



St. Louis Park Plan by Neighborhood **Neighborhood Input Report** *July 2009*

City of St. Louis Park Neighborhoods

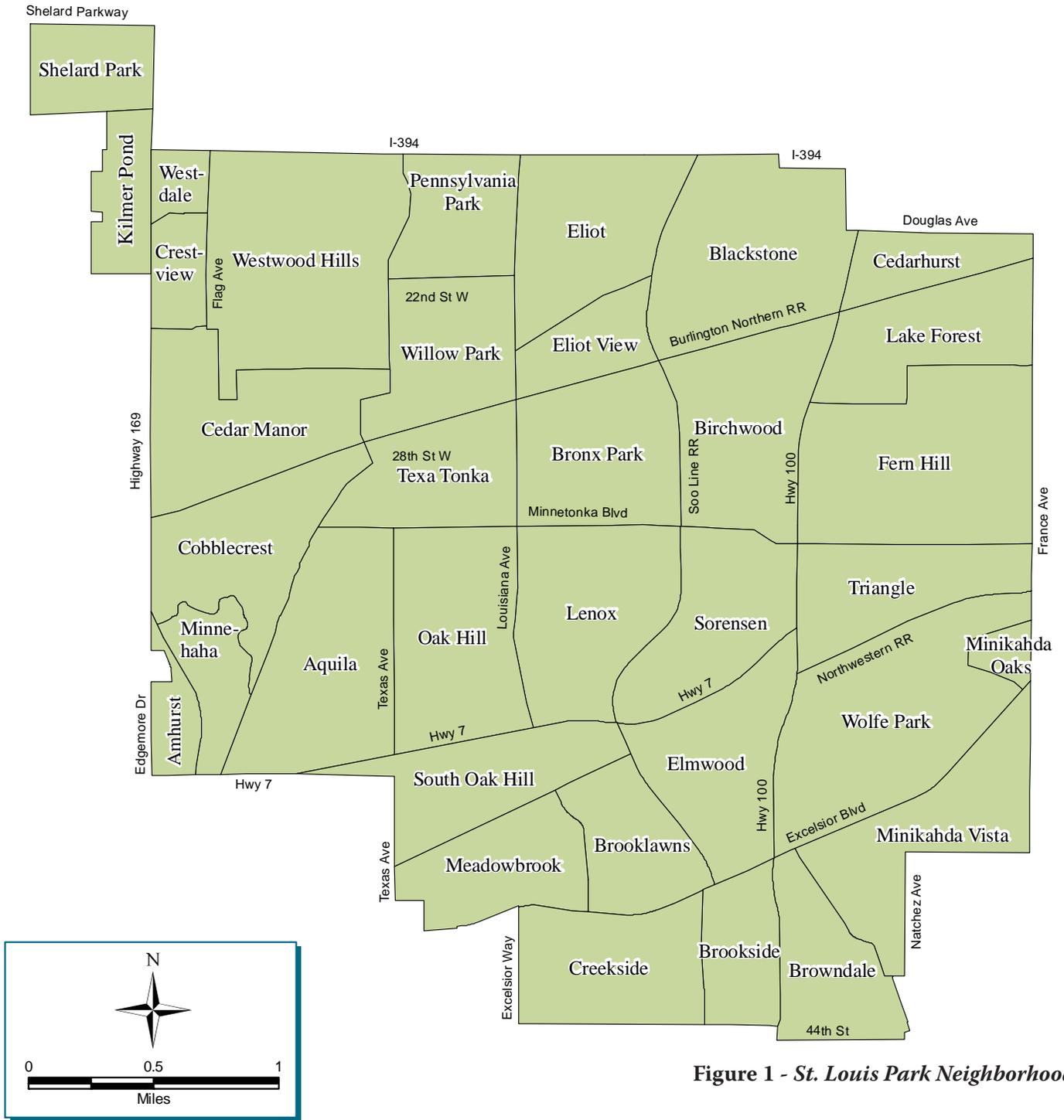


Figure 1 - St. Louis Park Neighborhoods

Introduction

The City of St. Louis Park has defined 35 neighborhoods that encompass the entire land area of the City. These neighborhoods are diverse in land area and population, ranging from 30 to 2,000 acres in area and from 100 to 3,000 residents. Figure 1 shows a map of the 35 neighborhoods. The City's current 2020 Comprehensive Plan contains a separate Plan by Neighborhood chapter that provides basic data, guidelines, and physical improvement recommendations for each of the 35 neighborhoods.

In 2008, the City of St. Louis Park began the process of updating its 2030 Comprehensive Plan, as required by MN state statute. A draft updated version of the entire 2030 Comprehensive Plan, with the exception of the Plan by Neighborhood chapter, was completed in May 2009 and made available for distribution to adjacent and affected communities and jurisdictions for their review and comment. As a means to update the Plan by Neighborhood chapter and gain neighborhood input on the draft version of the updated Comprehensive Plan, the City undertook a neighborhood input process in Spring 2009. This neighborhood input process was organized around seven (7) neighborhood planning areas (NPAs) that grouped the 35 neighborhoods into geographic areas separated by significant neighborhood "edges", including major roadways and railways. Figure 2 shows a map of the seven (7) NPAs.

The Neighborhood Input Project consists of three phases:
Phase I - Conduct Neighborhood Engagement
Phase II - Update Plan by Neighborhood Chapter
Phase III - Neighborhood Review and Finalize Plan by Neighborhood Chapter

The City contracted with Hoisington Koegler Group Inc. (HKGi) to assist City Planning Staff with designing and facilitating the neighborhood input meetings as well as update the Plan by Neighborhood chapter.

This report describes and summarizes Phase I of the Neighborhood Input Project, including the neighborhood meetings' process, summaries of input at three levels – individual neighborhoods, each NPA, and city-wide, and key findings.



Figure 2 - Neighborhood Planning Areas

Input Process

Meeting Dates (2009)	Neighborhood Planning Area	Neighborhoods
March 12 th	#1 - Northeast	Blackstone, Cedarhurst, Eliot, Eliot View
March 19 th	#2 – Northwest	Pennsylvania Park, Willow Park, Westwood Hills, Cedar Manor, Westdale, Crestview, Shelard Park, Kilmer Pond
March 24 th	#3 – West Central	Cobblecrest, Texa Tonka, Minnehaha, Amhurst, Aquila, Oak Hill
April 16 th	#4 – Central	Bronx Park, Birchwood, Lenox, Sorensen
April 23 rd	#5 – East Central	Lake Forest, Fern Hill, Triangle
April 30 th	#6 – Southeast	Wolfe Park, Minikahda Oaks, Minikahda Vista, Browndale
May 5 th	#7 - Southwest	South Oak Hill, Meadowbrook, Brooklawns, Elmwood, Creekside, Brookside
May 7 th	Businesses	St. Louis Park Business Council

Figure 3 - Meeting Schedule

Neighborhood Planning Area	Number of Attendees
#1 – Northeast	11
#2 – Northwest	9
#3 – West Central	11
#4 – Central	25
#5 – East Central	21
#6 – Southeast	22
#7 - Southwest	15
#8 – St. Louis Park Business Council	16
Total	130

Figure 4 - Meeting Attendance

The Neighborhood Input Meeting process consisted of seven (7) neighborhood meetings – one for each of the NPAs - as well as a meeting with the St. Louis Park Business Council. The meetings occurred during March - May 2009. The schedule of meetings is shown in Figure 3. Meeting participants were asked to sign in and indicate on an aerial map the general location of where they live. The sign-in sheets show 130 people signed in for the neighborhood meetings with total attendance for all eight (8) meetings estimated at approximately 150 people, including people who did not sign in. Attendance for each meeting is summarized in Figure 4.

Based on the responses to the questionnaire, the length of neighborhood residency for meeting participants ranged dramatically from six months to 53 years with the average being 17 years.

The purpose of each NPA meeting was two-fold: to share information regarding the updated Comprehensive Plan's directions with neighborhood residents and to gain their input regarding neighborhood as well as city-wide issues. The agenda for each meeting started off with a presentation (Power Point slides) outlining the major directions and updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan, describing changes and developments that have occurred in the community since 2000 (when the Comprehensive Plan was last updated), and summarizing the content of the Plan by Neighborhood. Participants were invited to ask any questions during and after the presentation.

The second portion of each meeting was devoted to an interactive small group exercise designed to gain participants' input about their neighborhood's assets, issues, and desired improvements. Participants were seated in small groups, typically with no more than 6-8 people at a small table, with residents from their particular neighborhood. The actual number of people per table varied based on how many people were attending from each neighborhood. The interactive small group exercise used a Neighborhood

Features Game to ask participants questions about their neighborhood, both positive and negative aspects. The gameboard for this exercise, which is shown in Figure 4, consisted of a large aerial map of the group of neighborhoods in the NPA and a series of questions surrounding the map, similar to a Monopoly or Sorry gameboard. The questions were organized around four (4) general topics: living areas, shopping nodes, connections, and recreation/natural areas. Participants were instructed on how to play the game, which involved discussion of each of the questions, writing down people's responses to the questions, placing colored dots on the aerial map to identify participants' homes, neighborhood commercial centers, traffic issue areas, and neighborhood gathering places, and drawing on the map to clarify the specific location of issues/opportunities. The small groups were able to spend approximately one hour playing the

Neighborhood Features Game. The final step of the game asked each participant to rank their top five (5) priorities from the entire gameboard of comments to identify areas of consensus on the priorities among the small group.

In addition to the small group exercise, each participant was provided with a short two-page questionnaire to give them an alternative opportunity for providing more individualized input. Approximately 90 questionnaires were completed which represents approximately 80% of the meeting participants.

<p>Gathering Places</p> <p>Where are your favorite neighborhood gathering places? (Mark the locations with a green dot). Include parks, open space, and places to meet & socialize.</p>		<p>Walking</p> <p>What improvements are desired to make your neighborhood more attractive for walking? (Describe and draw the desired connections on the map.)</p>		<p>Shopping</p> <p>What improvements are desired to make your neighborhood more attractive for shopping? (Describe and draw the desired connections on the map.)</p>		<p>Connections</p> <p>Describe any traffic safety and congestion issues identified with red dots.</p>		<p>Connections</p> <p>Are there any traffic safety or congestion problems in your neighborhood? (Mark the issue with a red dot on the map.)</p>
		<p>Transit</p> <p>What improvements to transit services are desired in your neighborhood?</p>		<p>Shopping</p> <p>What improvements are desired to make your neighborhood more attractive for shopping? (Describe and draw the desired connections on the map.)</p>		<p>Walking</p> <p>What improvements are desired to make your neighborhood more attractive for walking? (Describe and draw the desired connections on the map.)</p>		
<p>Parks & Recreation</p> <p>What park & recreation or open space improvements are desired for your neighborhood?</p>		<p>Neighborhood Features Game Planning Area 1 St. Louis Park PLANNING AREA 1 Neighborhood(s)</p>				<p>Business Mix</p> <p>Are there improvements that would make your neighborhood commercial centers more convenient?</p>		<p>Commercial Centers</p> <p>Where are the centers for retail, services, and other activities for your neighborhood? (Mark the location with a blue dot.)</p>
<p>Environment</p> <p>How could the sustainability and environmental quality of your neighborhood be enhanced?</p>						<p>Business Mix</p> <p>Are there types of stores, services or amenities missing from your neighborhood commercial centers?</p>		
<p>Homes</p> <p>Where do you live? (Mark the location with a yellow dot.)</p>		<p>Character</p> <p>What are the important features of your neighborhood's character that should be preserved?</p>	<p>Land Use</p> <p>Are there any changes desired to the planned land uses for your neighborhood? If so, what are they?</p>	<p>Housing Needs</p> <p>Are there additional types or sizes of homes that you would like to see in your neighborhood? If so, what are they?</p>	<p>Conditions</p> <p>Are there any safety, housing conditions, or maintenance concerns in your neighborhood? If so, what are they?</p>			

Figure 4 - Neighborhood Features Game

Input Results Summary



The input received during the Neighborhood Input Meetings is summarized at three different levels:

- city-wide level
- seven (7) neighborhood planning areas
- 35 individual neighborhoods.

The two methods for gaining the neighborhood input – the Neighborhood Features Game and the Neighborhood Questionnaire – provided input based on small group discussions as well as individuals' concerns and ideas. The city-wide level input is based solely on the questionnaire responses, whereas, the NPA level and individual neighborhood level input incorporates both the small group comments (as documented on the gameboards) and the individual questionnaire responses.

City-wide Level Summary

The following input is a city-wide level summary of all responses to questions #4, #5, #6 and #7 of the Neighborhood Questionnaire. Refer to the Appendix for a fully ranked listing of the responses.

Types of Desired Neighborhood Improvements (Question #4)

Based on all of the submitted questionnaires, the most desired neighborhood improvements were expanding the network of sidewalks, improving street traffic calming measures, and increasing street lighting, which all relate to the design of neighborhood streets. The other most mentioned neighborhood improvements were reducing public nuisances (typically noise, light and property maintenance concerns), enhancing the natural environment, improving access to the Cedar Lake Trail, improving existing commercial areas, increasing the number of walkable neighborhood businesses, and improving housing is adequately maintained.

Types of Positive Neighborhood Attributes/Strengths (Question #5)

Neighborhood parks/playgrounds/open spaces was the most common response. By far, the most common category of positive neighborhood attributes/strengths identified related to the neighborhoods' close proximity to community amenities, including shopping/entertainment, trails/recreation, regional destinations ("central" location, downtown, uptown, etc.), natural areas (lakes, especially the Chain of Lakes in Minneapolis), and regional highways. Good neighbors (stable, friendly, diverse) ranked high also.

Other high-ranking responses were low traffic streets, variety of housing styles (older, high quality architecture), well-maintained houses/yards, plentiful mature trees, safe low-crime neighborhoods, and quiet neighborhoods.

Types of Desired PUBLIC Facility Improvements (Question #6)

By far, the most common response was expanding the network of sidewalks, followed by increasing street lighting, increasing trees/landscaping, and improving access to bike trails (particularly the Cedar Lake Trail).

Types of Desired PRIVATE Facility Improvements (Question #7)

By far, the most common response was increasing the number of walkable neighborhood businesses, followed by improving existing retail development areas, and adding grocery stores.

Neighborhood Planning Areas Summary

The summaries of each of the seven Neighborhood Planning Areas are provided on pages 8-21.

Individual Neighborhoods Level Summary

The summaries of each of the 35 individual neighborhoods are located in the Appendix.

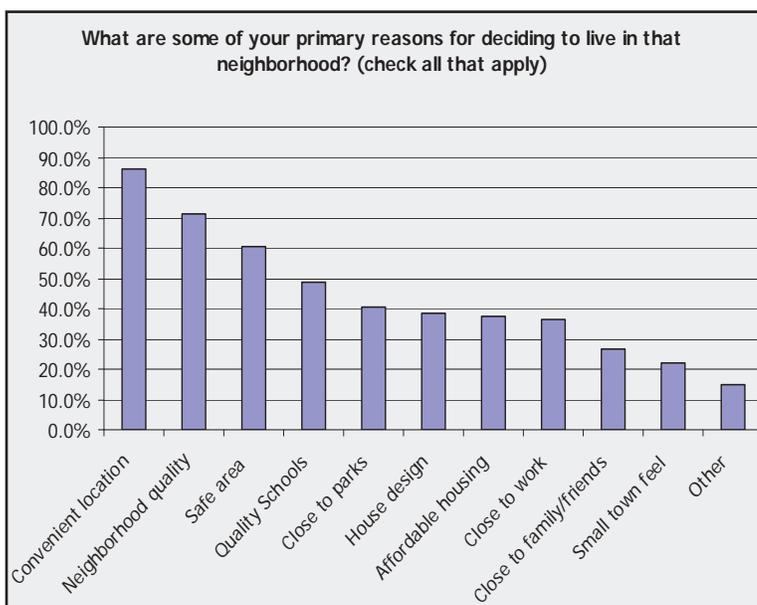


Figure 5 - Reasons for Living in Your Neighborhood
Source: Neighborhood Questionnaire, Question #3



LIVE

Preserve: Input primarily focused on preservation of the neighborhoods’ existing public amenities, such as schools, bike/walk trails, parks/open spaces, and trees.

