

CEDAR RIVERSIDE SMALL AREA PLAN
Public Meeting #1

Tuesday, December 12, 2006
Brian Coyle Community Center
420 15th Avenue South
7:00 – 9:00 PM

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome (Cam Gordon)

- Councilmember Cam Gordon welcomed participants to the meeting. He discussed why:
 - Planning is important for the future
 - Participation by all is important too
 - Make sure to get your concerns and comments heard
 - Take time also to listen to others

Introduction to Planning Process (Beth Elliott)

- Cities plan, just as do individuals and families. Planning is important for future generations, even if they do not remember who did the plan originally.
- The city's small area plan process plans 10-20 years into the future for specific areas, such as a neighborhood.
- The area covered by this plan incorporates the Cedar Riverside neighborhood, bounded by the interstates and the river.
- The plan will address housing, the market, transportation, public spaces, and development opportunities.
- Input from today will be used to direct the next phase of work on the plan. We will continue to reach out to other stakeholders not present today.

Overview of Today's Meeting Format (Haila Maze)

- Participants will provide input at three stations set up at the meeting. Details are included in packets handed out at beginning of meeting. (*attached*)
- The stations allow participants to give opinions, listen to others, and ask questions.
- This format can be taken "on the road" to groups, and replicated there. Let us know if there are groups where you would like this to be presented.
- Results from the meeting and subsequent follow-up will be posted on the website, or provided in other formats upon request.

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Instructions for Stations – December 12, 2006 Community Meeting

Station 1 – Problem areas

The purpose of this station is to help us identify problem areas in the neighborhood where you feel uncomfortable. This will help us to set priorities for future improvements.

At this station, there is a large map of the neighborhood. The leader at the table will give you some dots to stick on the map. Please use these dots to mark places in the neighborhood where you feel uncomfortable walking or bicycling. Let the leader at the table know why you chose these locations, so we will have this information.

What should you show on the map? We are interested in areas with:

- Not enough lighting, so it is too dark
- Not enough signs showing you where to go
- Sidewalks or other public areas needing repair
- Places where traffic makes it unsafe or unpleasant to walk or cross the street
- Other areas where you see a need for some improvement

Station 2 – Guiding principles

Since there have been a number of meetings, surveys, and other plans done in the Cedar Riverside community, we have been reviewing these to make sure we do not just repeat something that has already been done in the past. As we read reports and plans, we realized that many of the same ideas were repeated again and again.

We have put together a list here of these ideas, which we are calling our guiding principles. The leader at the table will give you dots to stick on the big list of these, to show which ones are most important to you. A copy of this list is also in this packet. Please let the leader know if there is another one that we should add to the list.

Also at this station is a list of the plans we have reviewed for this neighborhood. If there is something missing, please let us know.

Station 3 – Information and survey

This station has a short written survey we would like you to fill out and give to us. We can also provide copies of this, if you would like to give it to others who are not at the meeting. If you need additional assistance completing this survey, please let the leader at the table know and we will help you.

We will also be available here to answer any questions you have about the plan, and to provide whatever information you need.

Summary from Problem Areas Exercise

The problem areas were identified on a map and comments attached to each of these locations. Attached is a map showing all the locations identified, as well as a coded guide showing the comments for each location.

Some places were noted, but no specific comments were given. These are left blank on the guide. These areas will be reviewed by city staff to determine any visible problems.

