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**EPISODE 03-** Our guest is Jamila 'Mimi' Trent. She is the Housing Counselor for the non-profit organization Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corporation (CDC).

Born and raised in Detroit, MI, Mimi moved to the greater Nashville area in 1994 and returned to her hometown of Detroit, MI, in 2021. While in Nashville, she received her bachelor's degree in religious studies and Ph.D. in Social Justice. She was an active member of the church and in the community. She was a Community/Volunteer coordinator with the NAACP in Nashville and Murfreesboro, TN; a board member with Bradley Academy Historical Museum (Murfreesboro, TN) and IDA Cares (Nashville, TN); a freelance writer with The Spiritual Herald (Murfreesboro, TN); participated in the Taking the Streets Back Campaign, and WNSG Toy Drive (Nashville, TN); worked in the breach consulting industry for nearly 15 years; became a HUD certified Housing Counselor, to name a few. She wanted to bring her community engagement experience back to her hometown.

## District 6- Business Liason

Please welcome Nancy Cepeda as the new business liaison for District-6. If you have any questions regarding starting a business in Midwest-Tireman, you may contact her at:

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## Recent Community Events



### RAIN GARDEN PLANTING WORK DAY

My Community SPEAKS hosted a planting workday in LaNita's Memorial Park on June 17th at 5657 Hartford Street. There were 26 volunteers throughout the day, including representatives from DTE. Friends of the Rouge continue to be their thought partners on this project.



### MIDWEST-TIREMAN RESOURCE FAIR

The Midwest-Tireman Framework held a Resource Fair at the Ark of Deliverance (5440 Tireman) on June 23rd from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. There were 25 participants in the event that included representatives, from the City, County, neighborhood block clubs, local organizations and non-profits. The representatives provided information on areas such as: Housing, Economic Development, Mobility, Open Spaces, Utilities, Youth Engagement, Health care and other neighborhood resources.

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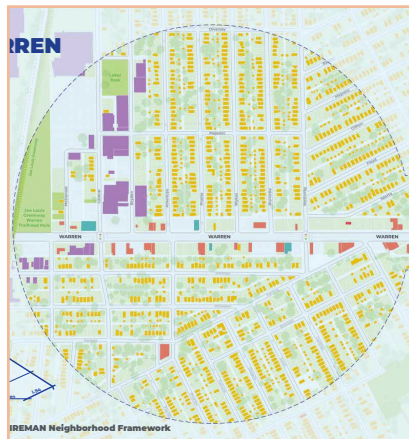
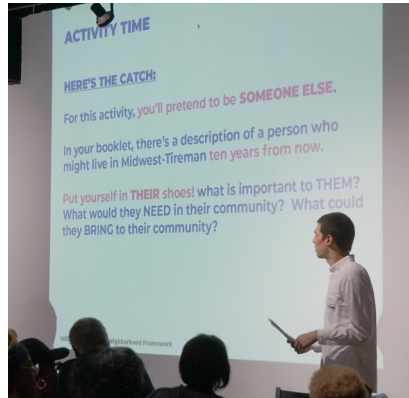
## Recent Community Events (contd.)

### COMMUNITY MEETING #3

On June 8th, we had Community Meeting #3 at the Equity Alliance. We introduced the community to the neighborhood Framework and shared what we learned from the previous two meetings. These findings were presented and categorized based on the Framework elements.

We asked the community to imagine Midwest-Tireman in the year 2033. The activity was to role-play as someone else ten years from now and put yourself in their shoes to describe the now thriving Midwest-Tireman area to one of their new neighbors. Participants were given areas around Warren, Tireman, and Sherrill school sites as their future residence locations.

The goal is to envision what is desired in the neighborhood, help the framework process, and determine a path toward implementation.



### Special thanks and gratitude to:

Deanna Stewart and Carlon Ballard of Equity Alliance for their continuous support and generous hospitality in hosting all our Community-wide engagement meetings so far.

Ms. Ethelyn Carroll (pictured left) from United Block Club Council and Pastor Stephanie Jones (pictured right) of the Ark of Deliverance.

Due to her active involvement in the community and experiences organizing resource fairs, Ms. Carroll, helped find the event location and make connection with Pastor Stephanie Jones for the Midwest-Tireman Resource Fair.

Pastor Jones was more than gracious and with her time and effort to make this event happen.

The success of this event is very much due to their hard work and commitment to the community.



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