.	It's cool. I love the different sculptures and the community is open and free. Like Valentine	Bigger and cleaner. Less homelessness people walking around.	Being bigger. More fun events and outside exhibits.

	Theatre, restaurants, Imagination Station and events.		
48. Raw street art. Pieces that come from the heart and express culture.	Neighborhood incorporates itself in every aspect of life. Art is included in cafes, small businesses and local programs.	Bring community together through art.	Hope museum can become more spread out throughout Toledo area because it betters community.
49. Dance and music because they are the easiest ways for me to express myself. Kehinde Wiley is my favorite visual artist.	Love the inclusion of all the different arts and opportunities for all ages.	Aspire for more people to come to the neighborhood and come together as a community through arts.	A place where people can come to have fun with more spots to hang out.
50. Classical art.	Murals – they are beautiful.	I'd like to see more murals and more food options! Hang out spaces.	Create a smaller performance space for creative writing and small bands.
51. Theatre/performing arts.	Lots of art and small businesses.	Places for entertainment art to be displayed.	Studio spaces/space to facilitate artistic work: classes, workshops, studios, theaters.
52. Modern art.	Artsy and free!	Cleaner. But like the neighborhood.	Really like it the way it is now.
Common Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Art • Modern Art • Music/Dance • Abstract Art 	Common Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People • Various forms of art • Murals 	Common Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean • Safety • Greenspace and place of attraction (places/spaces for people to gather). 	Common Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artists live, work and play space. • Gathering space with various places for individuals to engage, attractions/interactive spaces (music, cafes, restaurants, art, etc.) • Art inside/outside of buildings