Cedar Riverside Community Meeting 12.12.06 Problem Areas	
Case	Issue
1	Should locate LRT station here, best location for LRT station, locate LRT here
2	Station faces blank wall
3	Lack of parking
4	Deli has loitering "baby gangsters"
5	
6	Left onto 19th on bike difficult, Intersection problematic, cars don't stop when turning left, ped signal erratic
7	Weird bunch of kids (Kidding), night
8	No good path to the river
9	Dangerous for bikes, sharp turn, hard to get to neighborhood on bike
10	Turning movements
11	Stairs closed
12	Cars drive too fast, pedestrians cannot cross, walk sign is rare
13	Bank area should serve as gateway, not inviting to U students
14	
15	Dania Lot, absence of building need civic pride, wealthy institutions should rebuild replica of Dania Hall, has vagrants
16	Dania Lot, no public sidewalk at Dania Hall site
17	Cedar cultural center bus stop accumulates trash, not enough cans, needs landscaping or garden area
18	Gunshots, assaults, robberies, dark - held up at gun point, walk from LRT for Aug students has no way finding, students get held up often, cannot walk after 9pm
19	Dark
20	Burned down house looks awful
21	
22	Personally assaulted @ West Bank School of Music, Panhandlers frequent liquor store and then loiter in backyard of School, School already pays for additional lighting in back, parking lot by Blue Goose and Freewheel Bike Shop
23	
24	Vacant bldg next to Mixed Blood
25	Beaten and attacked, unsafe for peds
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29	Need nature park on Bluff St, walkways
30	Inadequate lighting
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32	Connect lower and upper riverside park with stairs
33	Left turn from 20th difficult, dangerous intersection for all modes
34	Trees block view of neighborhood, dangerous intersection for peds
35	Lighting and safety are issues
36	Blind turn unsafe for cars and peds
37	No man's land, bums use as wastebasket, drunks and homeless congregate
38	Hanging out
39	Light pole, accidents
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45	Hanging out, smoking, fighting, spitting
46	Hanging out, waiting in line, 2nd hand smoke
47	Hanging out, feel vulnerable as a young Muslim woman
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49	Too dark
50	Dark
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55	Pretending to play basketball, waiting to mug
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57	Too dark
58	Too dark
59	Secluded area attracts criminal behavior
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62	Too dark, need playground on site, Can't walk through site, too many cars
63	Too dark, need playground on site, Can't walk through site, too many cars
64	Too dark, need playground on site, Can't walk through site, too many cars
65	Whole area isolated
66	Too dark, need playground on site, Can't walk through site, too many cars
67	Too dark, need playground on site, Can't walk through site, too many cars
68	Park overused, near bedlam, needs improvement overused
69	Homeless people on Cedar, little lighting
70	Brother mugged
71	Freeway encampment off of I-94 and Riverside

Cedar Riverside Community Meeting 12.12.06 Problem Corridors

Case	Issue
72	Completely black, bike path from DT is dark, need emergency phones, unsupervised people waiting to mug
73	Vacant bldgs on 15th Ave, unsupervised people waiting to mug
74	Would be used if better light streetscape
75	Would be used if better light streetscape
76	Cameras have cause displacement of crime all along Cedar, pushing it into the neighborhood interior
77	Pavement broken up
78	Gangs hanging out, dead end street ending at Dania site discourages surveillance, dark from Dania to Riverside
79	Dark bridges, not ped friendly
80	Dangerous for bike and ped
81	Only access to neighborhood prom parkway, should be more emphasis
82	Dark unsafe for peds walking from LRT
83	Dark unsafe for peds walking from LRT
84	Dark unsafe for peds walking from LRT
85	Need bike path on length of riverside, some areas of riverside are one lane some two needs to be striped
86	Need lighting all the way to new Gateway Center, too dark
87	Dangerous crime route, dark uncertainty
88	Closed street encourages loitering and crime
89	Closed street encourages loitering and crime
90	Need nature park on Bluff St, walkways
91	Need nature park on Bluff St, walkways
92	Unsafe for peds and crime problem
93	Dark street
94	Cars go wrong way on one-way street, consider making it two-way

Results from Guiding Principles Ranking

Ranked in order from most votes to least.

