

Sandusky 2018 Neighborhood Initiative
GARDEN DISTRICT

AGENDA | 8 December 2016 | 7:00 - 8:30PM
Sandusky Central Fire Station, 600 West Market Street

1. Introductions
2. Brief overview of Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative
3. Warm-up exercise: Place Attachment Quiz
4. Review of input from first Community Conversation + preliminary design responses and alternatives
 - Neighborhood challenges and concerns
 - Neighborhood identity: Healthy Hayes
 - Neighborhood recreation
 - Neighborhood programming
 - Connections
 - Osbourne School as neighborhood anchor
 - Other
5. Wrap Up / Next Steps

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Summary of Community Conversation | 2 November 2016

The Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative will generate ideas for enhancing six neighborhoods in the city, with short-term investments that will coincide with the city's bicentennial in 2018 and longer-term improvements. Planning recommendations will address

- Physical improvements, such as signage, lighting, public art, enhancements to existing parks and the possible creation of new green spaces.
- Housing concerns: including home maintenance, code enforcement, the demolition of deteriorated buildings, and possible new construction.
- Events and programs to build community connections and neighborhood identity.
- Anchor projects: opportunities to build on existing anchor institutions and planned investments.

This initial community conversation generated preliminary ideas for improving the Garden District. A second meeting will take place on **December 8 from 7-8:30pm at the Sandusky Central Fire Station (600 West Market Street)**. At this meeting, more specific ideas and alternatives will be discussed and neighborhood priorities identified, leading to a neighborhood plan that will be adopted by the city in early 2017.

What follows is a review of comments from the first community conversation and a preview of some of the ideas and images to be discussed at the upcoming meeting on December 8.

ISSUES & IDEAS

1. Neighborhood challenges and concerns
 - Streets and sidewalks are a concern. Unsafe for kids and elderly/disabled.
 - Distressed properties targeted for demolition.
 - Problems with alleys--level of alley is higher than some garage slabs, making it difficult for residents to get out of their garages in winter.
 - Cars parked illegally in alleys, especially from Prospect to Hayes
[Model blocks: target to which streets?]
[Pilot project for improving alleys]
2. Neighborhood Identity: Healthy Hayes
 - Tree lawn gardens and planters along Hayes are a community asset.
[Bike lanes and banners as additional branding features]
[Possible conversion of current landscape in front of hospital to a gathering space, with picnic benches and other parking amenities.]
[Possible use of panels on hospital parking garage to display health-related images and information; or to create a green wall that will help to clean the air and manage stormwater]



3. Neighborhood Recreation

- Lots of children in the neighborhood--need safe and convenient places to play.
- Central Park and Lions Park are community assets, but neighbors would like to see a park in close proximity that has all of the following: slides, swings, and restrooms.
- Victory Kitchen parklet/outdoor dining.

4. Neighborhood Programming

- Conestoga Program helps alleviate incivilities between neighbors.
- Strong block groups and community organizations in place
- Volunteer programs (like the planter project) and other community events to help neighbors get to know each other.

5. Connections

- Osbourne Street has high speed traffic
[traffic calming efforts]



- Between Depot Street and Osbourne Street feels less safe
 - Biking is difficult in the neighborhood
[designated bike routes and safe routes to school initiative, along Hayes Avenue to the High School]
[lighting/art installation for Hayes Avenue underpass]
6. Osborne School adaptive reuse as neighborhood anchor
- Possible senior housing/senior center.
 - Possible live/work conversion.