Enhance: The most critical neighborhood improvement identified was decreasing public nuisances, which was primarily related to concerns about noise and light impacts from high traffic volume streets, the hockey rink, and the industrial park. Other desirable neighborhood improvements identified were increasing safety (parks, vehicle vandalism), adding more single-family homes, and improving stormwater drainage issues.

SHOP

Preserve: No input.

Enhance: Input was focused on enhancing the number and types of neighborhood businesses, such as increasing the number of locally-owned businesses and adding businesses oriented to community gathering (cafe, coffee shop, bookstore, etc.), and enhancing the design of neighborhood business areas, such as the Home Depot store and retail parking lots.

CONNECT

Preserve: No input.

Enhance: The most critical issues identified were improving the number of access points to the Cedar Lake Trail, improving traffic calming, and expanding the sidewalk network. People also mentioned increasing the bus services, improving winter maintenance of sidewalks, and improving pedestrian crossings.

PLAY

Preserve: No input.

Enhance: By far, the most critical issue identified was the desire for maintaining and increasing the amount of natural areas and trees in the neighborhoods, followed by relocating the school bus garage, improving access to the community center, maintaining school parks, and improving the water quality of lakes, creeks and ponds.

RANKED LISTINGS

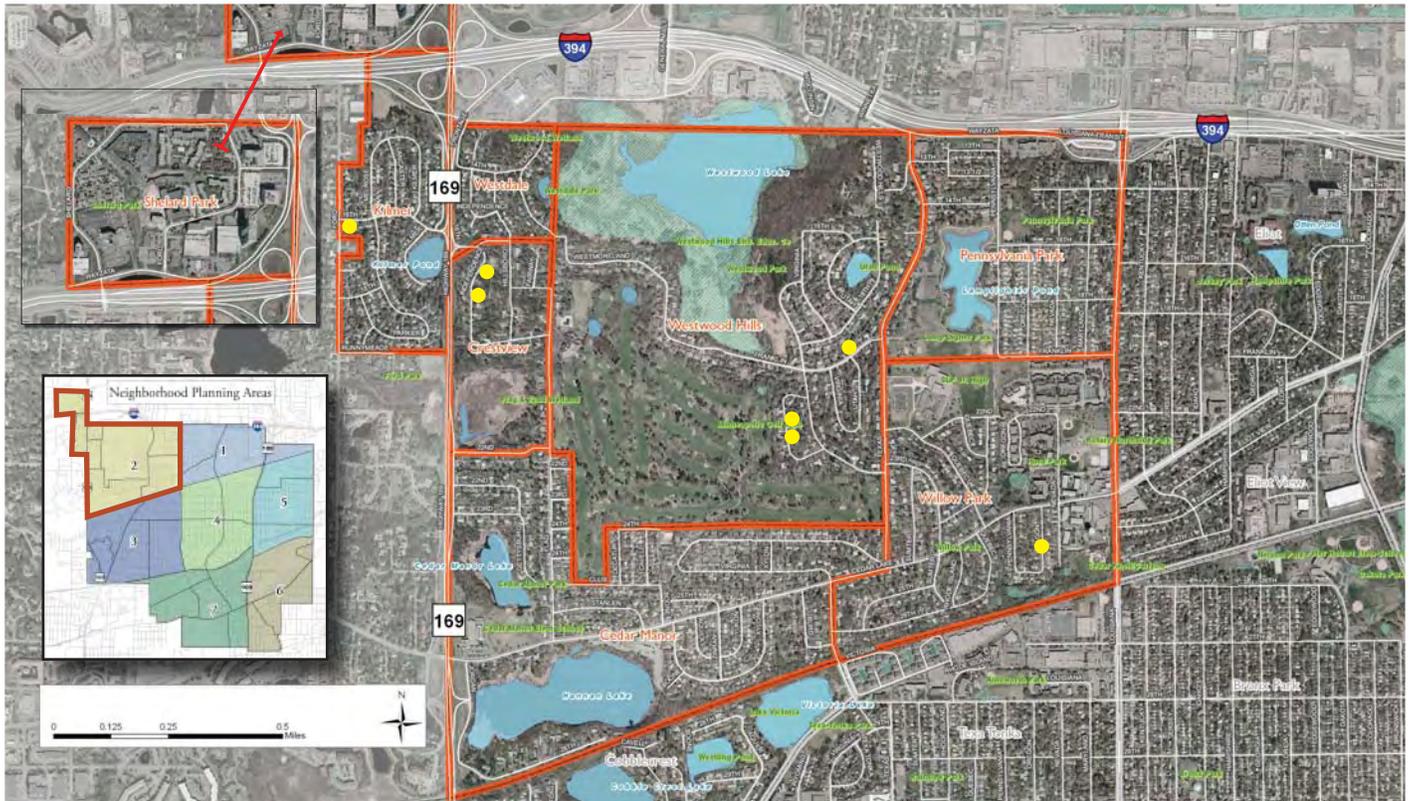
LIVE (Homes)	
Preserve	# Responses
Schools	10
Bike / walk trails	4
Trees	3
Parks / open space	3
Minimal through-traffic	2
Bike lanes	1
Quiet	1
Ballfields	1
Street lighting	1
Affordable housing stock	1
Diverse housing stock	1
Habitat / wetlands / natural areas	1
Enhance	# Responses
Decrease public nuisances (noise, light, air)	9
More single-family homes	3
Improve storm sewer problems	2
Improve after-dark park safety	2
Reduce vehicular crime	1
Limit the development of condos/rowhouses	1
Improve home/yard maintenance	1
Manage foreclosures	1

WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
Preserve	# Responses
None	0
Enhance	# Responses
More locally owned businesses	4
Enhance maintenance/design of Home Depot	3
Community gathering venues (coffee, café, etc.)	3
More green space in retail parking lots	1
Book store	1
Improved grocery store	1
Too many billboards	1

MOVE (Connections)	
Preserve	# Responses
None	0
Enhance	# Responses
Increase access/exit points to Cedar Lake	13
Improve traffic calming	10
Expand sidewalk network	8
Improve bus service - more routes	4
Improve winter maintenance of sidewalks	3
Improve pedestrian crossings	3
Increase bike lanes	1
Increase bus service - Express bus in evenings	1
Add bus shelter	1
Improve Cedar Lake Road congestion	1

PLAY (Gathering Places)	
Preserve	# Responses
None	0
Enhance	# Responses
More natural areas/trees	12
Relocate school bus depot	5
Improve access to Community Center	3
Maintain natural areas/trees	2
Maintain school parks	2
Improve water quality of ponds, lakes, creeks	2
Maintain ballfields	1
Maintain parks	1
Add community green space	1

Eight (8) neighborhoods – Pennsylvania Park, Willow Park, Cedar Manor, Westwood Hills, Westdale, Crestview, Kilmer Pond, Shelard Park



Input was received from four of the eight neighborhoods: Willow Park, Westwood Hills, Crestview, and Kilmer.

LIVE

Preserve: The existing character and high quality of the neighborhoods’ homes and large lots was viewed as the most important neighborhood asset to preserve, followed by open green space (including golf courses), and the neighborhoods’ convenient access to highways.

Enhance: The most critical neighborhood improvement identified was decreasing public nuisances, which was primarily related to concerns about maintenance and parking issues on specific residential properties. Improving/maintaining the sidewalks on Cedar Lake Road and adding community gardens were also mentioned.

SHOP

Preserve: No input.

Enhance: Improving access to neighborhood businesses was the top issue identified, including improving both driving and walking access. Input also identified desirable types of neighborhood businesses, such as locally-owned businesses,

convenience stores, restaurants, and a small medical clinic.

CONNECT

Preserve: The primary input was support for preserving the existing 16th Street access to Highway 169 for the Kilmer Pond neighborhood.

Enhance: The top desired neighborhood improvements identified were improving the north-south bike route where Texas/Virginia Avenues cross Cedar Lake Road, increasing bike trails to parks and the Cedar Lake Trail, and increasing traffic calming.

PLAY

Preserve: The only input was to preserve the dog park in the Willow Park neighborhood.

Enhance: The primary desired improvement identified was adding a park in the Crestview neighborhood.

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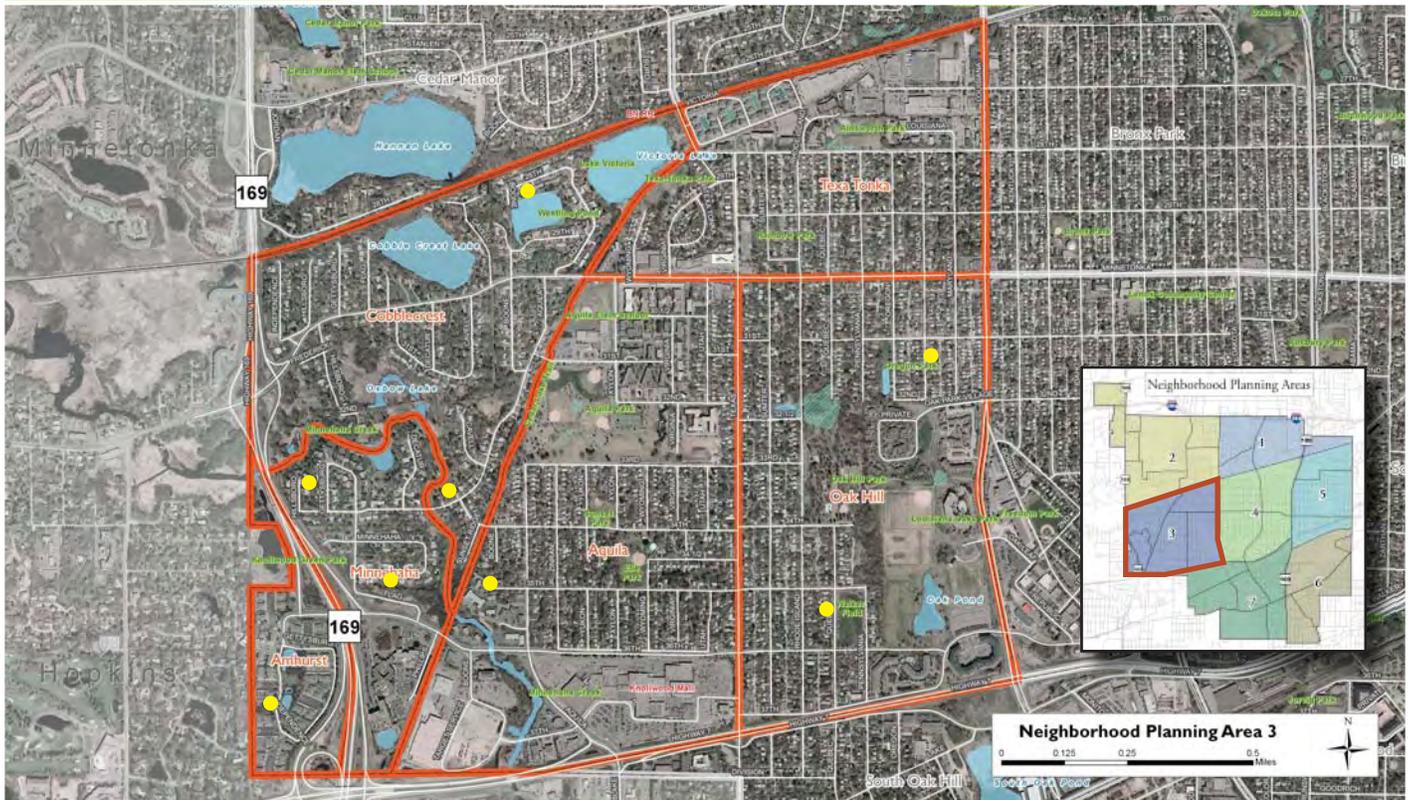
LIVE (Homes)	
Preserve	# Responses
Convenient highway access	3
Large lots	3
Quality and scale of housing stock	3
Parks / open space	2
Consistent housing stock	2
Golf courses	2
Green space	1
Orientation to kids and safety	1
Trees	1
Absence of sidewalks	1
Well-built homes	1
Quick emergency response time	1
Enhance	# Responses
Enforce zoning laws (garbage, cars parked illegally, etc.)	4
Allow no commercial development on I-394 frontage road	3
Require privacy fence	2
Improve/maintain sidewalks	2
Add community gardens	2
More single-family homes	1
Maintain street light fixtures	1
Improve/maintain streets	1
Improve home/yard maintenance	1
More water pressure	1

WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
Preserve	# Responses
None	0
Enhance	# Responses
More locally owned businesses	4
Improve vehicular access to retail	3
Enhance walkability to stores	2
Convenience store/restaurant	2
Small medical clinic	2
Preserve existing grocery store	1
Gas station	1
No Walgreens	1

MOVE (Connections)	
Preserve	# Responses
None	0
Enhance	# Responses
Increase bike lanes (specifically to parks)	9
Increase access/exit points to Cedar Lake Trail	4
Reduce driving blind spots	3
Reduce cut through traffic	3
Increase transit from downtown Minneapolis to St. Louis Park	2
Improve Highway 169 entrance/exit ramps	2
Maintain access to Highway 169	1
Keep parking off of Ford Road	1
Remove left turns during rush hour	1
Increase bus service - off peak times	1
Increase Louisiana Ave speed limit to 35	1
Improve safety of crossings (peds and bikes)	1
Enforce traffic violations	1
Add parking ramp at Louisiana Ave/I-394	1

PLAY (Gathering Places)	
Preserve	# Responses
Dog park	1
Enhance	# Responses
Desire a park (even a small one)	5
More trees	1
Provide bag-less leaf pick-up	1
Mitigate traffic noise from Highway 169	1

Six (6) neighborhoods – Texa Tonka, Oak Hill, Aquila, Cobblecrest, Minnehaha, Amhurst



LIVE

Preserve: The existing character and high quality of the neighborhoods’ homes and lots was viewed as the most important neighborhood asset to preserve, followed by parks and bike/walk trails, ponds/creeks, and the neighborhoods’ convenient location attributes.

Enhance: The most critical neighborhood improvement identified was decreasing public nuisances, which was primarily related to concerns about overhead power lines and too many cars parked on residential streets. Another issue was ensuring good maintenance of residential rental properties and buildings, as well as townhouse developments that are maintained by a homeowners’ association. Also concerns about ensuring good water quality in Westling Pond.

SHOP

Preserve: The primary neighborhood commercial assets identified for preservation were Knollwood, convenient access to good grocery stores, Texa Tonka restaurants, and local small businesses.

