







# WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

## IMAGINE ASIATOWN: INTERVIEW GUIDE

As part of AsiaTown's Strategic Vision process, we are collecting your stories! By understanding motivations, values, and experiences of community members, we can craft a collective vision to shape the future.

Use this guide to contribute your stories – answer them on your own or with a friend (or ten!). The questions will guide you to share stories about when you have seen things working at their best, both in AsiaTown and any other place you've known. Many times we try to ask about things that aren't working well (the problems) so that we can fix them. In this case, we try to find out about the things that are working (the successes) so that we can do more of it. During this conversation, reflect and share details about the things you've experienced, heard of, or imagined that really work well.

Let's get started!

1. **Ask** a family member, friend or neighbor to have this special conversation with you. In pairs, interview one another using the questions on the worksheet. Together you will share and hear what matters most to each of you.
2. **Introduce** yourselves to each other. What interests you about having this interview?
3. **Choose** who will speak first (Speaker = ) and who will listen first (Listener = ). Spend about 2-3 minutes for each question (about 15 minutes), and then switch roles and repeat steps 4-6.
4.  Speaker, **reflect and share** freely. Think about your experiences of AsiaTown and other places you've known when they've been at their best. Think about what happened, where it happened, who was involved, how you felt. There are no wrong answers!
5.  Listener, **practice generous listening**. Follow your curiosity. Ask follow-up questions to encourage the Speaker to share as much depth and detail as they can about their story. Notice what the Speaker says that moves you and note how you feel. Use the worksheet to take notes.
6. **Thank** your interview partner. **Reflect** back one or two thoughts that resonated with you.
7. **Return** your responses in any of the following ways:

TYPE your notes and submit online at [bit.ly/imagineATstory](https://bit.ly/imagineATstory).

EMAIL a clear photo to Karis Tzeng at [ktzeng@midtowncleveland.org](mailto:ktzeng@midtowncleveland.org).

MAIL to MidTown Cleveland, 5000 Euclid Avenue, Suite 100, Cleveland, OH 44103

DROP OFF in the "AsiaTown Vision" box at: 2999 Payne Avenue (next to ATM)

We look forward to seeing your stories! Thank you for sharing your AsiaTown Vision with us.

Continue to join us to Imagine AsiaTown through your artwork and an online community conversation! Learn more at [www.asiatowncleveland.org/imagine](http://www.asiatowncleveland.org/imagine).



# WHAT'S YOUR STORY? WORKSHEET



**SPEAKER:** \_\_\_\_\_



**LISTENER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What's your relationship to each other?**

**Speaker's relationship to AsiaTown:**

**Speaker's Email Address:**

**Phone Number or WeChat:**

## 1. MEMORIES

Tell me about a memory about AsiaTown that makes you feel most proud, alive or connected. Why is it important?

Notes:

What moved me?

## 2. VALUES

Who is someone who has influenced you in a positive and meaningful way (such as a family member, teacher, friend)? Tell a story about a time they demonstrated a value or lesson that is important to you.

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1.	What moved me?
2.	
3.	

## 4. FUTURE OF ASIATOWN

How do you want the AsiaTown neighborhood to **look** and **feel** in 100 years, for example, for your great-grandchildren? 100 years from now, what has been preserved? What's different?

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## 5. GIFTS

What is an action you can take or gift you can share to step toward this future? For example, attend a community meeting, lead neighborhood clean-up, share your talents or wisdom, etc.

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