

WHAT WE HEARD

Know Allegiance Nation Youth Summit (Virtual)

Attendees: 18

15 April 2023

Imagine hanging out here on a Saturday afternoon. What would inspire you to spend time here? How would you like to get here from home?

- A bookstore
- Sports, contests, games, and critical thinking skills/activities.
- Better taken care of grass with a "hut" to chill at
- family activities (hands on; candle making, basket weaving)
- dog parks; pet park; normalize cat parks
- obstacle course with a zipline
- Abandoned houses boarded up with colorful boards
- More stuff to do, Colors, seating, and activities. Cute north end signage!!
- More outside seating areas
- Block Club signs or welcome signs
- if it's a nice day out walking to a park or something
- A mural with different forms of visual arts
- Wayfinding maps in the neighborhood
- Interactive art to signify this area is an active space
- more nature; flowers, garden; beautiful to look at; smells good; sensory

Imagine biking down this street. What changes would you make to the street that would inspire you to visit?

- more small businesses
- Thrift stores or other clothing stores for easy access to clothes
- small stores or snack stations
- flowers
- Paint the telephone poles
- More vibrant colors as well as just more structures (canopy- etc). (x2)
- more light
- more trees
- more colors
- improvements
- more signage for pedestrians
- waving riding around greeting the neighbors
- Smoother street and sidewalks (x2)
- dedicated parking on one side of street
- outdoor farmers market to get groceries
- general beautification; more standing art besides murals
- places for people to put their own murals and art ideas in a basket; ideas could be hung up in public places

Summary

There's Strength in Community

- The North End Neighborhood works together to create a community rooted in togetherness and support.
- Young people expressed a desire to see improvements to the neighborhood such as: more spaces for connection and gathering, more businesses and destinations, improved cleanliness and mobility.

Beautify the Neighborhood

- More color is greatly wanted by the young people, whether through flowers, art, signage or other paintings.

Icebreaker

Share your name and a place in your neighborhood that you feel safe and welcomed.

- Gas station on 75 and Clay
- My neighbor's backyard
- The park at Cody
- Firehouse Garden
- My mother's job
- King Street
- Oakland Avenue Urban Farm
- The former Red Door Digital
- Delores Bennett Park
- Rosedale/Brush

Discussion Questions

How have you been getting around your neighborhood? How would you like to get around?

Young people currently get around by:

- Walking x5
- Driving x5
- Mostly walk but I like electric scooters
- Skateboarding

Streetscape Improvements

- Looking forward to an extension of the Q line
- Would like more biking opportunities, more MOGO
- Would like to get around by scooter



Kenilworth + John R: Imagine biking down this street. What changes would you make to the street that would inspire you to visit?

Businesses + Other Destinations

- More small businesses x2
- Snack stations
- A recreation center
- A library even if it's small
- Outdoor farmers market to get groceries
- Thrift stores or other clothing stores for easy access to clothes
- Gathering spaces -- "Somewhere community events can happen at a regular basis."

Neighborhood Beautification

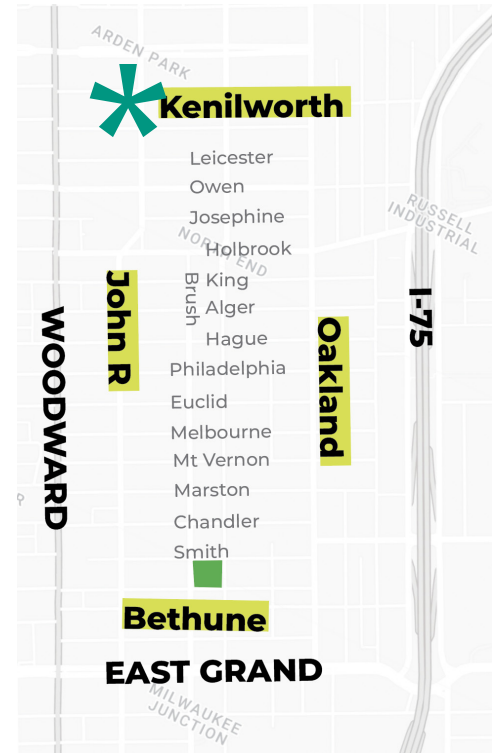
- More vibrant colors x2
- Flowers x2
- Clean streets -- "If something is clean it means people care about the neighborhood so you think not a lot of bad stuff happens in the neighborhood."
- General beautifications; more standing art besides murals
- "Places for people to put their own murals and art ideas in a basket; ideas could be hung up around public places."
- Paint the telephone poles