Enhance: Input focused on revitalization of the Texa

Tonka commercial node, adding businesses oriented to community gathering (cafe, coffee shop, bookstore, etc.), adding businesses that would have a creek view, and concerns with abandoned shopping carts in neighborhoods.

CONNECT

Preserve: The primary input was for preservation of the neighborhoods’ high quality transit services.

Enhance: A significant number of desired neighborhood improvements were identified, including the following:

- Expand the network of pedestrian routes, including sidewalks and trails
- Increase traffic calming measures
- Expand the network of bike routes
- Improve wayfinding/signage strategies
- Decrease traffic congestion
- Improve bus services
- Improve pedestrian crossings
- Increase lighting at bus stop
- Improve design of streets, sidewalks, and intersections

PLAY

Preserve: The primary input was for preservation of the neighborhoods' parks and active recreation opportunities.

Enhance: The most critical issues identified were planting more trees, improving the City's trash/recycling

practices, increasing public access to Minnehaha Creek, improving stormwater drainage issues, improving the water quality of lakes, creeks and ponds, adding community gardens, and increasing trail signage.

RANKED LISTINGS

LIVE (Homes)	
Preserve	# Responses
Style/character of housing stock	8
Water features (lakes, ponds, creeks)	5
Bike/walk trails	4
Parks	4
Convenient location/proximity	4
Police	2
Trees	1
School	1
Good mix of land uses	1
Diverse lot sizes	1
Lighting	1
Enhance	# Responses
Improve rental maintenance	4
Decrease public nuisances (noise, light, air)	4
Bury power lines	3
Enforce zoning laws (garbage, cars parked illegally, etc.)	3
Improve water quality of pond	2
Improve winter snow removal in the A.M.	2
Improve home/yard maintenance	2
More street trees	1
Limit the development of condos/rowhouses	1

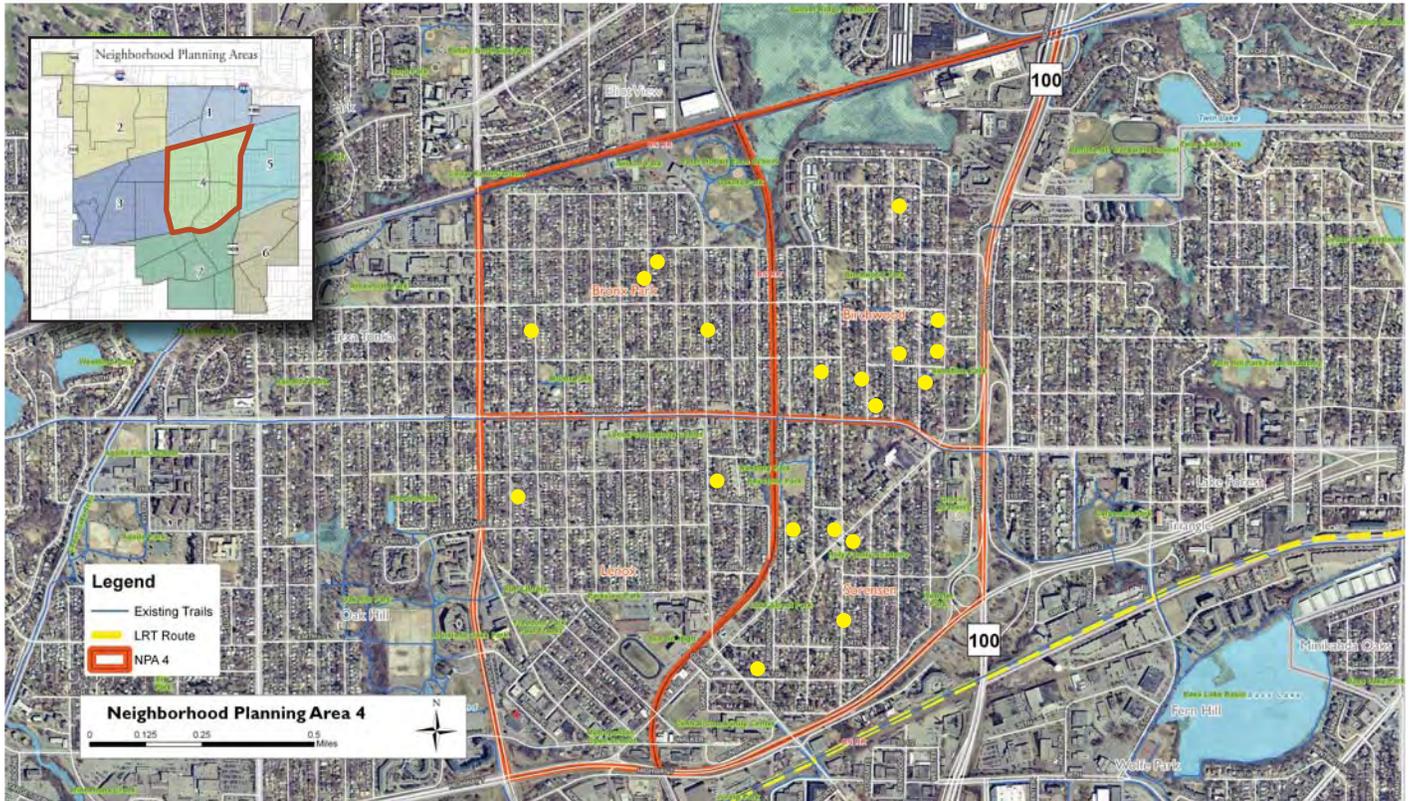
WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
Preserve	# Responses
Keep Knollwood Mall viable	1
Great access to groceries	1
Texa-Tonka Restaurants	1
Keep local/small businesses	1
Enhance	# Responses
Expand Texa-Tonka commercial area	9
Community gathering venues (coffee, café, bistro, book store etc)	7
Provide commercial/service areas that view Minnehaha Creek	3
Issue with abandoned shopping carts in neighborhood	3
Improve stormwater issues	2
Cedar Lake Trail access to commercial	1
Parking issues at Cub Store	1
Bakery	1
Sidewalks to commercial areas	1
Local bistro along Minnetonka Blvd	1

MOVE (Connections)	
Preserve	# Responses
Great transit service	4
Great biking	1
Enhance	# Responses
Expand pedestrian/sidewalk network	9
Improve traffic calming	9
Improved bike routes/connections	7
Improve wayfinding/signage	7
Improve traffic congestion	5
Increase/improve bus service	5
Improve pedestrian crossings	5
Reduce traffic speeds	4
More lighting at bus stops	2
Improve/maintain streets & sidewalks	2
Improve blind intersections/too many curb cuts	2
Improve traffic calming of bikes	1
Reduce signs on bike trail	1
More transit parking	1

PLAY (Gathering Places)	
Preserve	# Responses
Active recreation opportunities	3
Parks	2
Passive recreation opportunities	1
Enhance	# Responses
Plant more trees	7
Improve maintenance - trash/recycling	4
Increase public access to Minnehaha Creek	4
Improve stormwater management issues	3
Improve water quality of ponds, lakes, creeks	2
Add community garden	2
Increase signage	2
Provide for and improve bathrooms	1
Maintain natural areas/trees	1
Add shelter	1

Neighborhood Planning Area 4

Four (4) neighborhoods – Bronx Park, Lenox, Birchwood, Sorenson



LIVE

Preserve: The existing character and high quality of the neighborhoods’ homes and lots was viewed as the most important neighborhood asset to preserve, followed by parks/open spaces, the neighborhoods’ convenient location attributes, the neighborhoods’ mix of residents, schools, and trees.

Enhance: The most critical neighborhood improvement identified was decreasing public nuisances, which was primarily related to concerns about freight rail noise, impacts of group homes, and sufficient maintenance of residential properties. Other improvement elements include increasing street lighting, completing the sidewalk network, and providing city wi-fi services.

SHOP

Preserve: Only input was to preserve local small businesses.

Enhance: Input was focused on enhancing the types of neighborhood businesses, such as businesses oriented to community gathering (cafe, coffee shop, bookstore, etc.), restaurants, grocery stores, a health/

fitness center, local small businesses, and improving the appeal of neighborhood businesses’ storefronts.

CONNECT

Preserve: Input included preservation of neighborhoods’ high quality transit services, bike trail system, and traffic light timing.

Enhance: A significant number of desired neighborhood improvements were identified, including the following:

- Improve pedestrian crossings
- Expand the network of bike routes as well as connections to it
- Increase traffic calming measures (reduce traffic speeds and cut-through traffic)
- Maintenance of streets and sidewalks
- Expand network of pedestrian routes
- Decrease traffic congestion
- Increase bus services
- Increase street lighting

PLAY

Preserve: Only input was to preserve open green space.

Enhance: The most critical issues identified were improving the City's trash/recycling/composting practices, improving neighborhood park facilities (such as shelters, ice rinks, indoor facilities), expanding dog park facilities, and planting more trees.

RANKED LISTINGS

LIVE (Homes)	
Preserve	# Responses
Style/character/upkeep of housing stock	10
Parks/open space	9
Convenient location/proximity	6
Schools	3
Trees	3
Family-oriented/neighborhood cohesion	2
Lot/home size	2
Diverse neighborhood	2
Lack of sidewalks	1
Sidewalks	1
Affordable	1
Low traffic	1
Enhance	# Responses
Reduce freight rail traffic	8
More street lighting	8
Improve sidewalks	7
Citywide Wi-Fi	5
Neighborhood diversity (too many group homes)	5
Improve maintenance of homes	2
Build condos/mixed use	2
Enforce zoning laws/codes (garbage, cars parked illegally, etc.)	2
Allow commercial gathering space	2
Improve snow removal	1
More single-family homes	1
Increase park safety	1
Decrease speeding emergency vehicles	1
More trees	1
Limit the development of condos/rowhouses	1

WORKSHOP (Commercial Centers)	
Preserve	# Responses
Keep local/small businesses	2
Enhance	# Responses
Fill vacant retail	1
Community gathering venues (coffee, café, bistro, book store etc)	6
Improve storefront appeal	3
Health and fitness center	3
More restaurants	3
Support small businesses	2
Provide more parking	1
More flexibility on parking requirements	1
Video store	1
Small grocery store	1
Whole Foods	1

MOVE (Connections)	
Preserve	# Responses
Great transit service	1
Great biking	1
Traffic light timing	1
Enhance	# Responses
Improve pedestrian crossings	16
Improved bike routes/connections/access	10
Improve traffic calming	7
Reduce traffic speeds	5
Improve/maintain streets & sidewalks	4
Reduce cut through traffic	3
Expand pedestrian/sidewalk network	3
Improve traffic congestion	2
Increase/improve bus service	2
More lighting	2
Bring back transit circulator	2

PLAY (Gathering Places)	
Preserve	# Responses
Preserve open green space	5
Enhance	# Responses
Improve maintenance - trash/recycling/composting	5
Maintain/improve parks	5
More outdoor/indoor gathering places	5
Dog parks - more affordable/expand	3
Plant more trees	2
Add a place for ice skating	2
Tree maintenance	1
Improve water quality of ponds, lakes, creeks	1
Add community garden	1
Construct rain gardens	1

Three (3) neighborhoods – Lake Forest, Fern Hill, Triangle



LIVE

Preserve: The existing character and high quality of the neighborhoods’ homes and large lots was viewed as the most important neighborhood asset to preserve, followed by the neighborhoods’ natural environment (nature/wildlife, lakes, quiet), parks/open spaces, trails, and the neighborhoods’ convenient location attributes.

Enhance: The most critical neighborhood improvements identified were increasing lighting for both trails and streets, increasing neighborhood open green space, and broadening the choices of housing types within the neighborhood.

SHOP

Preserve: The only input was to preserve Al’s Bar and commercial businesses along Minnetonka Boulevard.

Enhance: Input was primarily focused on enhancing the types of neighborhood businesses and gathering places, such as businesses oriented to community gathering (cafe, coffee shop, bookstore, etc.), a community

center, mixed-use commercial, tailor, grocery store, ice cream shop, restaurants, and local small businesses.

CONNECT

Preserve: The only input was to preserve the neighborhoods’ great transit services.

Enhance: A significant number of desired neighborhood improvements were identified, including the following:

- Expand the network of pedestrian routes, including sidewalks and trails
- Expand the network of bike routes as well as connections to it
- Improve unsafe curves on streets
- Maintenance of streets and sidewalks
- Increase street lighting
- Improve pedestrian crossings
- Reduce on-street parking near ballfields
- Improve traffic calming
- Improve safety of highway on/off ramps
- Increase parking for transit

PLAY

Preserve: The only input was to preserve trees and the easy access to local lakes.

Enhance: Input focused on opportunities for improving stormwater drainage issues, adding more woodchip paths, adding a children's community garden, and adding facilities to parks (such as tables and kids' play areas).

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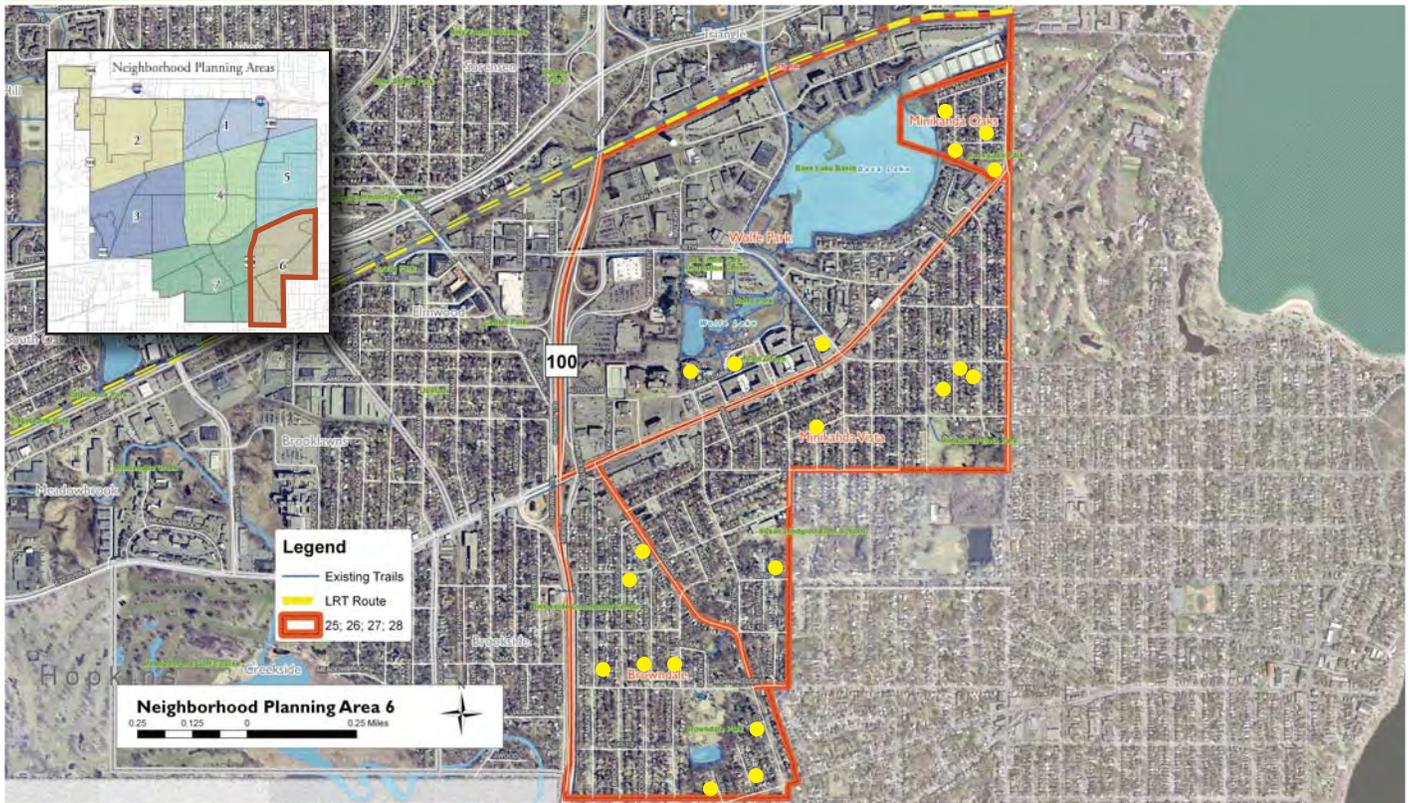
LIVE (Homes)	
Preserve	# Responses
Nature/wildlife	13
Large lots	9
Quiet	8
Water features (lakes, ponds, creeks)	7
Style/character of housing stock	7
Parks/open space	6
Bike/walk trails	5
Convenient location/proximity	3
Minimal traffic	2
Trees	1
Commercial	1
Safe	1
Enhance	# Responses
More lighting	18
More open space/parks	5
More diversity of homes - more multi-family	5
Do not develop any more city owned green space	4
Do not develop any more large homes	2
Improve inadequate storm sewers	1
Redevelop vacant/old commercial	1
Improve home/yard maintenance	1
More street trees	1
Decrease public nuisances (noise, light, air)	1

WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
Preserve	# Responses
Al's Bar	1
Minnnetonka Blvd commercial	1
Enhance	# Responses
Community gathering venues (coffee, café, bistro, book store etc)	5
Community Center	4
Mixed-use commercial	2
Improve traffic movement	2
Tailor	2
Budget-friendly grocery store	2
Support small businesses	3
More small shops	1
More restaurants	1
More amenities (benches, trash, fountains, etc.)	1
Ice cream shop	1
Sustainable grocery store	1

MOVE (Connections)	
Preserve	# Responses
Great transit service	2
Enhance	# Responses
Expand pedestrian/sidewalk network	18
Improved bike routes/connections/access	16
Improve unsafe curves	14
Improve/maintain streets & sidewalks	12
More lighting	8
Improve pedestrian crossings	4
Reduce/control on-street parking near ballfields	4
Improve traffic calming	3
Improve safety of on/off ramps	3
More transit parking	2

PLAY (Gathering Places)	
Preserve	# Responses
Easy lake access	1
Trees	1
Enhance	# Responses
Improve stormwater management issues	5
Create more woodchip paths	3
Add children's community garden	3
Provide more tables	3
Complete parks	3
Add a play area for children	2
Improved maintenance of community garden	1
Improved bike/kayak access to lake	1
Improved education/action about natives/invasive	1
Create a safe gathering place	1

Four (4) neighborhoods – Wolfe Park, Minikahda Oaks, Minikahda Vista, Browndale



LIVE

Preserve: Residents’ input encompassed a wide range of neighborhood assets, including parks/open spaces, the neighborhoods’ convenient location attributes, the neighborhoods’ mix of residents, bike/walk trails, character and high quality of the neighborhoods’ homes, streets without sidewalks, present and future transit access, safe environment, minimal traffic, and convenient access to commercial businesses.

Enhance: The most critical neighborhood improvement opportunities identified were creating more walkable commercial areas, evaluating the long-term viability of all of the existing retail in the neighborhood, providing City wi-fi, adding trees, maintaining public amenity areas, and redeveloping vacant/obsolete commercial buildings.

SHOP

Preserve: The only input was to preserve Al’s Bar.

Enhance: Input primarily focused on enhancing the types of neighborhood businesses and gathering places, such

as restaurants, pharmacy, auto parts store, a community center, and a library. Concerns were also expressed about improving the American Inn and filling vacant retail spaces.

CONNECT

Preserve: Only input was opposition to changing France Avenue to a through-street north of Excelsior Boulevard.

Enhance: A significant number of desired neighborhood improvements were identified, including the following:

- Expand the network of pedestrian routes, including sidewalks and trails
- Maintenance of streets and sidewalks
- Reduce parking congestion
- Improve transit services
- Expand the network of bike routes as well as connections to it
- Improve control of street intersections and traffic calming
- Improve pedestrian crossings
- Improve traffic flow

PLAY

Preserve: Only input was to preserve the natural environment of parks, open spaces, and trees.

Enhance: The most critical neighborhood improvement opportunities identified were improving water quality of lakes/creeks/ponds, improving neighborhood sustainability, enhancing park facilities (bathrooms, community garden, pet-friendly amenities, public running track, electricity in shelters), improving the City's trash/recycling/composting practices, and evaluating potential light pollution near lakes.

RANKED LISTINGS

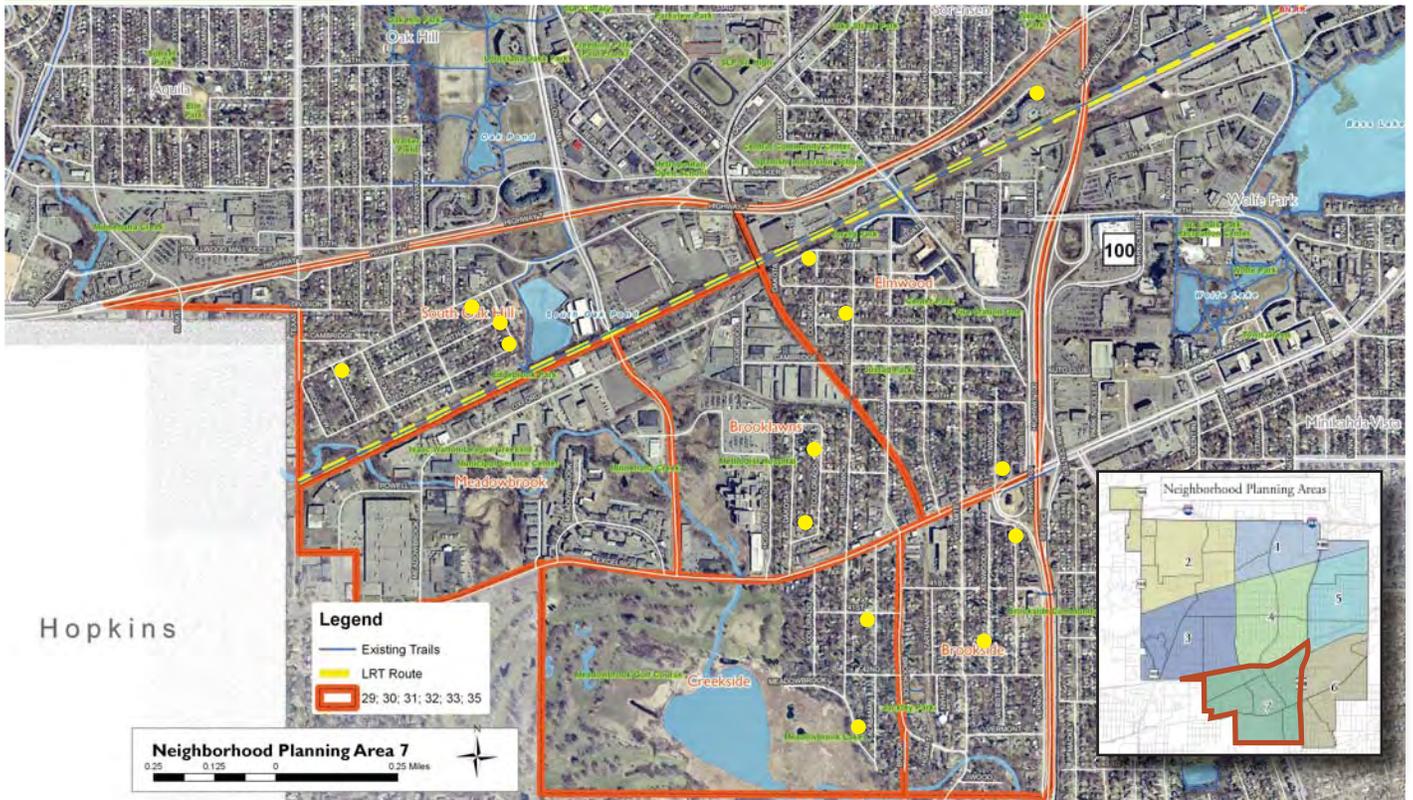
LIVE (Homes)	
Preserve	# Responses
Parks/Open Space	17
Convenient location/proximity	8
Family oriented/neighborhood cohesion	7
Bike/walk trails	7
Style/Character of Housing Stock	5
No sidewalks	4
Transit/Future LRT	3
Safe	2
Minimal traffic	2
Commercial	2
Large lots	1
Water features (Lakes, ponds, creeks)	1
Amphitheater	1
Enhance	# Responses
Create more walkable commercial/office areas	4
City wide Wi-Fi	4
Reevaluate the viability of retail in the area	3
More trees	2
Maintain public amenities	2
Redevelop vacant/old commercial	2
Too many parking lots	1
Make more dog friendly	1
Develop homes for elderly - one level townhomes	1
Develop more two story homes	1
Improve traffic management	1
Create transit friendly housing	1
Improve home/yard maintenance	1
Improve house maintenance	1
Improve stormwater management issues	1
Decrease public nuisances (noise, light, air)	1

WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
Preserve	# Responses
Al's	2
Enhance	# Responses
Improve the American Inn	6
More restaurants	5
Drug store/pharmacy	5
Community Center	3
Library	3
Fill vacant retail	2
Auto Parts store	2
More jobs	1
Provide more parking	1

MOVE (Connections)	
Preserve	# Responses
Do not make France a through-street	9
Enhance	# Responses
Expand pedestrian/sidewalk network	19
Improve/maintain streets & sidewalks	11
Improve parking congestion	10
Improve transit	9
Improved bike routes/connections/access	8
Intersection control	7
Improve pedestrian crossings	6
Improve traffic flow	4
Provide parking alternatives	2
Provide more bike/ped amenities	1
Improve traffic calming	1
Reduce cut through traffic	1

PLAY (Gathering Places)	
Preserve	# Responses
Parks/Open Space	2
Trees	2
Enhance	# Responses
Improve water quality of ponds, lakes,	11
Evaluate/Improve sustainability	6
Provide for/Improve bathrooms	6
Provide a community garden	6
Improve maintenance of buildings/park	3
Provide more pet-friendly amenities	3
Public running track	3
Evaluate light pollution near lakes	3
Improve maintenance - trash/recycling/composting	2
Improved education/action about natives/invasive	1
Provide more park facilities	1
Retire public access to pedestrian walkways	1
Provide electricity in shelters	1
Increase public access to Creek	1
Plant more trees	1
Improve/maintain athletic fields	1
Protect open space	1

Six (6) neighborhoods – Elmwood, Brookside, Creekside, Brooklawns, Meadowbrook, South Oak Hill



LIVE

Preserve: Input was focused on preservation of the neighborhood’s bike/walk trails, parks/open spaces, the neighborhoods’ convenient location attributes, minimal traffic on neighborhood streets, and character and high quality of the neighborhoods’ homes.

Enhance: The most critical neighborhood improvement identified was improving nuisances between different land uses, which was primarily related to industrial areas and freight rail lines adjacent to residential areas. Other concerns identified were improving stormwater drainage issues, adding more trees, redeveloping vacant/obsolete commercial buildings along Excelsior Boulevard, and potentially limiting the development of new townhouse/condo developments.

SHOP

Preserve: No input.

Enhance: The primary input was focused on enhancing the types of neighborhood businesses, such as businesses oriented to community gathering

(cafe, coffee shop, bookstore, etc.), pharmacy, dry cleaner, pet groomer, and local small businesses.

CONNECT

Preserve: The only input was to preserve the neighborhoods’ great bus services and general access.

Enhance: A significant number of desired neighborhood improvements were identified, including the following:

- Expand the network of pedestrian routes, including sidewalks and trails
- Expand the network of bike routes as well as connections to it
- Improve pedestrian crossings
- Increase traffic flow
- Reduce parking congestion
- Improve transit services
- Improve control of street intersections and traffic calming
- Maintenance of streets and sidewalks
- Improve left turns

PLAY

Preserve: The only input was to preserve the neighborhoods' parks, open spaces, and trees.

Enhance: Input was primarily focused on improvements to the neighborhoods' parks, such as adding more nature trails, adding park facilities, improving/maintaining athletic courts, adding a hockey rink, and improving

access to parks. Concerns were also expressed regarding the need for more parks (Brookside, Creekside, and Brooklawns), improving water quality of creek/lakes/ponds, and evaluating the neighborhoods' sustainability.

RANKED LISTINGS

LIVE (Homes)	
Preserve	# Responses
Bike/walk trails	13
Convenient location/proximity	10
Parks/open space	7
Minimal traffic	7
Style/character of housing stock	5
Fire stations	1
Family-oriented/neighborhood cohesion	1
Schools	1
Quiet	1
Safe	1
Enhance	# Responses
Replace light industrial with residential	10
Remove/relocate train track switching	7
Improve stormwater management issues	4
More trees	3
Improve building/road aesthetics	3
Limit the development of condos/rowhouses	3
Redevelop vacant/old commercial	3
Complete Wooddale/Hwy 7 bridge	2
Decrease public nuisances (noise, light, air)	2
Improve house maintenance	1
More high density residential on Excelsior Blvd	1
More lighting	1
Redevelop rental apartments	1
Mitigate crime issues from Hopkins	1

WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
Preserve	# Responses
None	0
Enhance	# Responses
Community gathering venues (coffee, café, bistro, book store etc)	6
Improve Knollwood Mall	1
Drug store/pharmacy	1
Dry cleaners	1
Pet groomer	1
Improve retail streetscapes	1
More small shops	1
Provide less parking at office buildings	1

MOVE (Connections)	
Preserve	# Responses
Great bus service	1
Access to neighborhood	1
Enhance	# Responses
Expand pedestrian/sidewalk network	8
Improved bike routes/connections/access	8
Improve pedestrian crossings	8
Improve traffic flow	8
Improve parking congestion	5
Improve transit	4
Intersection control	3
Reduce cut through traffic	2
Improve traffic calming	1
Improve/maintain streets & sidewalks	1
Improve left turns	1

PLAY (Gathering Places)	
Preserve	# Responses
Parks/open space	5
Trees	3
Enhance	# Responses
Provide nature trails	7
Provide more park facilities	4
Improve/maintain athletic courts	4
Add new park	3
Add hockey rink	3
Improve water quality of ponds, lakes, creeks	2
Evaluate/improve sustainability	2
Improve public access to parks	2
Improve maintenance of buildings/park facilities	1
Rain gardens	1
Improve/maintain athletic fields	1

Conclusion

By offering the multiple neighborhood-focused meetings, the City was successful in attracting more public input (approximately 150 people) regarding the updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan and the Plan by Neighborhood chapter than if it had simply held a single community-wide event. During these neighborhood meetings, it was evident that participants generally identified with and greatly valued their neighborhood. Participants were interested to hear about the updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan and anxious to share their input regarding their particular neighborhood's assets, issues, and opportunities.