1. Increased **public safety** presence in the neighborhood (15)
2. Improved neighborhood **financial prosperity**, including small business development (13)
3. Improve maintenance, aesthetics, and amenities along **streets, sidewalks**, and other areas (10)
4. Spaces for community services particularly around youth related activities. *(added)* (9)
5. **Lively and diverse** urban environment, with a mix of housing, businesses, and other uses (8)
6. Encourage **environmental sustainability**, energy efficiency, and reduced impervious surfaces in the construction of new development. (8)
7. A better partnership between the community stakeholders and the **major institutions** (8)
8. Increase opportunities for people to both **live and work** in the neighborhood. (8)
9. Develop and maintain network of **bicycle and pedestrian** facilities (8)
10. Preserve **residential areas** and historical buildings in the neighborhood (7)
11. Improved **storefront appearance** and condition, including facades and windows (5)
12. Improved **safety and comfort** through environmental design features including lighting, better doors and windows, improved landscaping, and others (5)
13. Improve **transit service** in the neighborhood, including bus and LRT (5)
14. Improve **housing choices** within the neighborhood, including affordable ownership and rental options (4)
15. Address neighborhood **parking issues** in a way that is efficient, affordable, responsive to needs, and supportive of a multimodal transportation system. (4)
16. Improved **condition of housing** for increased safety and neighborhood livability (3)
17. Increased opportunities for **students** to live in Cedar Riverside (3)
18. Preserve the cultural quality of the neighborhood. *(added)* (3)
19. A more seamless **transition** from the major institutions to the rest of the neighborhood (2)
20. Increase availability, accessibility, and quality of **public meeting places** and parks (2)
21. Promote improved **communication** between groups in the neighborhood (2)
22. Expanded variety of **customers** using local businesses by improving market strategies (1)
23. Develop more **accessible housing** units using principles of universal design (0)
24. Improve **wayfinding** throughout the neighborhood, for residents and visitors (0)

Aggregated Results from Guiding Principles Ranking

Grouped according to common themes.

Economic Development (27)

Improved neighborhood **financial prosperity**, including small business development (13)

Lively and diverse urban environment, with a mix of housing, businesses, and other uses (8)

Improved **storefront appearance** and condition, including facades and windows (5)

Expanded variety of **customers** using local businesses by improving market strategies (1)

Housing (25)

Increase opportunities for people to both **live and work** in the neighborhood. (8)

Preserve **residential areas** and historical buildings in the neighborhood (7)

Improve **housing choices** within the neighborhood, including affordable ownership and rental options (4)

Improved **condition of housing** for increased safety and neighborhood livability (3)

Increased opportunities for **students** to live in Cedar Riverside (3)

Develop more **accessible housing** units using principles of universal design (0)

Public Spaces and Parks (24)

Improve maintenance, aesthetics, and amenities along **streets, sidewalks**, and other areas (10)

Spaces for community services particularly around youth related activities. *(added)* (9)

Preserve the multicultural quality of the neighborhood. *(added)* (3)

Increase availability, accessibility, and quality of **public meeting places** and parks (2)

Public Safety (20)

Increased **public safety** presence in the neighborhood (15)

Improved **safety and comfort** through environmental design features including lighting, better doors and windows, improved landscaping, and others (5)

Institutions and Major Projects (10)

A better partnership between the community stakeholders and the **major institutions** (8)

A more seamless **transition** from the major institutions to the rest of the neighborhood (2)

Transportation and Parking (9)

Improve **transit service** in the neighborhood, including bus and LRT (5)

Address neighborhood **parking issues** in a way that is efficient, affordable, responsive to needs, and supportive of a multimodal transportation system. (4)

Bicycle and Pedestrian (8)

Develop and maintain network of **bicycle and pedestrian** facilities (8)

Improve **wayfinding** throughout the neighborhood, for residents and visitors (0)

Environment (8)

Encourage **environmental sustainability**, energy efficiency, and reduced impervious surfaces in the construction of new development. (8)

Communication (2)

Promote improved **communication** between groups in the neighborhood (2)

