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Bronzeville update meeting to include “fruit” of December charette

Recommendations from a December 2013 charette focused on the Bronzeville Cultural & Entertainment District will be among the key topics of the Bronzeville update meeting scheduled for **Monday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Milwaukee Urban League, 435 W. North Ave., Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs** said today.

A charette is an intensive architectural/development planning, and Alderwoman Coggs has participated in two recent Bronzeville Area Charettes – one held in June 2013 and another held in December 2013 (the June 2013 charette focused on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. sites, and the December 2013 charette was centered on the broader Bronzeville area). Following the June charette, five potential projects in the King Dr. corridor were identified, including the Malcolm X Academy property redevelopment, Milwaukee Enterprise Center redevelopment, the former vacant parcel that is now a new parking lot that helped bring back Gee’s Clippers to 2215 N. MLK Dr. and the redevelopment of a property at King Dr. and Center St.

Alderwoman Coggs said Monday’s Bronzeville update will include details from the December charette, which looked at six specific sites and has resulted in several recommendations for potential future developments in the Bronzeville area. “In the past decade, the Bronzeville area has seen nearly \$40 million in new investments, such as the additions of a new Walgreens, the Growing Power Café, and the mixed-use King Drive Commons project, which alone brought more than \$24 million in investments to the neighborhood,” she said.

“There are seasoned developers looking at potential sites and projects in the Bronzeville area, and it is critical that we continue the positive momentum that we are seeing,” Alderwoman Coggs said.

During the December charette, Alderwoman Coggs and the Department of City Development collaborated with Community Design Solutions, an initiative of UW-Milwaukee’s School of Architecture & Urban Planning, to work with several community stakeholder groups – including the King Drive BID, the Martin Luther King Economic Development Corp, local developers, local lenders, the recently formed Friends of Bronzeville organization and local artists.