Analysis and evaluation of the neighborhood input at the three levels – 35 individual neighborhoods, seven (7) NPAs, and city-wide – resulted in some key findings. Based on the neighborhood input that was received, this report recommends the following neighborhood elements as the most critical to be addressed in the updated Comprehensive Plan:

- Increasing neighborhood walkability by expanding both the network of sidewalks and trails
- Improving the safety and convenience of pedestrian crossings of busy streets
- Improving street traffic calming measures to create safer and more livable neighborhood streets
- Reducing nuisances, particularly noise and light impacts from streets, rail lines, industrial areas, and large commercial areas
- Enhancing public natural areas, open spaces, and the urban forest
- Enhancing and maintaining the City's public facilities, such as streets, sidewalks, community centers, parks, fire stations, etc.

- Expanding the network of bike routes
- Promoting opportunities to expand and improve walkable neighborhood commercial nodes
- Supporting residents' desires for neighborhood commercial nodes to include local small businesses
- Improving the compatibility between industrial areas adjacent to residential areas
- Mitigating the nuisances created by freight rail lines adjacent to residential areas
- Improving access from the neighborhoods to the Cedar Lake Trail, particularly neighborhoods north of the trail

The findings of the neighborhood input process provide very beneficial information for updating the Plan by Neighborhood chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, which was one of the primary purposes of conducting these meetings. In general, the neighborhood input findings align with the updated city-wide directions, goals and policies for the City's Comprehensive Plan. However, interpretation of the neighborhood input should account for the lack of participation of some neighborhoods. As the City moves forward with updating the Plan by Neighborhood chapter, the neighborhood input findings will be supplemented by an urban design analysis of each neighborhood's unique location, design, issues and opportunities.

Appendix:

- » *Neighborhood Questionnaire Form*
- » *Neighborhood Questionnaire Results (Questions 4-7)*
- » *Neighborhood Features Game Results*



Experience LIFE in the Park

Neighborhood Questionnaire
St. Louis Park Plan by Neighborhood

The City of St. Louis Park is updating the Comprehensive Plan, a planning and policy guide for the City. An important component of the Comprehensive Plan is the Plan by Neighborhood chapter. The City is interested in your ideas and suggestions about your neighborhood's issues, opportunities and priorities. Your input will help shape the Plan by Neighborhood. Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire about your neighborhood. Before you leave, please place your completed questionnaire in the box on the sign-in table. Thank you for your interest in St. Louis Park and in your neighborhood.

1. What neighborhood do you live in? _____

See the neighborhood map by the sign-in table if you are unsure of the neighborhood name.

2. How long have you lived in your current neighborhood? ____ years

3. What are some of your primary reasons for deciding to live in that neighborhood? Check all that apply

- Convenient location
- Neighborhood quality
- Quality schools
- House design
- Close to work
- Close to family/friends
- Affordable housing
- Safe area
- Close to parks
- Small town feel
- Other (please list below)

4. Please rate the livability of your neighborhood:

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

If you checked Good, Fair, or Poor, what are the things that you feel need to be improved in your neighborhood (please use specific examples such as sidewalk connections, pedestrian safety, street lighting, property maintenance, flooding, traffic, crime, parks, etc.)?

5. Please indicate below the qualities and characteristics that you perceive to be the positive attributes or strengths of the neighborhood (please use specific examples such as architectural characteristics, home affordability, minimal traffic, proximity to shopping, parks, etc.):

Neighborhood Questionnaire (page 2 of 2):

6. Is there a need for improved or additional public facilities in your neighborhood such as street lighting, street pavement, street trees, sidewalks, stormwater management, parks, trails, better water pressure, or sanitary sewer improvements, etc? If so, please describe which facilities are needed and why you feel they are necessary or important for the neighborhood:

7. Is there a need for improved or additional private facilities or businesses in your neighborhood? If so, what should they be?

8. Are there other things that you would like us to know about your neighborhood?

Please place your completed questionnaire in the box on the sign-in table.

Thank you for your interest in St. Louis Park and in your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Questionnaire Results (Questions 4-7):

Question #4 Summary	
If you checked Good, Fair, or Poor, what are the things that you feel need to be improved in your neighborhood (please use specific examples such as sidewalk connections, pedestrian safety, street lighting, property maintenance, flooding, traffic, crime, parks, etc.)?	
Type of Neighborhood Improvement	Number of comments
Expand sidewalks	21
Improve traffic-calming	16
Decrease public nuisances (noise, light, air)	10
Enhance natural environment	7
Increase street lighting	7
Improve access to Cedar Lake Trail	6
Improve existing commercial development areas	6
Increase number of walkable neighborhood businesses	5
Improve maintenance of housing	5
Improve pedestrian safety/infrastructure	4
Reduce Benilde - St. Margaret's negative impacts (noise, traffic, parking)	4
Improve park facilities/maintenance	3
Expand bike routes	3
Improve transit services	3
Maintain quality of rental housing	3
Add parks	2
Improve maintenance of public properties	2
Improve stormwater problems	2
Improve traffic flow and access	2
Improve/maintain streets	2
Improve pond maintenance	2
Reduce crime	2
Reduce group homes' negative impacts	2
Reduce cut-through traffic	2
Improve safety of street crossings	2
Increase presence of police patrols	2
Ensure adequate off-street parking is available	2
Improve winter maintenance of sidewalks	1
Add bike lane along Cedar Lake Road	1
Improve Jr. High School playground	1
Improve street sweeping timing	1
Reduce property taxes	1
Limit the development of new condos	1

Question #5 Summary	
Please indicate below the qualities and characteristics that you perceive to be the positive attributes or strengths of the neighborhood (please use specific examples such as architectural characteristics, home affordability, minimal traffic, proximity to shopping, parks, etc.):	
Type of Positive Neighborhood Attribute/Strength	Number of comments
Neighborhood parks, playgrounds, and open spaces	29
Proximity to shopping, entertainment	25
Good neighbors - stable, friendly, diversity, etc.	24
Low traffic streets	22
Proximity to trails, recreation	21
Proximity to regional destinations - "central", downtown, uptown, etc.	20
Proximity to natural areas - chain of lakes, other lakes, marsh	17
Variety of older, high-quality, housing styles	16
Plentiful mature trees	15
Proximity to regional highways	14
Safe, low-crime neighborhood	11
Quiet neighborhood	10
Well-maintained houses and yards	10
Big lots	9
Proximity to public transit	7
Affordability of homes	7
Walkable neighborhood	7
Neighborhood organization, activities, communication	7
Good public services	6
Good schools	5
Sidewalks	4
Small town, city feel	4
Walking paths	3
Proximity to medical services	3
Good city planning	2
Proximity to jobs	2
Community spirit	2
Mix of housing types - single family/multi-family	1
Good street lighting	1
Proximity to library	1

Question #6 Summary	
Is there a need for improved or additional PUBLIC facilities in your neighborhood such as street lighting, street pavement, street trees, sidewalks, stormwater management, parks, trails, better water pressure, or sanitary sewer improvements, etc? If so, please describe which PUBLIC facilities are needed and why you feel they are necessary or important for the neighborhood:	
Type of Suggested PUBLIC Facility Improvement	Number of comments
Expand sidewalks	18
Increase street lighting	10
Increase trees/landscaping	8
Improve access to bike trails (usually Cedar Lake Trail)	7
Improve park facilities/maintenance	5
Improve/maintain streets (and bridges)	5
Improve stormwater problems	4
Expand trails (bike, nature)	4
Improve traffic-calming	4
Add parks	2
Improve safety of street crossings	2
Increase trail lighting	2
Protect creek	1
Improve winter maintenance of sidewalks	1
Decrease public nuisances (noise, light, air)	1
Increase water pressure	1
Add public gathering facilities	1
Increase access to creek	1

Question #7 Summary	
Is there a need for improved or additional PRIVATE facilities or businesses in your neighborhood? If so, what should they be?	
Type of Suggested PRIVATE Facility/Business Improvement	Number of comments
Increase number of walkable neighborhood businesses	22
Improve existing retail development areas	8
Add grocery store	6
Reduce negative impacts of industrial uses	4
Add public gathering facilities	4
Improve maintenance of housing	1
Improve existing office development area	1
Reduce billboards	1

Neighborhood Features Game Results:

1 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 1	LIVE (Homes)	
ELIOT	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 5 households 5 questionnaire	Eliot School (at least the property) to maintain neighborhood feel	10
	Jersey Park	3
	Walking paths to parks	2
	Home affordability	1
	Hampshire Park	1
	Good street lighting	1
	Ballfields at fire station in Willow neighborhood	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Like to see more single-family homes	3
	Jersey Park after dark is a safety concern	2
	Gun shop is a safety concern	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	Too many billboards	1
	Desire for a book store	1
MOVE (Connections)		
Enhance	# Responses	
More access to Cedar Lake Trail	6	
Prefer that Louisiana Ave north at Cedar Lake Road not be a right turn only	5	
Desire sidewalks on both sides of busy streets (Louisiana Ave and Cedar Lake Road)	4	
Maintain bus stops	2	
Bus shelter at Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Ave desired	1	
Cedar Lake Road - railroad to Louisiana Ave	1	
Cedar Lake Road is over-congested	1	
Shovel sidewalks	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Enhance	# Responses	
School bus garage in the Edgewood Industrial Park is noisy and smelly - relocate it	5	
Clean up and replant woods by Jersey Park	2	
Take care of Eliot School Park	2	
"The Woods" between Hampshire Park and Jersey Park	2	
Plant trees	2	
Maintain Rotary Park ballfields	1	
Update park (pond) by Double Tree Hotel	1	
Clean up Otter Pond	1	
Need WiFi poles out	1	
Leaf composting near tracks smells	1	
Relocate city landfill next to the tracks on Colorado Ave	1	

1 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 1	LIVE (Homes)	
BLACKSTONE	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 1 household 1 questionnaire	Bike lanes on Cedar Lake Road	1
	Trees	1
	Bike trails	1
	Wetland area and the habitat it provides for	1
	Enhance	Rank
	Problem with mold in Sunset Ridge condos	1
WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)		
	Enhance	# Responses
	Home Depot area is poorly designed and maintained	3
	More green space in parking areas needed	3
	More small locally owned businesses	2
MOVE (Connections)		
	Enhance	# Responses
	Need more exit points on Cedar Lake Trail	2
	Unsafe pedestrian crossing at Ridge Drive and Cedar Lake Road	1
	Cedar Lake Trail access points need to be better maintained	1
	Need greater network of bike lanes and sidewalks	1
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
	Enhance	# Responses
	Need more natural areas (less lawn)	6
	Desire fewer trains	2
	Too much lighting at night (light pollution specifically at the Home Depot and Old Westside sites)	2
	Common green space needed at Sunset Ridge Community	1



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 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 1	LIVE (Homes)	
CEDARHURST	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 1 household 1 questionnaire	Access to trails	1
	Trees	1
	Quiet	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Problem with break-ins to cars at Cedar Trails condos	1
WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)		
	None	
MOVE (Connections)		
	Enhance	# Responses
	Metro Transit schedule is poor - express bus non-existent in evenings	3
	Sidewalks poor on Cedar Lake Road, just east of Highway 100	2
	Preserve	# Responses
	Biking access is excellent	2
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
	Enhance	# Responses
	Maintain urban forest in areas - expect that more trees will need to be planted	2



1 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 1	LIVE (Homes)	
ELIOT VIEW	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 4 households 4 questionairre	Minimal through traffic	2
	Diverse housing stock	1
	Trees	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Noise enforcement: on Louisiana Avenue and Cedar Lake Road, hockey rinks, Florida Ave Industrial Park	6
	Size of drains to sewer are old and outdated	2
	No more condos or rowhouses (without additional parking) needed	1
	Concern about foreclosures in Eliot View	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	More community gathering places	3
	More locally owned businesses	2
Better grocery store	1	
MOVE (Connections)		
Enhance	# Responses	
The speed and vehicular noise on Louisiana Avenue and Cedar Lake Road are issues	6	
Improve trail access (specifically under Highway 100 and Cedar Lake Road)	4	
Need better design for transit to help reduce vehicle miles traveled	4	
Pedestrian crossings are not observed by vehicles	2	
Walking and bike traffic needs access to trail near Edgewood (needs bridge to Cedar Lake Trail)	2	
Difficult to get out and head south on Louisiana Ave	2	
West 23rd St and Louisiana Ave intersection is unsafe	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Difficult to cross Cedar Lake Road to get to playground at Community Center	3	
Bus lot is too bright	1	



2 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 2	LIVE (Homes)	
CRESTVIEW	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 3 households 2 questionairre	Large lots	3
	Proximity/access to Highway 169 and I-394	3
	Golf course nearby	1
	Well-built homes	1
	Quick emergency response time	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Too many cars parked at end of cul-de-sac on Fairway Lane	3
	Maintenance and upkeep of street light fixtures	2
	Potholes on 16th St near Highway 169	1
	Desire more water pressure	1
WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Desire a convenience store/restaurant by north side of Hannan Lake (on Flag Ave and Cedar Lake Road, in Cedar Manor Neighborhood)	2	
Need gas station at Louisiana Ave & Cedar Lake Road	1	
Don't need Walgreens	1	
MOVE (Connections)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Too much traffic cutting through neighborhood from golf course to Highway 169	3	
Blind spot as you turn left from 16th St onto Hillsboro Ave north	3	
Too short of deceleration lane going north on Highway 169 (16th St)	2	
Remove stop sign on Flag Ave toward Cedar Lake Road	2	
Closer access to Cedar Lake Trail is desired	2	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Desire a park (even a small one)	5	
Mitigate traffic noise from Highway 169	1	



2 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 2	LIVE (Homes)	
KILMER POND	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 1 household no questionnaire	Keep single-family houses	1
	Keep homes in scale	1
	Stay oriented to kids and safety	1
	Absence of sidewalks preferred	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Prefer no commercial development on the I-394 frontage road	1
WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)		
	None	
MOVE (Connections)		
	Preserve	# Responses
	Keep 16th St access to Highway 169	3
	Keep parking off of Ford Road	2
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
	None	



2 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 2	LIVE (Homes)	
WESTWOOD HILLS	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 3 households 2 questionnaire	Quality and scale of housing	2
	Parks	1
	Golf courses	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Cedar Lake Road (north side) sidewalk maintenance	2
	Enforce zoning laws (garbage, cars, etc)	1
	Unfinished house at 14th St and Texas Ave	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	More locally owned businesses (at Texas Ave and I-394): grocery, coffee, and restaurant	4
	Difficult to access Cedar Lake Road/Louisiana Ave business district because entrances are too close to stoplight	3
	Inappropriate development on south frontage road of I-394 and Louisiana Ave to Minnetonka Boulevard	2
	No need for two drug stores at Louisiana Ave and Cedar Lake Road	1
	MOVE (Connections)	
	Enhance	# Responses
Mark bike lanes on road: Texas Ave & Cedar Lake Road	4	
Better biking at Cedar Lake Road / Texas Ave / Virginia Ave	3	
Enforce law with people who run stoplights	1	
Left turns during rush hour cause congestion	1	
Desire off-peak bus service direct to Louisiana Ave & Texas Ave	1	
Desire a parking ramp at Louisiana Ave	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Provide bag-less leaf pick-up	1	



