

Civic Commons Studio #3: The Initial Lessons

September 27 - 29, 2017

Akron, OH

Local co-host:

Akron Civic Commons

September 27

Courtyard Akron Downtown
41 Furnace St
Akron, OH

12:45 pm

Meet in

Lobby of Courtyard Akron
Downtown

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Registration

Meet in

Courtyard Akron Downtown
Room: Firestone

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Insider Tours with Conversation

Transforming Summit Lake

Gia Biagi

STUDIO GANG

Dee Lambert-Falconer

SUMMIT METRO PARKS

Audley McGill

SUMMIT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

Nick Moskos

SUMMIT METRO PARKS

Eric Nelson

STUDENTS WITH A GOAL

Dave Vasarhelyi

THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

11:00 am - Noon

Pre-Session: Demonstration Team Updates

*Boxed lunches available
following the session*

Nootan Bharani

ARTS + PUBLIC LIFE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Alexa Bush

CITY OF DETROIT, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Maria Fuhrmann

CITY OF MEMPHIS

Jennifer Mahar

FAIRMOUNT PARK CONSERVANCY

Dan Rice

OHIO & ERIE CANALWAY COALITION

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Sparking Investment Downtown

Beth Borda
DEHOFF DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
David Fierabend
GROUNDSWELL DESIGN GROUP

Katelyn Freil
OHIO & ERIE CANALWAY COALITION

Suzie Graham
DOWNTOWN AKRON PARTNERSHIP
Howard Parr
AKRON CIVIC THEATRE

Jason Segedy
CITY OF AKRON

Radical Welcoming in North Hill

Susan Berg Herman
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AKRON

Kyle Kutuchief
KNIGHT FOUNDATION

Manju Rastogi
DAWN

Jason Roberts
BETTER BLOCK

Small Business as a Civic Pursuit

Joel Testa
TESTA COMPANIES

Christine Vadala
DOWNTOWN AKRON PARTNERSHIP

Lauren Ward
NOTO SOUTH AND NOTO NORTH

Brent Wesley
AKRON HONEY COMPANY

5:30 pm

Meet in
Lobby of Courtyard Akron
Downtown

Transportation to Reception

Akron Art Museum
1 S High St
Akron, OH

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Cather: Opening Reception

*Beer, wine and heavy hors
d’oeuvres will be served*

Dan Rice
OHIO & ERIE CANALWAY COALITION

Mayor Daniel Horrigan
CITY OF AKRON

Alberto Ibargüen
KNIGHT FOUNDATION

Transportation to Hotel

September 28

7:15 am

Optional
Sunrise Bike Ride Along the
Towpath Trail

8:00 am

Meet in
Lobby of Courtyard Akron
Downtown

Canal Park
300 S Main St
Akron, OH

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am – 9:30 am

Welcome and Stage Setting

9:30 am – 9:50 am

Provocation: The Power of Parks and Public Places

Mitchell Silver
NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

9:50 am – 10:50 am

Cultivating the Mix: How to Foster Socioeconomic Mixing

Frankie Blackburn
TRUSTED SPACE PARTNERS

Ben Bryant
INTERFACE STUDIO

Ritchie Harrison
DETROIT RIVERFRONT CONSERVANCY

Moderated by
Carol Coletta
THE KRESCE FOUNDATION

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Breakout Sessions: Value Creation

*Shared prosperity is a value
of Reimagining the Civic
Commons. How will we foster
wealth creation that benefits
community members?*

PRESS BOX

*Unlocking Talent and
Supporting Small Local Business*

James Chapman
ROCK VENTURES

Christine Vadala
DOWNTOWN AKRON PARTNERSHIP

Brent Wesley
AKRON HONEY COMPANY

Moderated by
Kyle Kutuchief
KNIGHT FOUNDATION

SUITE LOBBY

*Local Hiring and Workforce
Development*

Devon Buskin
THE GREENING OF DETROIT

Sheila Ireland
UNIVERSITY CITY DISTRICT

Nicole Westerman
REBUILDING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE,
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Moderated by
Patrick Morgan
KNIGHT FOUNDATION

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OWNER'S SUITE

Overcoming Stigma and Changing Perceptions

Toby Barlow

WRITER

Tanja Mitchell

UPTOWN PARTNERSHIP

Jason Roberts

BETTER BLOCK FOUNDATION

Moderated by

Carol Coletta

THE KRESGE FOUNDATION

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch and Report Outs

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Breakout Sessions: In Practice

To advance peer to peer learning, team members from each of the visiting cities will share a specific strand of their work.

SUITE LOBBY

Chicago: Ethical Redevelopment for Mindful City-Building

Lori Berko

ARTS + PUBLIC LIFE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Isis Ferguson

ARTS + PUBLIC LIFE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

OWNER'S SUITE

Detroit: CoLab as Neighborhood Civic Engagement and Collaboration Hub

Maurice Cox

CITY OF DETROIT, PLANNING AND DEVELOPEMENT

Lauren Hood

LIVES ALLIANCE

Ceara O'Leary

DETROIT COLLABORATIVE DESIGN CENTER

BOARD ROOM

Memphis: Designing the 21st Century Branch Library

David Fierabend

GROUNDSWELL DESIGN GROUP

Keenon McCloy

MEMPHIS PUBLIC LIBRARIES

PRESS BOX

Philadelphia: Community Compact for Sustained Stewardship

Jamie Gauthier

FAIRMOUNT PARK CONSERVANCY

Kira Strong

REBUILDING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Civic Commons Explorations

On Summit Lake

Explore the lake by kayak or canoe

Downtown Yoga

Practice your poses in a public space downtown

Garden to Table

Take a canning class with Let's Grow Akron and Miss Julie's Kitchen

Transportation to Hotel

5:30 pm

Meet in

Lobby of Courtyard Akron
Downtown

Transportation to Summit Lake

Summit Lake

380 W Crosier St
Akron, OH

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

200 Plates: Community Meal on Summit Lake

Break bread and connect with community members and fellow Civic Commons Learning Network members. Co-hosted by the League of Creative Interventionists.

Transportation to Hotel

8:30 pm – 9:00 pm

ROUTE 59 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Evening Bridge Walk

David Fierabend

GROUNDSWELL DESIGN GROUP

Kyle Kutuchief

KNIGHT FOUNDATION

Transportation to Hotel

September 29

8:00 am

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Downtown

Transportation to Canal Park

Canal Park
300 S Main St
Akron, OH

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Civic Engagement in the Commons

Alexa Bush

CITY OF DETROIT, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Jennifer Mahar

FAIRMOUNT PARK CONSERVANCY

Eric Nelson

STUDENTS WITH A GOAL

Suzanne Nienaber

CENTER FOR ACTIVE DESIGN

Moderated by

Lynn Ross

SPIRIT FOR CHANGE CONSULTING, LLC

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Morning Break

10:15 am – 11:30 am

Working Sessions

DUCK CLUB

Measurement and Learning

Ben Bryant

INTERFACE STUDIO

Joe Cortright

CITY OBSERVATORY

Christopher DiStasi

INTERFACE STUDIO

OWNER'S SUITE

A Framework for Storytelling

Leslie Carlson

BRINK COMMUNICATIONS

Christopher Maier

MADE BY LITTLE

11:30 am – Noon

Closing Reflections

Noon – 1:00 pm

CAME GRILLE

Lunch

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Team Office Hours



