

## Rochester Downtown Partnership

### WalkShop Summary

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

12:00 PM — 1:00 PM

#### Summary:

The Rochester Downtown Partnership conducted a WalkShop on 1/11/23 from 12:00 — 1:00 PM. This outdoor workshop was facilitated by Galin Brooks, President & CEO of the Rochester Downtown Development Corporation and Executive Director of the Rochester Downtown Partnership. Participants were led in a collaborative exercise to share their thoughts, feedback, and impressions of the area. The WalkShop began in front of the Eastman Theatre and moved East along East Main St. to University Ave. The WalkShop continued down Richmond Street, cutting through the pedestrian crossing to Charlotte St. The WalkShop concluded walking west along Charlotte St. back to the Eastman Theatre.

Attendance: 12

Feedback from participants is highlighted below. Comments are notated by location.

#### Northeast Corner of Main St. and Windsor St.

- *The block felt more active when the YMCA was open*
- *Mosaic art on East End Garage is attractive*
- *Uncomfortable walking experiences on Swan St., citing poor sanitation and litter*
- *Hazardous sidewalk conditions, possibly concrete remnants from a removed bus shelter*
- *Several participants were curious to discover what will become of the former YMCA space. A desire for more physical fitness options was expressed*
- *There are many surface parking lots, in addition to the East End Garage across the street*
- *This block is not aesthetically pleasing*
- *The restaurant Orange Glory looks inviting and welcoming on this block*
- *Cars don't stop for pedestrians around the school*
- *In the spring and summer people drag race down East Main St.*
- *Desire for speed bumps on East Main St.*
- *Inconsistent sidewalk surfaces*

#### Northeast Corner of Main St. and University Ave.

- *Lack of garbage cans*
- *Building facades could be improved*
- *Car rental is convenient for those who live downtown without cars*
- *No green space*
- *The Richmond is lovely*
- *It is not easy to park on the street here*
- *Desire for more outdoor seating*
- *Desire for more bike racks*
- *Main St. is too wide*
- *Not enough cross walks between Windsor St. and University Ave.*
- *University Ave. cross walk across Main St. feels long and dangerous*

#### Richmond St.

- *Sidewalk is blocked by dumpsters*
- *Street is littered*

## **Charlotte St.**

- *Nice mix of architecture styles, new construction and preserved*
- *Landscaping is well tended*
- *Pedestrian-scale lighting is attractive and beneficial*
- *Convenient location to cultural amenities*
- *Nice mix of shops nearby (Redd, Ugly Duck, The Op Shop, Chick'n Out)*
- *Desire for neighborhood-centered amenities: pharmacies and grocery stores - can't eat out all the time*