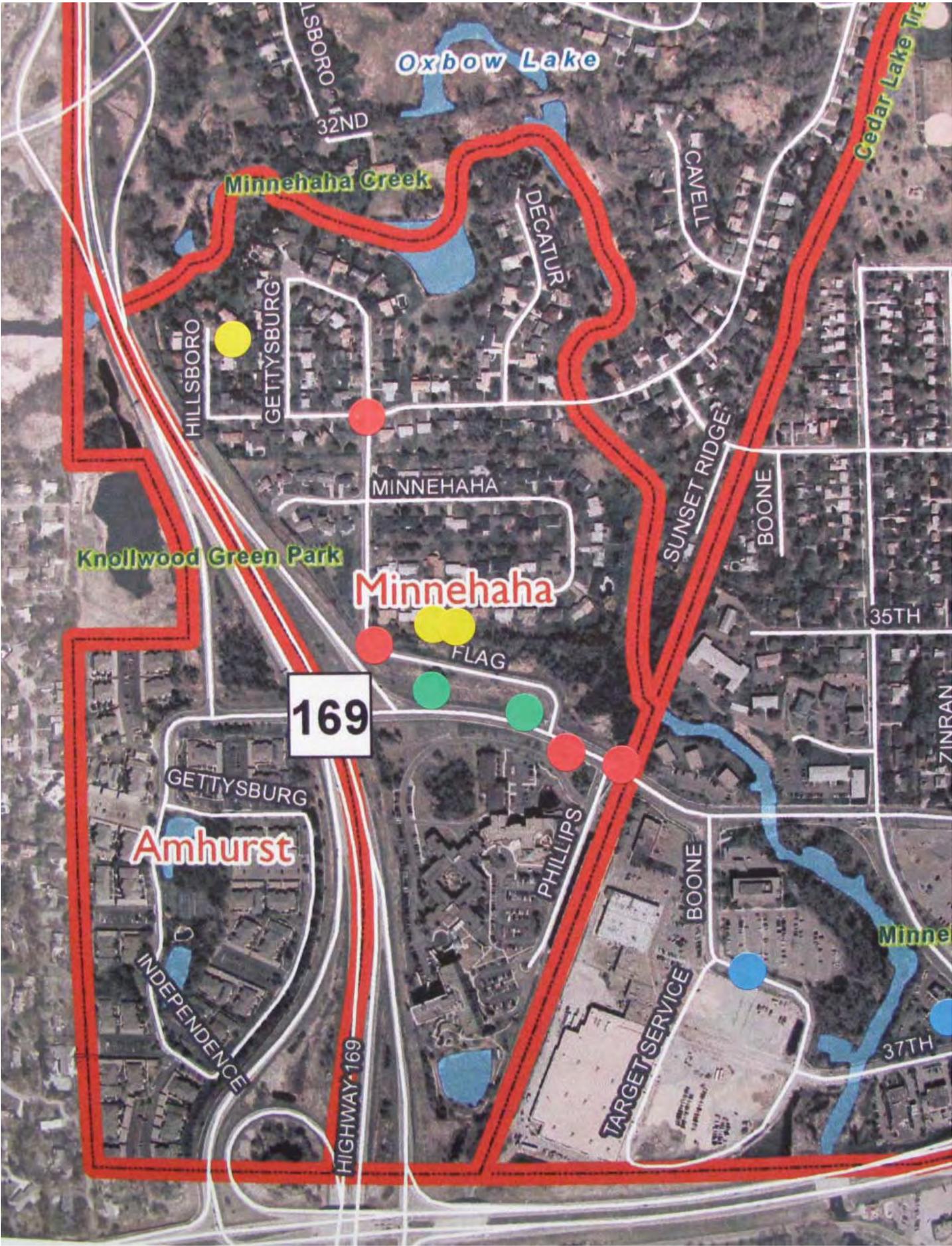
2 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 2	LIVE (Homes)	
WILLOW PARK	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 1 household no questionnaire	Green space	1
	Parks	1
	Residential tree planting	1
	Consistency in neighborhood housing	1
	No large homes (McMansions)	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Desire community gardens	2
WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)		
	Preserve	# Responses
	Preserve the existing grocery store	1
	Walgreens	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Desire a small medical clinic	2
	Enhance pedestrian traffic to grocery store and Walgreens	2
MOVE (Connections)		
	Enhance	# Responses
	Efficient transit needed from downtown to Saint Louis Park (fast transit exists in reverse)	2
	Desire designated bike trails that connect to parks and the Cedar Lake Trail	2
	Difficult to make a right turn on red light after traffic merges going south on Louisiana Ave	1
	Louisiana Ave speed limit should be 35 rather than 30	1
	Safer crossings of roads for bikers	1
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
	Preserve	# Responses
	Dog park	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	More trees	1



3 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 3	LIVE (Homes)	
MINNEHAHA	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 3 households 3 questionnaire	Cedar Lake Trail	3
	Good housing stock	2
	Convenient highway access	1
	Minnehaha Creek	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Snow plowing needs to be improved in the A.M.	2
	Sidewalks needed along 34th street/Aquila to Aquila Park	2
	Houses numbered incorrectly on Aquila Ave south of 30 1/2 St	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Preserve	# Responses
	Convenient shopping	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Texa-Tonka and Knollwood have empty stores that need renewal	3
	Provide commercial areas that have a view of the creek	3
	Road between Bremer Bank and Target/Knollwood Village floods when it rains	2
	Abandoned shopping carts strewn through commercial district	1
	MOVE (Connections)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	Reduce traffic speeds - streets are unnecessarily wide (narrow Minnehaha Circle and Flag Ave)	4
Improved pedestrian access to Hopkins east of Amhurst to Oak Ridge Road	3	
Improve/clarify use (bikers, walkers, and cars) at the intersection of 36th Street and Cedar Lake Road	2	
Reduce highway noise	2	
Desire better connection from trail to businesses in Hopkins (through apartments at Highway 7 and bike trail)	2	
More frequent bus service to downtown	2	
Calm traffic along Flag Ave	1	
Improve blind intersections	1	
Provide a neighborhood gateway sign	1	
Clarify signage for cars turning onto Flag Ave looking for the north Highway	1	
Reduce signs on Bike Trail	1	
Better north/south trail access (for bikers) to Minnetonka Boulevard	1	
Better bike access to transit station	1	
Faster bus service to Blake Road bus station	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Desire trail and public access points along Minnehaha Creek	4	
Plant more trees on hill on Flag Ave between 36th St and Minnehaha Circle	3	
Improved trash pick-up (specifically on 36th St and Flag Ave)	2	
Plant more boulevard trees	2	
Shelter with picnic table in Knollwood Green Park	1	
Put trash cans on sidewalks near 36th St (not just on the trail)	1	



3 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 3	LIVE (Homes)	
OAK HILL	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 2 households 2 questionnaire	Proximity to everything	3
	Parks	3
	Lighting	1
	Character of homes	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Market city home improvement resources to home owners	2
	Do not add any new condos/apartments	1
	Add street trees	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	Add coffee, food, etc. in the north half of neighborhood	2
	Expand Texa-Tonka commercial area	1
	MOVE (Connections)	
	Preserve	# Responses
	Transit is good	1
Biking is good	1	
Enhance	# Responses	
Allow left turns from Louisiana Ave - remove center median	2	
Traffic congestion at Texas Ave and Walker St on southeast corner of intersection (retail)	2	
Make crosswalks on Minnetonka Boulevard safe for bus riders	2	
Pedestrians - difficult crossing Minnetonka Boulevard (traffic does not stop)	1	
Need signage for school (because of hill eastbound you can't see the school crossing)	1	
Improve safety of alternating stop signs that lead to accidents on the hills	1	
More sidewalks (specifically Nevada Ave)	1	
Shovel sidewalks (help out your neighbor)	1	
LRT!	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Rain overflow in Oregon Park (utilize rain garden)	2	
Add trees to Louisiana Oaks Park	2	
Community Garden in Louisiana Oaks Park	2	
	1	



3 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 3	LIVE (Homes)	
COBBLECREST	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 2 households 3 questionnaire	Water features - Westling Pond	3
	Lifecycle housing	2
	Lot size variation	2
	Access to Minnehaha Creek	1
	Housing character	1
	Good mix of land uses	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Bury more power lines	2
	Water quality of pond	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Preserve	# Responses
	Keep local businesses	1
Great access to groceries	1	
Enhance	# Responses	
Continue to fill-in (redevelop) the Texa-Tonka area	5	
Commercial gathering place: bistro/deli, coffee shop, bookstore, breakfast café	5	
Desire a bakery	1	
Too many dry cleaners	1	
Use Cedar Lake Trail to get to commercial	1	
Local bistro along Minnetonka Boulevard	1	
MOVE (Connections)		
Preserve	# Responses	
Great transit service on #17 bus route	2	
Enhance	# Responses	
Vehicular-bike issue at trail crossings (bikers are not stopping)	2	
Provide sidewalks on one side of street (at least)	2	
Sidewalk/trail on street versus along Minnehaha Creek through residential area of Minnehaha Creek	2	
More lighting at bus stops	2	
Turn movements at Texa-Tonka are an issue - the offset curb cuts are confusing	1	
Increase pedestrian signage for trail access	1	
Sign the new Minnetonka Boulevard trail	1	
Pedestrian safety - bikers travel too fast on trail	1	
Bike safety - fill potholes and cracks on streets that provide primary access to trail	1	
Provide bike lanes on Minnetonka Boulevard and Texas Ave	1	
Bike safety - Speeds too high on Minnetonka Boulevard	1	
Reduce on-street parking on bike routes	1	
More transit parking at Louisiana Ave & I-394	1	
Express bus service on #17 bus route or Minnetonka Boulevard	1	
Reduce on-street parking on bike routes	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Preserve	# Responses	
Texa-Tonka Park	1	
Aquila Park	1	
Enhance	# Responses	
Water quality of ponds, creek, lakes	2	
Improve bathrooms at Aquila Park (safer)	1	
Plant new trees, preserve existing	1	
Raccoons and rabbits are a problem	1	



3 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 3	LIVE (Homes)	
AQUILA	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 1 household 1 questionnaire	Parks and trails	2
	Housing quality and diversity	2
	Great police	2
	School	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Cars parked on street (more cars than garage space)	3
	Upkeep of rental property	2
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Preserve	# Responses
	Texa-Tonka restaurants	1
Target Store and their parking improvements	1	
Enhance	# Responses	
Shopping carts left in neighborhood (even in Minnehaha Creek)	2	
Cub Store parking lot has traffic issue	1	
Need sidewalks in commercial areas	1	
MOVE (Connections)		
Preserve	# Responses	
Good biking trail and access	1	
Enhance	# Responses	
Unsafe bus stop on Aquila by Burger King - letting people off on the median	2	
Enforce speeding on Texas Ave, 36th St, and Aquila Ave	2	
Improve pedestrian safety - Highway 7 and Blake Road	1	
Vehicles do not stop for 4-way stop at 35th St and Aquila Ave	1	
Pedestrian access to Knollwood - difficult crossing Highway 7	1	
Cars taking right hand turns near Knollwood do not look for pedestrians	1	
Add a bench to trail crossing under Minnetonka Boulevard	1	
Safety issue for bus riders walking to and from the bus stops	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Preserve	# Responses	
Baseball diamonds	1	
Sliding hill	1	
Tennis courts	1	
Open space at Knollwood Mall	1	
Enhance	# Responses	
Name trail that runs through Aquila Park (neighborhood calls it Hutchinson Spur Trail)	1	
Recycling in park and near trail	1	
Trail interpretive/educational signage	1	



3 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

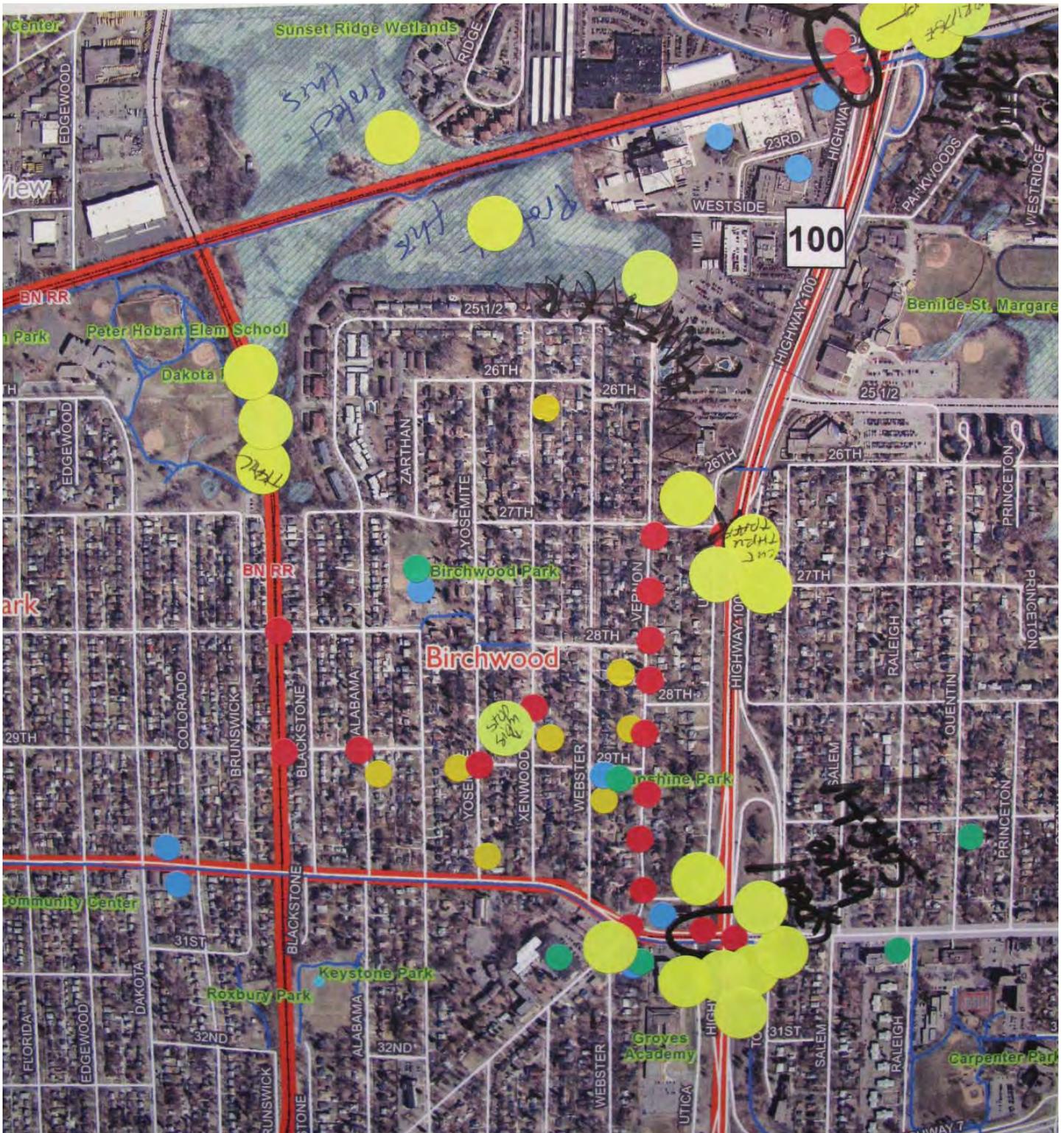
NPA 3	LIVE (Homes)	
AMHURST	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 1 households 1 questionnaire	Existing trees above the homeowners' association retaining wall	2
	Enhance	# Responses
	Desire the requirement (like the city of Hopkins) for a privacy fence	2
	Homeowners' association east retaining wall needs maintenance	2
	Desire the renovation of townhouses and other attached housing	2
	Concerned about future of non-residential uses	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Preserve	# Responses
	Keep Knollwood viable	1
	MOVE (Connections)	
	Preserve	# Responses
	Great transit service	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Traffic is congested at Highway 7 and Aquila Ave	1
	Desired pedestrian improvements on south side of 36th St along Knollwood Mall	1
	Create a CP Rail Trail or other bike trail	1
	PLAY (Gathering Places)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	Noise issues at stop lights on Highway 7 and Highway 169	2
	North Pond overflows into Amhurst development	1



