

Community Advisory Group Meeting Notes of September 15, 2009

Group facilitated by Sheila Lynch and Rob Smetana

What Do You Like?

- Things are going well – Open Space, Targeted infill
- Open to new ideas
- Diversity of homes/Types (North Lakewood)
- Continued Redevelopment (North Lakewood)
- Neighborhood Feel, Sense of Community (North Lakewood)
- Narrow Streets/No Sidewalks – Lower Density
- Belmar. “Downtown Feel”
- Residential generally in good shape. Also landscaping.
- “Green” ideas
- Trees

What Could Be Better?

- Commercial Strips
 - More neighborhood serving businesses
 - Smaller businesses
- Limited Retail/Business along Youngfield (allow comm. to happen)
- Connectivity (Ped./Bus/Etc.)
- Some Comm./Ind. Not in best location today. (Regulations an issue)
- Pedestrian crossing of arterials. (Median breaks for peds.)
- Need street trees/benches in Comm. Areas
- Allow other uses, not just retail along corridors.
- “Curvy” Streets
- Preserve neighborhood context

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What Do You Like?

- Relatively spacious development with lots of landscaping to hide imperfections
- More single use facilities
- Neighborhood's that you outside
 - Friendlier looking neighborhoods
 - Architecture that has a function.
 - Materials, good quality that last over time.
- Streets, the City pay attention to infrastructure conditions
 - Distribution Parks & trails Streetscape
 - Mix of Neighborhoods and products (SF/MF)
- Mixture of trees, buildings, and open space (variety)
- Quality Design Standards
- Diverse Neighborhoods
- Buildings with Form, masonry materials, color, articulation balconies, safety.
- Animals are allowed in different areas
- Urban Agriculture
- Well done Mixed-Use
 - Both horizontal or vertical
- Solar panels
- Small businesses and shops

What Could Be Better?

- Better control of property owner for property maintenance
- Colfax – Disaster and other major thoroughfares
- Bike lanes. Would like them all over the place! Improve walkability
- Narrow road wide roads and add bike lanes
- Coping with obsolete shopping centers
- More neighborhood i.e. “small” shopping centers
- Alternative and multi-modal transportation systems
- Simple boxes
- Colfax Ave – Passed their prime buildings
 - Disrepair and Vacancies
- Garage-centered neighborhoods
- Utilities
- More pedestrian friendly streets
 - Sidewalks
 - Trees
- No more industrial boxes w/o foliage
- 1st floor retail
- No more shopping areas with a hodge-podge of buildings
 - Hampden & S. Wads – Mission Trace