

WHETSTONE COMMUNITY HOUSING

Youth Engagement Summary

November 1, 2021



1. Engage school age kids in the design of the Whetstone Community Housing site plan
2. Gather feedback from them on what a good neighborhood is from their perspective
3. Collect ideas on what amenities youth would like to see at the Whetstone site

2 Events

Freshmen Engagement

Gunnison
High School
October 20, 2021



2nd Graders Engagement

Crested Butte
Elementary School
October 21, 2021



Steps for Freshmen Engagement

1

Information Sharing

Freshmen reviewed [slide deck](#) with info on site & project context, County & Valley housing data, project desired outcomes.

2

Question

Students invited to answer the following question by designing their neighborhood: How would YOU design the Whetstone neighborhood to serve a great diversity of residents?

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Group Design

Groups of students designed their neighborhood with City As Play materials, on a printed aerial map of Whetstone.

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Sharing

Each group presented their ideas to the rest of the classroom.

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Refinement

If they were willing, students were invited to refine their ideas and plans.



Steps for 2nd Graders Engagement

1

Site Visit

Students visited the site with a hard hat and a clipboard to draw their ideas for the site.

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Design

Students drew site plans as small groups prior to the project's team arrival at school.

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Presenting and Grading

Small groups of students presented their ideas for the site, project team members were invited to grade them according to the teacher's criteria.

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Building

Groups were invited to design their site plan with City As Play materials.

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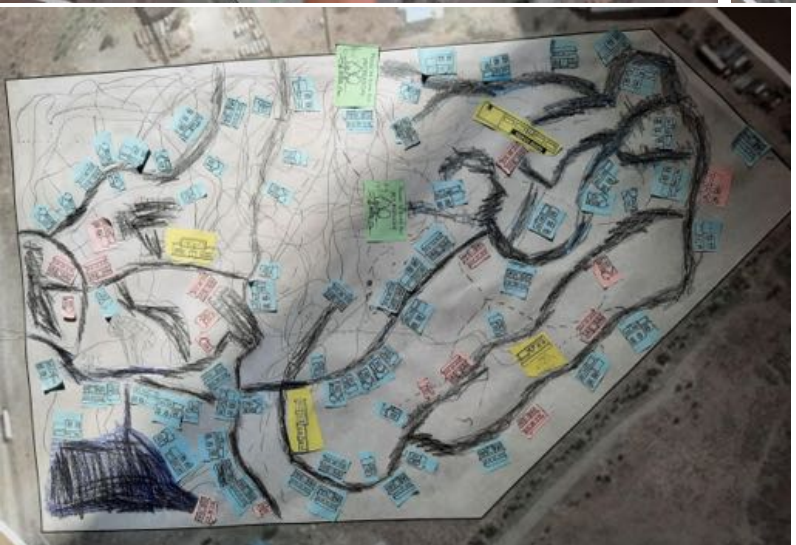
3D Modeling

Students will build 3D models of their site plan.

Designs from 2nd Graders



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Common Themes Lessons Learned

- Big interest in **water**, water features, and connection to the river
 - Idea: How to treat stormwater and retention on the site to create temporary water features on site?
- Kids interested in **commercial uses** amongst residential to add availability between Crested Butte and Gunnison
 - Ideas: cafe shop, multicultural food place, gas station
- Many family and kid friendly **amenities** added:
 - Ideas: sled park in winter that converts to skate park in summer, ice rink in winter that converts to basketball court in summer, dog park, trails, open space
- Very valuable **civics lesson** for the kids, on how to work together in a group with divergent opinions

For More Info on the Project:

<https://whetstonehousing.weebly.com/>

For More Info on City As Play:

<https://bit.ly/CityAsPlay>

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THANK YOU!
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GRAZIE!
GRACIAS!
DANK JE WEL!

