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**Reflection #2**  
**First Experiences and Thoughts**

We are at a very early stage of the Main Streets class and yet we have spent a very intense five days in the client community in New Orleans. Having this time in and around the St. Claude Avenue Main Streets District has allowed us to jump into the project and to begin to understand the context, people, challenges and opportunities in our work.

As we begin our work, we ask you to reflect on the following questions, based on your experiences and observations this week:

- What makes you most uncomfortable about the project? Please discuss a bit about why this is so and give some examples from the week where applicable.
- What are you most excited about? Again, be specific.
- Have your personal goals for the class changed based on your experiences this week? If so, how have they changed and what are you feeling about these changes?