Street Improvements

- More seating x2
- More signage for pedestrians
- More lights
- Dedicated parking on one side of street
- Some activity spaces, like hopscotch on a sidewalk
- More structures (canopy etc) x2

Programming Ideas

- More places to play basketball
- Music festival (like Highland Park)



"Something that says the people in this neighborhood care about this neighborhood."

"Love the flowers on the median like on Chicago, large flower vases, painted trashcans like on Euclid."



King St + Oakland:

Imagine hanging out here on a Saturday afternoon. What would inspire you to spend time here? How would you like to get here from home?

Programming Ideas

- More things to do x3
- Sports
- Concerts
- Games
- Critical thinking skills/activities
- Obstacle course with a zip line
- Family activities (hands on; candle making basket weaving)

Businesses + Other Destinations

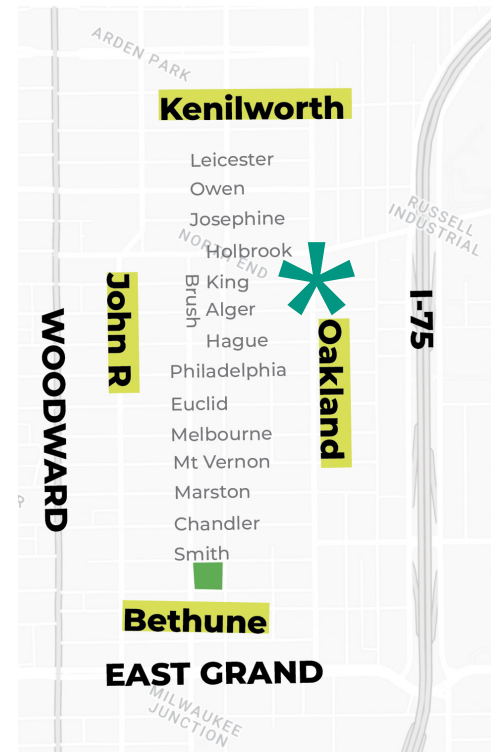
- More seating x3
- A bookstore
- Walking path, especially around the parks
- “Better taken care of grass with a hut to chill at”
- A park
- Dog and cat park

Neighborhood Beautification

- More color x3
- A mural with different forms of visual arts
- Beautiful things to look at -- More nature flowers, garden; sensory experiences
- Abandoned houses boarded up with colorful boards

More Signage + Neighborhood Identification

- More block club signs x2
- “Cute North End signage!!”
- Welcome signs
- Wayfinding maps in the neighborhood



“Interactive arts to signify this area is an active space.”



Name some great things about the neighborhood right now, what is something you'd like to add?

Variety of Community Spaces

- Add a dog park x2
- Community garden
- Like Delores Bennett park
- Ice cream parlor is within an easy walking distance
- Add an outdoor skate park along Oakland

The Sense of Community is a Strength

- How trusting my neighborhood is.
- Like that children play outside, we trust each other.
- Great history
- "Art represents the community and shows what it has brought to the music/art industry."
- A full house; has a lot of people and houses on the block; density
- I like that neighbors greet each other.
- I like that children play outside and ride bikes.
- Delores Bennett park, I like that a lot of young people like to be there.

Improve Mobility

- Would like to have the Q line come down further down Gratiot.
- Need better bus stop waiting spots.
- Would like to add more scooters; especially ones that aren't so expensive.

"I miss the thrift store in the neighborhood (next to food CO-OP) we need one."

"The rich history and we do have a sense of community. I think beautifying the neighborhood and creating places where people feel they can take up space is always a good start."