Notes from Guiding Principles Ranking Discussion

- Added two principles: (1) spaces for community services particularly around youth related activities, and (2) preserve multicultural quality
- Businesses areas contain poor areas, could be more busy
- Would be good if small businesses had the ability to buy their properties
- If people come into an area to work and take funds away to their neighborhood, maybe a wealth tax is needed
- Have not talked about preserving historical buildings; it is our character, we need to do this.
- Augsburg does so much planning for the campus; we need to focus on the neighborhood too.
- Need cohesive development on Cedar and Riverside to make it seem like it all goes together like Lake and Franklin.
- Need streetscaping on Cedar and Riverside.
- Fairview and Augsburg areas feel like big institution and then no transition to businesses in Cedar and Riverside
- Cedar Riverside should be the ultimate walking and biking community; need to reconnect with Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- There is a 2-block stretch on Cedar from Riverside to 6th where there used to be a pedestrian bridge; it isn't safe to have people running across Cedar.
- Took bus stop off Cedar and Riverside down to Midwest Mountaineering stop to make it convenient for commuters; should be friendly for residents of our neighborhood.
- People who live in the neighborhood experience security issues.
- There are a lot of unsupervised youth; this is tied to the security issues.
- There should be more housing for students; they come for the bars and then go home.
- There are a lot of businesses that cater to students; they should have housing; provides vitality for neighborhood.
- Need to improve financial prosperity and small business development; it is good to have ethnic businesses; need to strengthen all small business development.
- Should sell the neighborhood as one place, like sell the mall not one store in the mall; could spend whole day or night in neighborhood; marketing strategies will improve this.
- Movies, events, talks at U of M; nobody seems to know of them; need seamless transition
- Preserve residential areas; would hate to see West Bank become business and institutional only.
- Need spaces for young people especially; Coyle isn't enough.
- Child care in community space.
- I work in neighborhood but homes don't come up on market for sale; I want more than 2 bedrooms; homes seem to get sold before they are on the market; would like to live in neighborhood.
- Appearance is important, surfaces need improvement – roads and sidewalks, more green and clean.
- Increased public safety cannot be stressed enough; high density area.
- Small businesses are key to development and empowering people.
- Somalis living in neighborhood have nowhere to work.

- Dania site could be place for community activities, youth, and businesses.
- Reduce impervious surfaces; environment is important, runoff in river; air quality is poor because near freeways.
- Need better partnerships between community and stakeholders.
- Neighborhood is different day and night; high crime; need more ownership (#1)
- More pride and interest when you live and work in same place – not split
- Students living/working in neighborhood; create residential community, jobs for students
- Gap between residents housing and employers
- Universities not involved in neighborhood crime
- Stores not inviting
- Afraid home will be torn down. (#13)
- I live here; we have high crime, unsupervised kids.
- It is important to have people here who care about the area around the clock.
- A resident/worker will take pride and interest in the area.
- Institutions are not as involved as they should be in the neighborhood.
- Students dovetail in the live/work plan (combine #10 and #12)
- Storefront and area design are important concern for small scale residential
- Area south of Cedar is in rough shape; but must maintain international scope
- Area looks rough; but must keep international character when neighborhood becomes more prosperous.
- Neighborhoods benefit from small businesses; no Starbucks, other coffee shops. (#2)
- Housing is a basic need, especially habitable (#11)
- Need to improve environment because of our health (#22)
- Financial prosperity – small businesses give back to the community (#2)
- Safety – scary, need better lighting; open up space in public housing, no one wants to live in a concrete jungle. (#8)
- Maintenance concern – last year, construction knocked down trees and sidewalks. (#19)
- #20 and #22 are important
- Availability of affordable housing a concern.
- Great that you don't need a car – more \$ on transit and bikes.
- Multicultural nature is great – preserve.
- Need common ground areas where people could meet and talk. (#1, #17, #20)
- Need a shuttle from light rail stop to neighborhood.
- Improve housing – high rise is symbol of ugliness, outside and inside.
- Should be car free because so many people.
- Financial prosperity - when people have a business they have a stake in the neighborhood.
- Safety – need it to be safe to go outside, work
- Maintenance – lighting, green space will attract customers.
- Lively diverse urban environment – it brands neighborhood; Cedar Riverside is an old and important place; celebrate diversity; little UN
- Community stakeholders – need long-term housing for immigrants, and institutions should contribute; a mainstay (#5)

