



Neighborhood Futurism: : A Practice in Dreaming Community

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Goal: Use drawing to imagine your future neighborhood

Guiding Question: What do our communities need?

Materials:

Clear plastic sandwich bags (cut into a flat sheet), Scissors, Pencil, Permanent marker (like a Sharpie), Something to draw on like a notebook, Phone or camera to document (optional)

Steps:

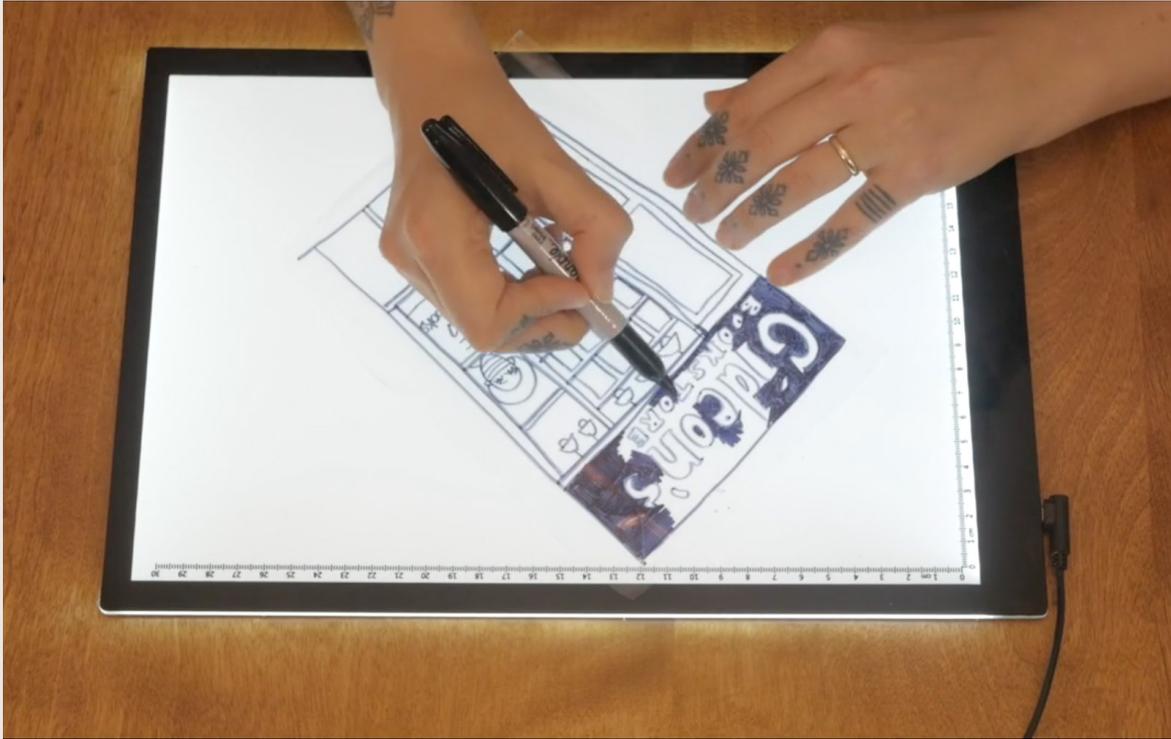
- I. Walk around your neighborhood. Ask yourself:
 - *What would your neighborhood most benefit from?*
 - *What is missing that could help the community?*
 - *What's something that you and your friends might enjoy?*

2. Choose a space to reimagine. This could be a business that closed, a construction site, or an empty lot.

3. Make a sketch or take a photo of this place for reference.



4. Use a permanent marker to draw your dream spot on your plastic bag.



5. Bring your drawing to the site and hold up your illustration over the scene. Take a photo!



6. Go further! Ask your friends, family, and neighbors what they would like to see in their community.



7. And bring their vision to life!



Reflect: What could your neighborhood look like in the future? Who gets to participate in these decisions?