

CONCLUSIONS

PROJECT GOALS

The exhibited work forwards the following goals of the Investing With North Minneapolis project:

- 1) Mobilize people in North Minneapolis to engage with the American dream by envisioning their neighborhood's equitable, sustainable and healthy future through a collaborative (co-design) experience.
- 2) Create research-informed transformative urban design with a bottom-up approach led by individuals and organizations from North Minneapolis.
- 3) Leverage the design talents of university students and youth interns to manifest collaborative community visions in urban plans, building and landscape projects..
- 4) Expose future architects and urban designers to community engagement, developing their skills in listening, working with others- including BIPOC professionals, and skills in portraying designs to inspire action.
- 5) Developing over three years projects for North Minneapolis that can be incorporated in the city plan, and built to provide economic opportunities for North Minneapolis developers, builders, businesses, customers, renters and homebuyers.

SUMMATION

This project demonstrates Co-Design, a method that empowers neighborhoods to plan their own future, rather than just respond to planners' proposals. Typically, urban designs are made by professionals and then sent to neighborhoods for discussion, revision and finally approval. Typical planning, however, originates from professionals' perspectives, and fails to get residents involved from the beginning to identify and solve the problems they are intimately familiar with, and for which they may have insightful solutions.

Organized with neighborhood groups, local leaders, and university instructors, the *Investing with North Minneapolis* planning process engaged residents from the neighborhoods and local youth interns who collaborated with professional students, in collaborative community design. Students and interns investigated design interventions applicable to the neighborhood in categories such as housing, transportation, energy, water resources, economic development, food wellness and green space. In community meetings, participants from different perspectives (neighbors and business, government and developers, nonprofit social organizations, and neighborhood youth) developed project designs This exhibition and website (investingwithnorthmpls.info) present the work with the expectation that the city development plans will incorporate the community strategies and perspectives represented in the designs.