- Environmental sustainability – Augsburg building with these considerations; think how does everything we do contribute to environmental sustainability?
- Items #1 and #2 are the same – “lively” means businesses and neighborhood
- All these people who can’t buy a house; 40,000 jobs in the neighborhood; we need to increase opportunity to provide workforce housing (#12)
- Got to be a much more fun place to stop (#19)
- Lots of walking in this neighborhood.
- No one really taking ownership of maintenance; city hasn’t put this as a priority; light pole broken by light rail for 10 months!; this may be because of weak neighborhood organization.

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8. Where do you shop for the following goods?									
		Groceries	Health - beauty	Clothing	Home-related	Hardware	Flowers/plants	Respondent Total	
Cedar Riverside		75 (89%)	20 (24%)	13 (15%)	4 (5%)	5 (6%)	11 (13%)	84	
The Quarry		45 (56%)	30 (37%)	19 (23%)	57 (70%)	51 (63%)	15 (19%)	81	
University Avenue		27 (57%)	12 (26%)	10 (21%)	15 (32%)	9 (19%)	5 (11%)	47	
Hi/Lake		25 (57%)	13 (30%)	16 (36%)	15 (34%)	2 (5%)	4 (9%)	44	
Lake Street		43 (61%)	16 (23%)	27 (38%)	28 (39%)	16 (23%)	6 (8%)	71	
Franklin Avenue		45 (71%)	9 (14%)	1 (2%)	13 (21%)	29 (46%)	5 (8%)	63	
Mall of America		0 (0%)	14 (21%)	64 (94%)	21 (31%)	4 (6%)	4 (6%)	68	
Rosedale area		14 (19%)	23 (32%)	65 (90%)	27 (38%)	4 (6%)	6 (8%)	72	
Other (specify)		50 (60%)	38 (45%)	48 (57%)	40 (48%)	33 (39%)	41 (49%)	84	
Total Respondents								177	
(skipped this question)									
9. Where do you buy the following services?									
		Banking	Insurance	Hair Care	Video/DVD rental	Auto Repair	Restaurant	Med Services	Respondent Total
Cedar Riverside		45 (32%)	0 (0%)	14 (10%)	11 (8%)	13 (9%)	119 (86%)	40 (29%)	139
The Quarry		8 (35%)	0 (0%)	5 (22%)	7 (30%)	0 (0%)	12 (52%)	0 (0%)	23
University Avenue		29 (32%)	1 (1%)	14 (15%)	13 (14%)	5 (5%)	67 (74%)	20 (22%)	91
Hi/Lake		3 (13%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (13%)	3 (13%)	18 (78%)	1 (4%)	23
Lake Street		22 (26%)	3 (3%)	14 (16%)	11 (13%)	14 (16%)	67 (78%)	7 (8%)	86
Franklin Avenue		28 (35%)	1 (1%)	2 (2%)	11 (14%)	2 (2%)	62 (77%)	7 (9%)	81
Mall of America		1 (3%)	0 (0%)	5 (13%)	1 (3%)	2 (5%)	34 (89%)	0 (0%)	38
Rosedale area		8 (15%)	2 (4%)	11 (20%)	7 (13%)	4 (7%)	43 (78%)	2 (4%)	55
Other (specify)		51 (44%)	66 (57%)	54 (47%)	46 (40%)	62 (54%)	52 (45%)	56 (49%)	115
Total Respondents								174	
(skipped this question)									
10. Please tell us about your parking experiences in the Cedar Riverside neighborhood.									

