

OVERVIEW

Centuries of racially motivated injustice and inequities in the US were ignited by the murder of George Floyd, which gave rise to a global wave of civil uprisings, that also sparked a wide array of property destruction and emotional disruption. The Powderhorn community, and all of Minneapolis, happens to be ground zero for this national chapter of trials and awakening.

How our community recovers, heals, and rebuilds must continually reflect on, account for, and center the harm, inequities, and injustices brought to bear on indigenous and people of color. This is the underlying cause for this most recent series of events and requires our community to advocate for a set of principles for development that holds this understanding at the core.

PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT

1. Health over Wealth

People, environment, businesses, attractions, and services each contribute to the health of our community. Any City, County, or State policy that supports community development must describe how the policy will improve at least three determinants of health over five years then ten years, and provide a budget estimate over the ten year duration to advance the policy's integration and impact.

2. Voices over Speed

Residents, business owners, existing property owners, and municipal representatives must have equitable opportunity to use their voice to influence a new era of development in the community. Policies that can materially mitigate or prevent disaster capitalism from igniting a wave of ill effects, including worsening inequities and gentrification are needed immediately.

3. Affordable over Business-as-Usual

Creating and maintaining access to affordable residential and commercial properties is an essential tool to help stabilize residents and business owners. Any City, County, or State funding that supports a new era of development within this community must combine affordable unit set asides and price controls over a thirty-year period that remains in place with any transfer of ownership.

4. Community Developers over Profit Developers

Short- and long-term community development preferences and priorities are rooted in wanting a healthy community across all determinants of health, including genetics, behavior, environmental and physical influences, medical care, and social factors. We need City, County, State, and Federal funding that enables Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), Community Land Trusts (CLTs), and Community Development Corporations (CDCs) access to capital to purchase land and properties for future development that is guided by broad and diverse community voices.