
Black Seattle 2035 Visions for our future

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As the city of Seattle plans for it's future with the Seattle 2035 community members have stepped forward to make sure that the Black community is included.

Recent articles have projected the [Central District will be less than 10% black in a decade.](#)

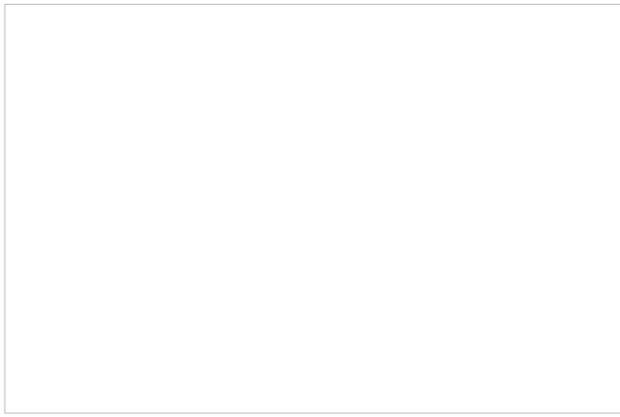
Projecting a different vision Africatown stakeholders are projecting another vision for the future.

Over the last year, meetings have brought together community members to share ideas, possibilities and develop strategy for a different future that includes a vibrant business and cultural hub that builds on the legacy of the historic Black community in Seattle while embracing and infusing the richness of the African diaspora.

The effort to preserve and build on the [legacy of Liberty Bank](#), established as the first Black bank west of the Mississippi in 1968.



[Hack The CD](#) efforts to create an innovation ecosystem in the Central District including making the former Firestation 6 an innovation hub.

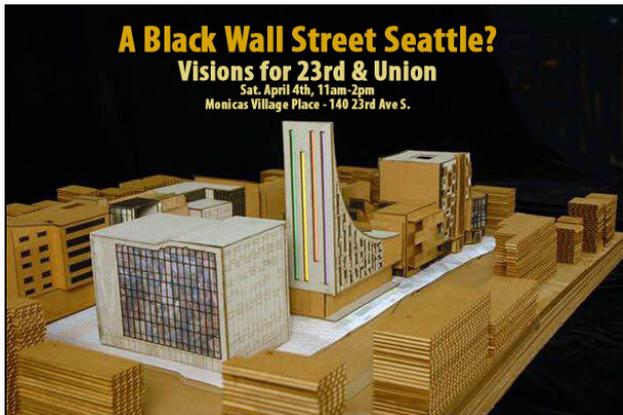


The Black Music Summit brought together black musicians and stakeholders who, though they have birthed much of the musical legacy of Seattle, have been largely excluded from the economic benefits of music economy that represents 1 billion in



revenue and 20,000 jobs in Seattle.

In March UW architecture students led by Dr. Sharon Sutton revealed the product of their work in studio class of drawings and models of a ground breaking development that addresses both the African American heritage



The work was based on the efforts a group of dedicated community members, MidTown Center business owners and the Union Street Business Association have been involved in imagining a future for 23rd and Union as: On **Saturday, October 24th**, there will be a follow up **Black Seattle 2035: A Way Forward** providing updates on the progress of the many initiatives happening in the community.