14. Did this meeting increase your knowledge of planning in the City of Minneapolis and the Cedar Riverside neighborhood?									
		Response Percent	Response Total						
Yes		69.70%	69						
No		30.30%	30						
Total Respondents			99						
(skipped this question)			84						
15. If you answered "no" to the question above, please explain.									
Total Respondents		36							
(skipped this question)		147							
16. Did this meeting increase your interest in participating further in this planning process?									
		Response Percent	Response Total						
Yes		82.42%	75						
No		17.58%	16						
Total Respondents			91						
(skipped this question)			92						
17. If you answered "no" to the question above, please explain.									
Total Respondents		29							
(skipped this question)		154							

Compiled Comments from Outreach Sorted by Guiding Principles

Includes comments from survey responses, as well as meetings held at Riverside Plaza, The Cedars, Riverview Tower, and the Korean Service Center

1. Improve the safety and comfort of pedestrians with the increased public safety presence and through environmental design features including lighting, visible doors and windows, and improved landscaping.

- Need improved safety and comfort in neighborhood, including lighting on bridge near the LRT (Riverside Plaza)
- Need increased public safety presence (Riverside Plaza)
- Too many bars (Korean Service Center)
- Too many homeless people (Korean Service Center)
- Public safety presence: need better reaction time, more patrols, possibly on bicycles (Cedars)
- Security is a concern: a business was broken into, and police took two hours to respond to the call (Cedars)
- With a car vandalism incident, police never showed up at all after called (Cedars)
- Need more lighting to make area more visible at night time, especially in wintertime (Cedars)
- Liquor stores, drunks contribute to crime; city needs to send more officers here to offset this (Cedars)
- Safety problem comes from too many liquor stores and bars in the neighborhood – drunks are a problem, and it generates too much traffic as well (Cedars)
- Need more policing to support liquor problems; if city sells more liquor permits in neighborhood it must compensate for impact by providing more policing; summer is worst time for crime (Cedars)
- Policing and security is important (Cedars)
- Need lighting in parking lot and on 6th Street – too dark (Cedars)
- Public safety is a concern (Cedars)
- Concern regarding safety: too dark along road by softball fields; need more lighting and need to determine whose responsibility it is to do this (Riverview Tower)
- Need surveillance cameras, very helpful in improving safety (Riverview Tower)
- One person gave a contrary opinion: no lights because it is nice to see the night sky, and no cameras because values privacy (Riverview Tower)
- I think that safety is something that needs to be improved more lights in the streets (Survey)
- improve safety and lights better police presence better light parking (Survey)
- lighting everywhere! greater police presence; more pedestrian friendly (Survey)
- lighting (Survey)
- improve lighting in areas behind riverside plaza and by train tracks side of cedars complex (Survey)
- lighting (Survey)
- WE NEED A BEAT COP!!! (Survey)

- More cops on the streets (Survey)
- 1) safety 2) see #1 (Survey)
- To improve the safety of the location is one of the main reason that person can live in. (Survey)
- more police (Survey)
- To improve the safety. (Survey)
- it needs more lighting and security services (Survey)
- parking lot without safety concerns (Survey)
- improve lighting in the neighborhood (Survey)
- I hope we can make changes soon enough to turn negative tide of crime lack of development, parking (Survey)
- Unengaged youth, unsupervised youth at Riverside Plaza ramp and or MPHA Cedars complex grounds (Survey)
- crime! crime! crime! (Survey)
- we need night beat cops; increased public safety (Survey)
- crime reduction (Survey)
- safety - feeling safe, not that I feel less safe than other neighborhoods (Survey)
- I usually feel pretty safe in the neighborhood but recently there have been more reports of people being mugged or robbed. makes me less comfortable about walking or biking around here alone. (Survey)
- Crime - We need beat cops for more hours (Survey)
- parking lots are not safe (Survey)
- safety for pedestrians is a major concern (Survey)
- safety (Survey)
- Late at night need more police presence. (Survey)
- Safety is getting to be more of an issue. It does appear that there is more gang activity.
- consulting the neighborhood community on what is/has to be done to control and make safe the area. (Survey)
- stop crime. For examples, whenever I walk on Cedar Ave I usually observing Teens fighting in street. (Survey)
- Yes. More streetlights and more police are needed. (Survey)
- More police patrolling the area. (Survey)
- Safety. (Survey)
- Safety is the main issue. I think if the area were more secure, businesses would be more likely to come to Cedar-Riverside, stay open later, and thus, attract a wider consumer demographic. (Survey)
- Better lighting at night (Survey)
- More open and friendlier store fronts that you can see into and out of more easily. Better street lighting at lower levels. (Survey)
- More people on the street, give people more reasons to walk around and make them feel safe. Clean up dilapidated areas. (Survey)
- SAFETY!!! I miss how much I used to travel around the area. (Survey)
- Clean up the streets and dangerous night activity. Add more lights and restaurants / shops that are open later to create more traffic once the sun goes down. (Survey)