4 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 4	LIVE (Homes)	
BIRCHWOOD	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 8 households 5 questionnaires	Diversity of architecture	5
	Parks	4
	Trees	3
	Maintenance of homes	2
	Access to public transportation	1
	Sidewalks	1
	Lack of sidewalks	1
	Proximity to retail	1
	Low traffic	1
		Enhance
	There are too many group homes on Yosemite Ave and 29th St (affecting safety, diversity, and character)	4
	Enforce the running of stop signs (29th St and Xenwood Ave)	3
	Do not want freight rail traffic allowed through neighborhood	3
	Street lighting needed (alleys and Xenwood Ave)	2
	Enforce codes: snow removal, trimming, fence heights, RV's and boats in view	2
	Reduce the use/impact of sirens on Minnetonka Blvd	1
	Do not want any more high density housing, new houses should have adequate garage space to get cars off the street	1
	Tree trimming needed on Minnetonka Boulevard between Yosemite Ave and Xenwood Ave	1
	Brick wall on Minnetonka Boulevard needs attention	1
	Concern about number/speed of emergency vehicles to apartments on the northeast corner of the neighborhood	1
	Citywide Wi-Fi	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	More restaurants at West Lake Street	2
	Only add retail/services along major traffic routes (i.e. Minnetonka Blvd)	1
	Desire better pedestrian crossings at Minnetonka Blvd and West Lake Street	1
	Restaurant at Minnetonka Boulevard and Dakota Ave strip mall	1
	MOVE (Connections)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	Safe bike and ped access across Minnetonka Blvd and Highway 100	9
	Pedestrian connection over tracks is needed to connect Birchwood neighborhood and West End commercial area	9
	Cut through traffic on Utica Ave is an issue	3
	Complete sidewalk system	3
	Traffic control	3
	Add north-south trail along RR tracks	2
	Fix potholes on entrance ramps to Highway 100	1
	Northwest runners need crossing to get to Cedar Lake Trail	1
	Need easier access to Cedar Lake Trail near Peter Hobart School	1
	Bike safety issues accessing trail	1
	More transit options towards Edina/Southdale area	1

PLAY (Gathering Places)	
Enhance	# Responses
Preserve open/green space in north end of neighborhood	5
Improvements to Birchwood Park (4-season pavilion, warming house, better bathrooms, better alley protection, better parking, controlled lighting)	2
More boulevard trees	1
Remove diseased and/or dead trees	1
Experimental rain gardens	1



4 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 4	LIVE (Homes)	
BRONX PARK	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 4 households 3 questionnaires	Parks & tree-lined streets	4
	Great elementary schools	3
	Proximity	2
	Homes properly scaled to lots	2
	Diversity (religion, race, economic)	2
	Pride of ownership; well-maintained homes	2
	Family-oriented	1
	Affordable	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Opportunity for commercial space (zoning to allow bar or pub)	2
	Sidewalks need repair	1
	Improved pedestrian street lighting	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	More food and drink spaces that are gathering spots (pub, coffee shop, pizza)	4
	Improve storefront appeal at Minnetonka Boulevard and Dakota Ave	3
	Citywide Wi-Fi	3
	Desire a small, walkable grocery store	1
	Whole Foods	1
	Coffee shop at 27th St and Louisiana Ave	1
MOVE (Connections)		
Preserve	# Responses	
Traffic light timing	1	
Bike trail	1	
Enhance	# Responses	
Enforce speed violations on Dakota Ave and near Dakota Park	3	
Add left turn arrow on Dakota Ave/Minnetonka Blvd light	2	
Need pedestrian/bike crossing over Cedar Lake Trail	2	
Need more exits on Cedar Lake Trail to feel safer	2	
Bring back the transit circulator on Louisiana Ave	1	
Sidewalk plowing	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Promote composting	3	
Bronx Park needs maintenance	3	
Dog park should be more affordable	2	
Need more outdoor/indoor gathering places	2	
Organic recycling	2	
Dog park needs expansion (separate area for smaller dogs)	1	



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 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 4	LIVE (Homes)	
LENOX	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 2 households 1 questionnaire	Open space and parks	1
	Single-family, middle-income homes	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Maintain rental housing (take care of graffiti, etc.)	2
	Need to plant more trees	2
	Keep freight train traffic to a minimum near the High School	1
	Remove unwanted activity from Parkview Park- increase police presence or eliminate hidden spots	1
	Increase incentive (decrease cost) to replace outdated sewer lines from street to house	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Preserve	# Responses
Retail small businesses	2	
Enhance	# Responses	
Make it feasible for start-up businesses	2	
Would like a video store	1	
Meeting place (like a bagel shop)	1	
More parking	1	
Fill vacant retail space on Dakota Ave and Minnetonka Boulevard	1	
MOVE (Connections)		
Preserve	# Responses	
Bus Route 17C, D	1	
Enhance	# Responses	
No designated connection to Cedar Lake Regional Trail	3	
Pedestrian connection to light rail	3	
Better pedestrian lighting on street corners	2	
Louisiana Ave and Minnetonka Boulevard rush hour traffic too fast	1	
Bike safety - main roads are too busy (lack striped lane on shoulder)	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Increase visibility at Parkview Park - remove trees near building and plant more trees further away from building	1	
Plant more trees, replace dead Elm trees	1	
Free Wi-Fi	1	



4 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 4	LIVE (Homes)	
SORENSEN	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 5 households 3 questionnaires	Easy access / circulation / proximity to Minneapolis	3
	Historic buildings at Lake Street and Walker Street	3
	Residential neighborhood feel	1
	Roller Garden	1
	Convenient retail	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Need more street lights	5
	Need more sidewalks (Hamilton St and Wooddale Ave gaps)	5
	Build condos or mixed-use along Walker Street	2
	Townhomes along Lake Street	1
	Build more single-family homes	1
	Concern about adequate space for sidewalks between condos and street	1
	Snow removal (especially Minnetonka Blvd and Lake St)	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	Add a health and fitness center	3
	Flexibility on parking requirements	1
	Redesign strip mall	1
	MOVE (Connections)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	Can't make turn at Minnetonka Blvd and Zarthan Ave because of Minnetonka Blvd traffic flow	2
	Pedestrian and biker safety - hard to get across Highway 7 and Wooddale Ave to trail	2
	Minnetonka, Lake, and Vernon - too many traffic movements	1
	Connect sidewalks on Zarthan (Minnetonka Boulevard and south)	1
Pedestrian safety - sidewalks on Zarthan Ave and Lake Street to Highway 7 Service Road	1	
Add sidewalks to every street (at least on one side)	1	
Expand the circulator bus or advertise trolley	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Concern for future railroad noise	4	
Park shelters, bathrooms, riding path (for children)	4	
Place for ice skating (flood Keystone Park)	2	
Beautify water holding pond at Brunswick Ave and Lake St	1	
Community garden	1	
Open High School track to the public	1	
Paint railroad bridge over Minnetonka Boulevard	1	



5 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 5	LIVE (Homes)	
FERN HILL	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 7 households 2 questionnaires	Parks / open space (specifically between Fern Hill Park and Twin Lakes)	2
	Walking and biking trails	1
	Quiet	1
	Mature trees	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Ensure housing options for cradle-to-cradle living	4
	No more development of city-owned green space	4
	Make land use (rent prices) match income of residents (don't price out the residents or businesses)	2
	26th St and Princeton Ave stop sewer is inadequate	1
	More street trees	1
	Redevelop older commercial with mixed-use	1
	Architecture quality	1
	Yard maintenance	1
	Street lighting	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	Neighborhood café / wine bar	4
	Community Center (for all of St. Louis Park)	4
	Mixed-use commercial on Minnetonka Blvd	2
	Modest priced sit-down dining	1
	Green grocery	1
	More small shops	1
	Pub / café gathering place	1
	More amenities (benches, courtyards, fountains, drinking fountains, bike racks, trash cans, dog water/waste disposal)	1
	Ice cream shop	1
	MOVE (Connections)	
	Preserve	# Responses
	Transit access	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Bike - trail connection through Twin Lake Park to Cedar Lake Trail	4
	Improve crossing on Minnetonka Boulevard (specifically at City Hall)	4
	Safety of Highway 7 ramp onto Highway 100	3
Calm traffic on Raleigh, Quentin, and 28th St (near school); need crossings on Raleigh	3	
Trail access on West End (from Fern Hill / across Cedar Lake Road)	3	
Pedestrian traffic lights at Ottawa Ave & 29th St, Raleigh Ave and 28th St	2	
Add sidewalks on Raleigh Ave(kid traffic)	1	
Add sidewalks Cedar Lake Road	1	
Add sidewalk on west side of France Ave	1	
Add sidewalk on Ottawa - between 28th St and 29th St	1	
Add a bike path from the bus stop at 26th St to the bike trail	1	
Bike crossings of Minnetonka Boulevard	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Add a community / children's garden in park	3	
Finish Fern Hill Park	3	
Add a play area for children under 5 to Fern Hill	2	
Improve storm sewer on 26th St	1	



5 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 5	LIVE (Homes)		
LAKE FOREST	Preserve	# Responses	
Representation: 8 households 10 questionnaires	Nature/wildlife	13	
	Large lots	9	
	Quiet	7	
	Diversity of architecture	4	
	Parks / open space	4	
	Ponds	4	
	Walking and biking trails	4	
	Proximity to downtown	3	
	Cedar Lake	3	
	Minimal traffic	2	
	Commercial	2	
	Safe	2	
	Enhance		# Responses
	More lighting throughout neighborhood (Cedar Lake Trail, path around Twin Lake blind curve, Cedar Lake Road, and Cedar Lake Trail near BNSF tracks)		15
	More open space and parks		5
Don't want townhomes		3	
Street lighting on Cedarwood Road		2	
Don't want large homes		2	
A safe gathering place		1	
Control athletic field lighting and noise		1	
Incentive to update homes		1	
WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)			
Preserve		# Responses	
Like not having any commercial		1	
MOVE (Connections)			
Enhance		# Responses	
Unsafe curve on Cedarwood Road and Parklands Road		14	
Add sidewalk to dangerous curve on Cedarwood Road		10	
Sidewalk, street pavement, and street planting improvements to France Avenue		7	
Improve lighting of Cedar Lake Trail for bikers/walkers		6	
Too much on-street parking during baseball games on Parkwoods Road		4	
Biking trail on France Ave		3	
More sidewalks		2	
Improve road surfacing on Parkwoods Road (near Benilde)		2	
Sidewalks on main thoroughfares		2	
Improve transit parking - allow overnight parking		2	
Frontage road access during beginning and end of school day		1	
Traffic control - reduce speeding		1	
Less salt piles on roads		1	
Bus stop in front of Benilde on service road		1	
Improve street sweeping		1	
Bikeway on France Ave to connect to Cedar Lake Parkway on 22nd St		1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)			
Preserve		# Responses	
Trees along wetlands and streams		1	
Enhance		# Responses	
Chip path in green space between Forest Road and Forest Lane		3	
Need sediment filter for stormwater into Twin Lake		3	
More tables at North Twin Lakes Park		3	
Better gathering place		2	

Create a safe gathering place (not on a curve like the small park is)	1
Stormwater management of Cedar Lake	1
Rename North Twin Lakes Park (Lake Forest Park)	1
Sustainable deer population	1
Better education about invasive plants and pests	1
Better bike/kayak access to Cedar Lake	1
More frequent mowing of community garden at intersection of Parklands Road and Cedarhurst	1



5 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 5	LIVE (Homes)	
TRIANGLE	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 1 households 1 questionnaire	Pride of ownership; well-maintained homes	2
	Mix of homes	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	More multi-family housing	1
WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)		
	Preserve	# Responses
	Retain Al's Bar	1
	Minnetonka Boulevard commercial (Yum, Mulberry's, etc)	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Budget-friendly grocery	2
	Tailor	2
MOVE (Connections)		
	Preserve	# Responses
	Good bus service	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Make bike trail more accessible (Inglewood Ave area)	2
	Drop-in road at Inglewood Ave and Highway 7 and at Inglewood Ave and 31st St	1
	Bike/Walk - improve path on Beltline Boulevard and SW LRT Trail	1
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
	Preserve	# Responses
	Easy access to Bass Lake and Lake Calhoun	1




 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 6	LIVE (Homes)	
BROWDALE	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 8 households 6 questionnaires	Parks / green space	10
	Proximity to retail	3
	Proximity to Minneapolis lakes	2
	Low crime / safe	2
	Neighborhood associations	2
	No McMansions	2
	LRT / transit	2
	Low rate of housing turnover	1
	Single-family homes	1
	Large lots	1
	Bike trail	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	New trees (to replace those lost to Dutch Elm Disease)	2
	More two-story homes	2
	Flooding at end of Dart Avenue (@44th Street) each spring	1
	Wi-Fi	1
	Intersection control (more yield signs)	1
	Noise from Highway 100 echoes off sound walls	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	Missing Four Firkins	4
	More independent, non-franchise businesses	3
	Further improve traffic patterns at Miracle Mile	1
	Exit from Hoigaard's to Wooddale Ave is not needed	1
MOVE (Connections)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Improve parking / congestion at Trader Joe's	5	
More sidewalks	5	
Intersection at Excelsior Blve and Wooddale Ave	4	
Sidewalks - narrow streets to one-ways to make room for sidewalks	2	
More running trails	2	
Sidewalk gaps	1	
Re-routing of traffic through neighborhood (near Hoigaard's)	1	
Enforce the running of stop signs at 44th St and Wooddale Ave	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Access to park bathrooms during early evening hours	6	
Public running track	3	
Sidewalk snow removal in Browndale Park	1	
Issue of ice build-up around Browndale Park building	1	



