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Chicago

Welcome to Spring 2021 – Workshop #4

Wednesday, March 31, 6pm

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Agenda

6:00 Soft start

6:05 Welcome / Introductions / Icebreaker / Announcements / **Blog volunteer**

6:15 Season Recap: [Madison Avenue Corridor \(East Garfield Park\)](#)

6:20 Guest Speaker: Al Walker, Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network

6:45 Breakout Groups

[Presentation here](#) [Miro here](#)

Feedback on halfway checkpoint

Organizational / Digital (Louisa)		Informal / Analog (Gen)	
Nora Goebelbecker	Nese Gulay Altintas	Al Walker	Emma Cuciurean-Zapan
Ian Miley	Smitha Vasan	Amanda Scotese	Abigail Fiala
Cristian Yugsi	Christophe Valcourt	Rachel Perrine	Lan Phan
Juan Luna Nunez	Arnold Kasemsarn	Meg Studer	Anjulie
Isabel C Velez Diez	Lauren Spiegel	Curtis Jones	Emma Jasinski
Pasan Perera	Mark Pomarico	Tom Martin	Liz Kersjes
Michael Lampl	James Young		

7:15 Report back

7:25 Next steps

Next City Open Workshop, Wed, April 14th

If you'd like to join the biweekly working sessions, [sign up here](#)!

We're looking for someone to write today's blog post! If you're interested, write your name here:

Tom Martin

The CITY OPEN community values:

- ...the collective first
- ...an active pursuit of racial equity and social justice
- ...checking the framework: how do we ask the right questions?
- ...bridging conversations: Who has overlooked expertise?
- ...opening access to design services

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Announcements

[C40 Garfield Park Community Outreach @CoUrbanize](#)

See presentation from February 11 meeting [here](#) and watch the [video here](#). Give us further comments on building design [here](#).

Thank you [ChiHackNight](#) for inspiring CITY OPEN!

Chicago's weekly event to build, share & learn about civic tech
Awesome platform—CITY OPEN Workshop
was highly inspired in their 4+ years work:
Fully remote, every Tuesday at 7 pm.

[ADD YOURS BELOW]

NOMAS UIUC Symposium: African Art & Architecture Exhibit, 4/3 9a-5p. [Zoom RSVP here](#).



Sign up for events: <https://linktr.ee/EarthsRemedies>
[Read more + donate](#) to **Earth's Remedies** ongoing relief efforts and community work.

Notes

Genevieve Wasser - rocks
Ian Miley
James Young
Charlie Buchberger
Louisa Zheng
Liz Kersjes
Emma C-Z
Tom Martin
Al Walker
Lan Pham
Elle Ramel
Anjulie Rao
Smitha Vasan
Nora Goebelbecker
Christophe Valcourt
Emma Jasinski

Al Walker: [Chicago Sustainability Network](#)

Accelerate 77: accelerate growth in 77 communities, based on the assets in the communities
Partners with the Garfield Park Community Council (GF Conservatory Alliance)

Grow Garfield Park thru the natural + nature spaces

“Nourish Community” Events - invite specific residents, leaders, constituents - to discuss particular issues.
Housing + Access to housing. These interactions lead to membership growth. Presentations use Technology of Participation - all facilitators are trained in. What is it about this particular community that you see as the asset(s) that will make this community stronger?

Working groups within CSLM (ex. Advisory team). Recycling, access to transportation, business development, access to jobs or sources that create jobs, etc. would be taken to City officials. Sustainability in Garfield Park is development on a community-friendly scale. Developers are of people who are not concerned with long-term neighborhood investment. Innovative business ideas coming out of Garfield Park - how to grow and sustain these, for the neighborhood's growth and sustainment?

[Westside Bee Boyz](#)

Teaches beekeeping in the whole process from care to harvest. Expanding programs from beekeeping, gardening, woodworking, etc. to educational classes, building on ideas continually

Westide BeeBoyz: STEAM program

Works with youth, has a sponsor organization.

ABCD approach: how do you sustainably grow a community? Asset-based community development

A community has no needs - a community has assets. Develop the framework for community to sustain itself.

[Inspiration Kitchen](#)

Background of difficulty navigating + re-entering the workforce, put through training, and then given jobs

Is Garfield Park Advisory Council focused on the park itself or the neighborhood area? GPCC: sponsors and is supportive of anyone wanting to create their own gardens. Youth summer programs through the [One Summer Chicago](#) (14-19 y/o). Both works with the Parks district + with the residents.

What's happening in your ward? How engaged are the people we're talking with activity in their neighborhood. Are residents tuned in with neighborhood activity? The question invites people to indicate how engaged they are.

How do you categorize an asset so a community pull those resources together into a strategy? Levels of interest. Big one is safety. Activity that doesn't feel like residents are able to engage with. Police intervention, not safety.

Questions from Zoom Chat:

- Is Garfield Park Advisory Council focused on the park itself or the neighborhood area?
- Do you have a documentation of these assets that have been identified that you could share with us?
- That's a powerful statement. A community has no needs - a community has assets.
- What does that process look like for looking for assets? How does CSLN define an asset?
- Does CSLN create community groups that fill a gap or provide help to existing groups in need of advocacy/resources?
- How does CSLN crunch that raw data and synthesize into actionable recommendations to the City?
- Could you show us what one of your asset maps looks like? Would love to learn about that process
- And how do you categorize an asset so a community pull those resources together into a strategy?
- Does CSLN have any case studies looking at ideas for asset forming that haven't been implemented yet?