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## **NEAR SOUTH SIDE DEVELOPMENT PLAN UNDERWAY COMMUNITY INVITED TO DECIDE FUTURE OF NEIGHBORHOODS**

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and the Department of City Development announced two additional workshops for the public to brainstorm and plan for future development in Near South Side neighborhoods. The workshops are part of the Near South Side Comprehensive Area Plan, one of 13 comprehensive area plans underway to cover all 99 square miles of the City of Milwaukee.

“Public input is critical to identifying future growth opportunities and development plans for our neighborhoods,” said Mayor Tom Barrett. “Our comprehensive plans have guided much of the growth and renaissance that you’re seeing in the Menomonee Valley, Fond Du Lac and North and Third Ward areas of Milwaukee.”

The Near South Side Comprehensive Area Plan will cover 6.3 square miles extending from the edge of the Menomonee Valley on the north, to the Union Pacific Railroad near Cleveland Avenue on the South, West Milwaukee’s city limits on the west, and roughly the Kinnickinnic River on the east. The area includes the neighborhoods of Walker’s Point, Clock Tower Acres, Historic Mitchell Street, Lincoln Village, Clarke Square, Forest Home Hills, Muskego Way, Silver City and Burnham Park.

This is one of the fastest growing areas of Milwaukee, diverse but predominantly Hispanic (56%). Among the topics explored during the workshops will be area assets, such as the cluster of Hispanic-owned businesses, dining establishments and historic architecture. Workshop participants will also provide input on additional needs for the area, including affordable housing, catalytic opportunities to attract family-supporting jobs, expanded public transportation, and more.

According to a recent market study, 14% of those surveyed on the near south side of Milwaukee use public transit compared to 10% citywide. Thirty-one percent of those surveyed carpool commute to work. For more on the market study and all area plans for Milwaukee, visit [www.mkedcd.org](http://www.mkedcd.org)

The South Side Area Plan covers an area represented by Alderman James Witkowiak, Alderman Anthony Zielinski, Alderman Robert Donovan, Alderman Witkowski and Alderman Joe Dudzik. The Near South Side Area Plan workshops schedule:

**Tuesday, Feb. 26, 5:30-7:30  
pm**  
Comedy Sportz  
420 S. 1st Street

**Wednesday, Feb. 27, 6-8 pm**  
United Community Center  
Auditorium  
1007 S. 8th St

*Workshop focuses on Walker’s  
Point/5<sup>th</sup> Ward*

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