

# Red Bank Invites Citizens' Input at Community Meeting on Saturday, September 21st

**RED BANK, TN** (September 16, 2024) – The City of Red Bank is hosting the second community workshop for the small area study of the former Red Bank Middle School site. The community is invited to attend the Community Meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 21. The purpose of the meeting is to gather input on the future of Red Bank as the city begins updating its comprehensive plan.

A comprehensive plan is a road map that outlines how a city's long-term vision for land development will be met over time. It also considers the things affected by population growth and land use changes—transportation, housing, economic development, natural resource management, etc. Red Bank completed its last major comprehensive plan update in 2014.

The project started in early 2024 with existing conditions analyses and preliminary public engagement, including stakeholder group interviews and a public kickoff meeting last March. The team collected feedback on draft project goals, needs, and opportunities at the Red Bank Jubilee.

The team recently completed the first Community Workshop in July, where they sought feedback on draft ideas for future land use, mobility, and connectivity recommendations for Red Bank.

The second workshop will take place in-person from 12pm until 2pm at the Former Red Bank Middle School site located at 3715 Dayton Boulevard and feature food, drink, and sweets from Clever Ale House and The Local Paletas. At the event, the team will share updated Comprehensive Plan recommendations in addition to an engaging activity to collect input on the vision for the Former Red Bank Middle School site.

This small area study will provide recommendations based on community input to guide the site's development in line with residents' needs, vision, and overall city goals.

Michael Pham, Community Planner for the City of Red Bank stated that the community survey this spring garnered over 1300 responses about land use preferences. The average answer for open space size was 8 acres, and the top three preferred uses were parks/rec, civic, and education. On September 21, citizens can further define their dream scenario for the 12-acre site with a park design activity.

"We will also see the first draft of our future land use plan, and the elements of our city-wide comprehensive plan," said Pham. "The long-term vision for Red Bank is built on the community's participation in these meetings, and so far, we have seen amazing turnout and invaluable input. Stop by 3715 Dayton Boulevard anytime between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM where the activity will take place, and Clever Alehouse will be selling food and beverages."

Red Bank and the consultant team will host an Open House meeting later this winter, the date of which is TBD. The Open House will feature all the recommendations and concepts from the Comprehensive Plan and Small Area Study for a final round of community input before the plan and study are finalized and adopted by the City Commission. The entire community is invited to attend the Open House. Once available, the date for the Open House will be publicly advertised on the City of Red Bank's website and social media.

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Attached: Event Flyer