



## Post-Charrette Report Shared With The Community

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A preliminary report on the findings from the November 2017 charrette was shared with the community at the CCA meeting on Monday, February 5th by the **Community Design Center Rochester (CDCR)**. Highlights of the report include the historic context of the Port and surrounding areas that were studied, and a closer look at how the area looks right now. We learned about the demographics of our neighborhood and how that might impact decisions about development going forward. The final report will be made available later this month via a link on the CCA website under the Community Development tab.

We learned that several common ideas surfaced from every one of the groups studying the six focus areas. Among those were the need to diversify transportation options to maximize connectivity with downtown and other surrounding neighborhoods, the desire for attractions that will bring people into the area on a year-round basis, the desire to change Lake Avenue north of Pattonwood Dr. into a safe and welcoming portal to the Port area, and the need to provide parking alternatives while preserving public access to the beach and harbor. Lots of great ideas and positive energy emerged from the 70+ people who participated on charrette day along with 25+ volunteer facilitators from CDCR.

With a promise of support on charrette day from Mayor Lovely Warren, NYS Senator Joe Robach, and NYS Assemblyman Joe Morrelle, the community has a bright future ahead. The Charrette Steering Committee, comprised of 17 active community volunteers, will continue to lead the work that has just begun. The committee will identify common interests and priorities that emerged from the charrette and then set short- and long-term goals that will create a community vision plan for the future.

Anyone who is interested in serving on this committee is welcome. Please contact committee chair Sue Roethel through the CCA: [infocharlottecca@gmail.com](mailto:infocharlottecca@gmail.com) or call 585-865-6101.