TACOMA'S HILLTOP NEIGHBORHOOD

Forterra is working with the Tacoma Housing Authority and local nonprofit Fab-5 to guide our community-driven effort to provide relief to Hilltop residents rooted in the historically Black neighborhood by creating attainable housing and commercial and communal spaces at the vacated property on Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Hilltop Community Investment Council, composed of local and past Hilltop residents, commissioned local artists to create works of art about the area's cultural history. This tour celebrates the art of this neighborhood.











LOCATION:

Hilltop Neighborhood - Tacoma, WA

PARKING:

There is ample street parking available.

1. A Dream Coming True | 907 MLK Jr. Way In 2015, artist Bob Henry depicted the multicultural, multi-ethnic character of the Hilltop neighborhood in one unified composition. These images were gathered from the community and painted into this mural.

2. People's Park | 924 MLK Jr. Way

This mural (1996) by artists Joan Joachims, Mary Mann and Jodi Ewin depicts a scene from the days of the streetcar and K Street Business District, also recalling the thriving farmers market that used to be there.

3. Old Rite Aid Site | 1105 MLK Jr. Way

This mural from Bob Henry in 2004 memorializes key contributors to the Hilltop Community including: Alberta Canada, Ernest E. Brazil, Frank Russell and Virginia Taylor.

4. The People's Community Center | 1602 MLK Jr. Way

Christopher Paul Jordan of Fab-5 led the development and implementation of a mural training and community engagement project here to create professional development opportunities for emerging artists of color in the area. Many local artists came together under Fab-5 to create this mural.

5. Hilltop Mural | 2143 MLK Jr. Way

A mural by Jeremy Gregory (2010) shows relationships between generations and includes depictions of neighborhood locals Reverend Ivory and Mr. Mac.

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