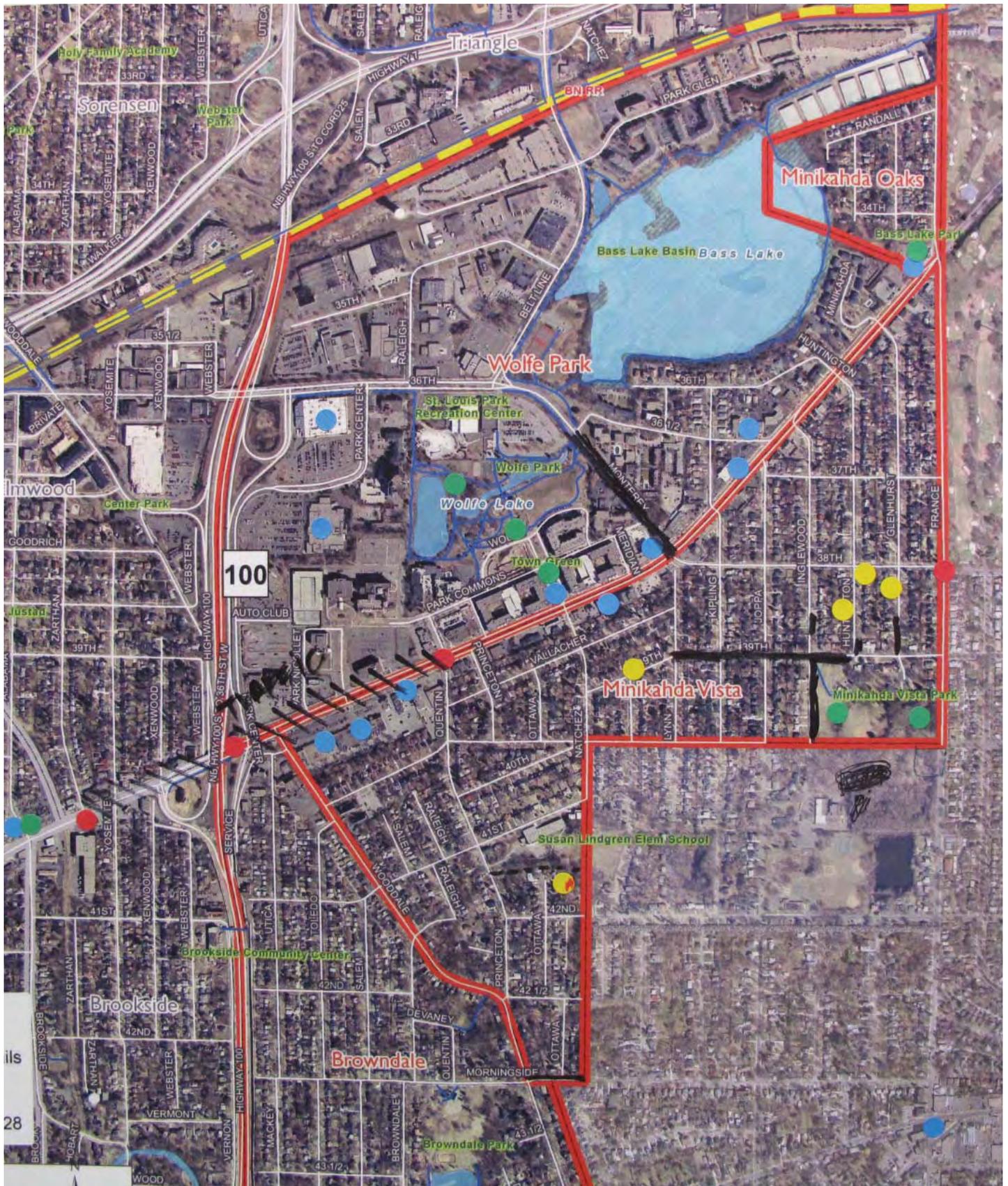

 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA

NPA 6	LIVE (Homes)	
MINIKAHDA OAKS	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 4 households 2 questionnaires	Small neighborhood with village/retreat feel	5
	No sidewalks - keep it that way	4
	Minimal traffic	2
	Bass Lake	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Reevaluate the viability of retail in the neighborhood	3
	AmericInn site	1
	Asphalt/pavement issue at Glenhurst Ave and 34th St	1
	Create public access to Minnehaha Creek - place for children	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	Improve the AmericInn	6
	MOVE (Connections)	
	Preserve	# Responses
	Do not make France Ave a through-street	6
	Enhance	# Responses
	Improve indications that France is not a through-street; office employees already parking and speeding through neighborhood in winter (when chain is down for snowplowing)	3
	PLAY (Gathering Places)	
	Preserve	# Responses
	Retain Cottonwood trees by park	2
	Enhance	# Responses
	Restore Bass Lake water level and habitat	11
	Evaluate light pollution around Bass Lake	2
	Add more trash receptacles/doggie waste along path around Bass Lake	2
	More evergreen trees	1
	Provide electric power at the park shelter at Bass Lake playground	1
	Remove invasive/restore natives	1
	Evaluate permeable paving for city streets	1



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NPA 6	LIVE (Homes)	
MINIKAHDA VISTA	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 5 households 2 questionnaires	Proximity to shops	2
	Proximity to Minneapolis lakes	1
	Future LRT trail	1
	Walkability	1
	Well-built homes	1
	Parks	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Sidewalks	1
	Building deterioration	1
	Repave streets (39th St)	1
	Study and define the south side of Excelsior Blvd	1
	Protect open space around Susan Lindgren School	1
	Provide one-level townhomes for elderly	1
	Transit-friendly housing at Beltline Blvd and Wooddale Ave station areas	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Preserve	# Responses
Al's Bar	2	
Enhance	# Responses	
Sit-down restaurants	3	
Drug store	2	
Desire an auto parts store	2	
Ethnic restaurants	1	
Parking	1	
MOVE (Connections)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Sidewalk gaps (42nd St)	7	
Bike Lanes (38th St, 42nd St, Quentin Ave, Beltline Boulevard)	3	
Transit - France Ave through to the north	3	
Bike / pedestrian bridge on France Ave over LRT trench	2	
Sidewalk gaps (parks and schools)	1	
Bike lanes (42nd St)	1	
Transit needed Ridgedale to Southdale	1	
Synchronize lights to improve traffic flow	1	
Walking path along SW LRT Trail	1	
Ban large trucks on 38th St	1	
Improve congestion of Excelsior Blvd & Highway 100	1	
Poor sight lines pulling out onto Excelsior Blvd from neighborhood	1	
Bike / pedestrian bridge over Wooddale and Beltline along SW LRT Trail	1	
Safer biking on Excelsior Blve (esp. through golf course)	1	
Direct bus routes to downtown	1	
North-south bus routes	1	
Transit - connection from Ridgedale to Southdale	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Preserve	# Responses	
Wolfe Park	2	
Enhance	# Responses	
Community garden	6	
Citywide Wi-Fi	2	
Improve sod at soccer field	1	
Restore public access to pedestrian walkways (39 1/2 Street and Joppa)	1	
Light pollution	1	
Green roofs	1	




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NPA 6	LIVE (Homes)	
WOLFE PARK	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 4 households 4 questionnaires	Walkability	5
	Wolfe Park	3
	Town Green	2
	Playground, shelters	1
	Amphitheater	1
	Excelsior and Grand (human scale design)	1
	Small / unique shops	1
	Bass Lake Park	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Fill vacant commercial buildings	2
	Improve streetscape on south side of Excelsior Boulevard	2
	Improve pedestrian circulation behind Park Nicollet and Byerlys	2
	Incremental improvements of public amenities	2
	Traffic enforcement/management	1
	More dog-friendly	1
	Neighborhood design - Less car-oriented development	1
	Too many parking lots	1
	Neighborhood design - connect better to clinic	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
Enhance	# Responses	
Desire a pharmacy	3	
Desire a library	3	
Fill empty retail / commercial along Excelsior Blvd and Town Green	2	
More jobs near Excelsior and Grand	1	
Desire niche restaurants	1	
MOVE (Connections)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Improve Trader Joe's parking	5	
Transit - future shuttle access from Town Green to LRT station @ Beltline	3	
Improve sidewalk safety and quality (Monterey Drive from Trader Joe's to Recreation Center)	2	
Mitigate the width of Excelsior Blvd for safer pedestrian crossings	2	
Electric (pay per use) car plug-in stations in East/West Parking Ramps	2	
Pedestrian safety - Beltline traffic is too fast / no sidewalks	2	
Pedestrian safety - 36th Street is too fast	2	
Connect - Highway 100 and Park Nicollet to Excelsior and Grand area	1	
Alleviate traffic congestion - Excelsior Blvd / Wooddale / Highway 100	1	
Bike Racks on Town Green	1	
Redesign directional traffic on Park Commons Drive and Monterey Blvd (for better flow of residential and Trader Joe's traffic)	1	
Pedestrian safety - Excelsior Blvd is too wide	1	
Exit out of West Free Ramp (East of KinderCare) is a blind intersection for east-west traffic	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Community center/library/senior center	3	
Pet-friendly amenities within Excelsior and Grand	3	
Green roofs at Excelsior and Grand	3	
Water fountain in Town Green does not work	1	
Maintenance of playground equipment at Wolfe Park	1	
Benches on sidewalks along Park Commons Drive	1	
Increase summer tunes in park	1	
Install solar panels on public parking ramps	1	



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NPA 7	LIVE (Homes)	
BROOKLAWNS	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 2 households 1 questionnaire	Minimal traffic	2
	Bike trails	2
	Proximity to retail	2
	Proximity to healthcare (Park Nicollet)	2
	Proximity to Minneapolis	2
	Parks / open space / natural areas	1
	Quality housing	1
	Enhance	# Responses
Rezone Cambridge to remove light industrial and replace with residential	2	
Parking congestion from Bunny's Bar & Grill	2	
Remove railroad tracks through Brooklawns	2	
More bike lanes	1	
Complete Excelsior Blvd with high density residential	1	
Complete the Wooddale Ave / Highway 7 bridge	1	
Street lighting	1	
Redevelop Meadowbrook rental apartments	1	
WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)		
	Enhance	# Responses
Too much parking at office building between Brunswick Ave and Dakota Ave, on Excelsior Blvd (north side)	1	
Improve streetscape on West Excelsior Blvd	1	
MOVE (Connections)		
	Preserve	# Responses
Great bus service on Excelsior Blvd (12, 664)	1	
	Enhance	# Responses
More bicycle trails	1	
Complete Wooddale Ave / Highway 7 bridge	1	
Difficult left turns out of Dakota Ave to Excelsior Blvd	1	
Sidewalks not necessary on non-through streets	1	
Pedestrian bridge across Highway 100 north of Excelsior Blvd	1	
Bikers - make pedestrian bridges accessible (no stairs)	1	
SW LRT Trail crossings of Wooddale Ave and Beltline Blvd are dangerous	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
	Enhance	# Responses
Nature walks (Meadowbrook Lake & Minnehaha Creek)	2	
Backstop for basketball court at Justad Park	1	
Full court basketball at Justad Park	1	
Need a park west of Alabama Ave	1	
Pursue CP Rail Trail possibilities	1	
Sod replacement	1	
Rain gardens at Methodist Hospital	1	
Improve water quality of Minnehaha Creek	1	



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NPA 7	LIVE (Homes)	
BROOKSIDE & CREEKSIDE	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 4 households (2 Brookside: 2 Creekside) 1 quest. Creekside 1 quest. Brookside	Open space / creek / wildlife	3
	Pedestrian bridge over Highway 100	3
	Proximity to healthcare (Park Nicollet) and retail	2
	Walking trail over Highway 100	1
	Minimal traffic	1
	Safe	1
	Sidewalks	1
	Excelsior Blvd trail crossing	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Need small parks with playgrounds	1
	Landscape along sound wall	1
	Public access to Minnehaha Creek	1
	Better house inspections	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	Small coffee shop / gathering place (vacant buildings on Excelsior Blvd)	4
	Dry cleaners	1
	Drug store	1
	Pet groomer	1
MOVE (Connections)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Parking issue with Russian Orthodox Church	4	
Widen Excelsior Blvd bridge over Minnehaha Creek	3	
Biker - convert CP Rail corridor to trail	2	
Through-traffic not stopping at stop signs	1	
Access to bus stops along Excelsior Blvd	1	
Sidewalks on 42nd St to Jackley Park	1	
Finish sidewalk connections	1	
Transit - circulation bus service citywide	1	
Improve bike / pedestrian bridge over Highway 100 for bikes	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Preserve	# Responses	
Meadowbrook as open space	3	
Enhance	# Responses	
Nature trail access by bridge to Todd Park in Edina	3	
Pocket park	2	
Add hockey rink to Jackley Park	2	
Improve sustainability of Meadowbrook area	2	
Indoor neighborhood gathering place	1	
Add a nature trail for the marsh	1	



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NPA 7	LIVE (Homes)	
ELMWOOD	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 3 households 4 questionnaires	House remodeling	2
	Quality/character of homes	2
	Green space/parks/trees	2
	Strong neighborhood cohesion	1
	Trails	1
	Schools	1
	Fire stations	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Too much traffic to Park Nicollet on residential streets	3
	Flooding (blue circle)	3
	More trees to increase walkability to Miracle Mile from neighborhood	3
	Concern for post-Wooddale Ave / Highway 7 intersection redesign - need an exit from the frontage road to Wooddale for Cityscape apartments	2
	Convert medium density residential to low density	2
	Run-down rental housing	1
	Limit building height	1
	Hide exit and entrance ramps (near Xenwood Ave)	1
	Beautify walk/bike trails	1
	No more condos	1
	Remove freight train switching and coupling	1
WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Encourage small business	2	
Unwanted customers from pawn shop	1	
Upgrade Walker-Lake businesses	1	
MOVE (Connections)		
Enhance	# Responses	
Traffic issues at Wooddale Ave and 36th St	2	
Restrict regional cut-through traffic	2	
Restrict truck traffic	2	
Improve timing of lights on Excelsior Blvd near Highway 100	1	
Improved road connection - Excelsior Blvd and Park Center Blvd	1	
Repair potholes	1	
Improve traffic flow	1	
Pedestrian crossing at Miracle Mile (Highway 100 & Excelsior Blvd)	1	
Bike trail crossing at Wooddale Ave	1	
Improve bus service at 36th St / Hwy 7	1	
Limit parking for light rail at Wooddale Ave transit station	1	
Maintain sidewalks	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Preserve	# Responses	
Existing trees	3	
Enhance	# Responses	
Warming house at ice rink by Fire Station #1	1	
Keep ice rink at Center Park	1	
Tennis courts	1	
Don't remodel streetscape unless maintained	1	



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NPA 7	LIVE (Homes)	
SOUTH OAK HILL	Preserve	# Responses
Representation: 4 households 3 questionnaire	Bike trails	4
	Minimal traffic	4
	Proximity to Minneapolis	2
	Quiet	1
	Proximity to retail	1
	Park	1
	Proximity to LRT station	1
	Enhance	# Responses
	Rezone Flame Metals property to something other than industrial	8
	Relocate RR train switching	5
	Safety issues with neighboring Hopkins rundown commercial area	3
	Issues with crime from neighboring Hopkins	1
	Park/alley drainage issue on SW corner of Edgebrook Park	1
	WORK/SHOP (Commercial Centers)	
	Enhance	# Responses
	Fewer businesses, more walkable gathering places (coffee, etc.)	2
	Enhance Knollwood Mall	1
	More retail along Louisiana Ave or Highway 7 - commercial mixed use, neighborhood-friendly	1
MOVE (Connections)		
Preserve	# Responses	
Maintain access to neighborhood	1	
Enhance	# Responses	
Finish sidewalks that have been started	3	
Pedestrian crossing at Highway 7 & Louisiana Ave	2	
More sidewalks	1	
Traffic issues at Highway 7 and Louisiana Ave	1	
Sidewalks on Texas Ave from South Oak Hill to Knollwood	1	
Concern about noise at crossings - horns	1	
PLAY (Gathering Places)		
Preserve	# Responses	
Community park	2	
Enhance	# Responses	
Improve Minnehaha Creek area (path)	2	
Access into park (Taft Ave and Edgebrook Drive)	2	
Desire tennis courts in park	1	
Desire park pavilion for meeting/gathering	1	
Formal entrance into park	1	
Park maintenance	1	
Rustic shelter @ park with picnic tables	1	
Walking path around South Oak Pond	1	

