

Lincoln Heights Results from Visioning Session

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Physical

- 4 wheel drive pickups, mud racing on Cuba, between 29th and 33rd
- The median on 35th Avenue, East of Ray, should be planted with grass, like Manito Blvd.
- Would like to see more police (possibly an officer on a bike) in Lincoln Park and police car on 17th because of the recent rape in upper Lincoln Park.
- Keep bathrooms open in our parks during the spring/summer and fall. Post signs indicating when they are open. When the Park's Department starts having functions (baseball, basketball, etc), they should open the bathrooms. Recently, at Lincoln Park, a Honey Bucket was brought in and put in front of a residence and the smell was not pretty!!
- We need a bike lane on 27th Avenue to connect Thornton Murphy Park and Lincoln Park.
- We need bike lanes on all arterials.
- The turning lane at Ray and 29th, to turn on to Ray does not accomodate enough cars. The cars are backed up on 29th blocking one lane of East bound traffic.
- There have been many rear-end accidents on 29th in front of the Lincoln Heights Shopping Center, from people making a left hand turn going in to the shopping center.
- Try to control the influx of apartments going in to residential areas, neighborhood wide.
- We need stop or yield signs at 29th and Freya/ Cook and 35th and Regal and 35th.
- 35th Ave is too narrow to have cars parked on both sides of the street in the winter. It is impossible to snow plow there.
- Speeding on residential streets, neighborhood wide.
- Traffic on Regal is heavy and hard to access.
- It is dangerous to try to cross Ray at 27th to get to the park and from Thornton Murphy from the shopping center. (Solution: bump outs or special paving)
- Not safe crossing 29th at Fiske.
- Calm Traffic on 27th in front of Thornton Murphy Park.
- Plan a connector route from Lincon Park to the Ben Burr Trail, possibly like the Centennial Trail.

- 29th and Regal is not pedestrian friendly.
- At 29th and Regal, pedestrian entrances, landscaped areas to show that this is a special area.
- Signs to mark "Safe Pedestrian Pathways" to and from mass transit stops.
- STA removed the bus stops at 26th and 27th and Freya. There are several disabled people who now cannot get to the remaining bus stops.
- Need bike and pedestrian lanes connecting SE Blvd to Crestline.
- Is there a way to restrict traffic trying to avoid 37th Ave? Cut through traffic goes West on 35th, then South on Altamont to 37th. (Solution: Yield or Stop Signs??)
- On the end of the East end of 32nd, street improvements are needed between Cuba and 39th and 33rd. (Solution: Paving and Curbing)
- Is there a code that limits the number of cars parked regularly in a residential driveway and on the street in front of a residence. This problem is on the East side of Altamont, just North of 37th.
- There are many accidents at 29th and Freya with people running the stop signs. (Solution: Stop Light?)
- There are cars illegally parking on the median on 35th, East and West of Freya.
- The Cottage Housing on SE Blvd is sad. It was put in against the neighborhood's wishes. The City Council were all very, very aggressive in their plan to work with developer only and ignored owner/residents.
- 17th Avenue needs to be widened between Helena and Hogan and on 17th the South side sidewalk cannot be used because someone put boulders on the sidewalk. Widening will allow the residence to park in front of their residence, instead of on their lawn, since there is no parking on both sides of the street.
- There are areas of sidewalks missing neighborhood wide.
- Existing sidewalks need to be cleared of brush, vegetation and, in the winter, snow.
- Pavement repair, neighborhood wide.
- There are large areas of missing sidewalks on Freya from about 21st going north.

Social

- Why not have social programs and utilize centers as destinations? Such as bike lovers rides, bike races and special events.
- I would like to visible policing or neighborhood/community settings or signage that reinforce that the community is paying attention to what is going on.
- Start community events, like: Summer Parkways, Tree Plantings, Bird Watching, Biology Walks and a plant exchange.
- Start of "Community Garden" in Thornton Murphy Park.
- There are barking dogs near 17th and Lincoln Park.
- Sponsor neighborhood clean up of public land.
- Start of Friends of Froggy Park group.
- Replace missing street trees on the SE Blvd extension and on 29th to Perry.

Economic

- The area needs streetscaping, maintenance of pavement and continuous sidewalks because these encourage and support businesses and social activity.
- Let's reserve rent subsidy housing for those truly disabled and the elderly. Young people become dependent upon it. If government subsidies dry up, we will have a lot of slums.

Communication

- Reactivate, in some form, Neighborhood Block Watch to help combat vandalism and theft.
- Greater communication among neighbors is more helpful in directing governance and reducing crime.
- Reinforcing a regular, short, community newsletter, which gives news, issues and resources.

Environmental

- There is a wetland between between 30th and 32nd and Cuba and Havana that is being used for illegal dumping of broken glass, cans, bottles and other garbage.
- Secure any wetland from r wheel drive trucks, ATV's and dirt bikes.

- We need to preserve and protect natural drainage areas, such as the one at Regal and 44th.

Political

- The City Council and Planning Department need to catch up with the times - other cities are trying to reduce density and create more green space. They are finding that more green areas bring people together.
- Why don't the residents who live outside of the city limits help pay for the city roads? ie: city residents pay an extra \$20 on our car registration for maintenance.
- We would like politicians to respond to tax paying residents' needs and plans. NOT to the monied developers who are changing the identity and integrity of our long time owner and residents.
- Less developer-driven decisions and impacts with out anyone being held responsible.
- Politicians not forcing in fill housing where it is not wanted and helping residents meet their plans.
- Not taking away any more bike likes by letting developers build.
- If a developer is allowed to build, and that increases the traffic, the developer should be respnsible to build adequate, safe facilities for bikes and pedestrians.