- More street lamps in the area between Augsburg campus and Cedar, as well as south of Franklin. (Survey)
- are there student coalitions addressing the recent increase in crime in the cedar riverside neighborhood? if not, why not start one? (Survey)
- Also, too many cars are being stolen. I think that bicycle or foot patrols by police would limit theft and violence in the neighborhood. Now, the police just drive by and miss a lot of what is happening on side streets and backyards/playground areas. (Survey)
- Better lighting in the evenings. (Survey)
- I believe things will improve as the University's construction is completed. Otherwise, it would be helpful to increase the lighting along the streets, perhaps. (Survey)
- Lack of Lighting is a concern (Survey)
- Something's gotta be done about the gangs. (Survey)
- Lower the crime rate again. (Survey)
- Crime is a very real concern in the neighborhood right now. Regardless of the time of day I would never walk alone in the neighborhood. (Survey)
- Random criminal acts in the area are reported once in a while. (Survey)
- Crime, unfriendly in the streets. (Survey)
- If lighting was improved and the overall safety, especially at night, was improved this area could grow tremendously business-wise. (Survey)
- I've been told it was unsafe but I haven't had any problems. (Survey)
- Something needs to be done about the space where Brueggers/Starbucks is. There is no parking and the huge number of Somali people standing around outside freak people out. I know they are not trying to, and that they aren't dangerous people- but everyone comments on that corner- everyone who exits at 94 and Riverside -they are afraid to stop and provide their business in this community. (Survey)

2. Enhance the neighborhood's economic prosperity through a varied customer base, appearance and condition of business storefronts, and more variety of destination and neighborhood-serving businesses.

- Need additional stores within walking distance, including grocery store, supermarket like Cub, everyday needs, post office, beauty parlor, ethnic store, bakery (Korean Service Center)
- cedar's businesses need a major facelift (Survey)
- streetscape on cedar (Survey)
- more diversity of shopping/retail (mostly food and entertainment right now - that's good but limited) not much in the way of household goods, hardware, other non-food basics and clothing. (Survey)
- cedar avenue is blighted between 4th street and 6th street. many store fronts need fix-up. Evening safety is a problem. Somali businesses generally unattractive to non-Somalis, but potential exists (as with fabric and aromatic essence store that occupied main floor of burned section of Holtzermann building). We need more businesses attractive to individuals from elsewhere - to attract customers, visitors, for healthier cedar avenue. for residents, there is no general purpose grocery store. north country is nice, but it does not fill the need for 'regular' low-priced groceries. (Survey)

- another clinic, child care, affordable housing, tree watering. (Survey)
- possible more mainstream stores mixed w/ small businesses to attract more people (Survey)
- Businesses need to take more responsibility for maintaining clean sidewalks and clean and attractive businesses (Survey)
- because most businesses are small they need to have more appeal than large shopping centers (more character, better quality) (Survey)
- theaters should be promoted and tied together with parking. we need a fix and paint program. (Survey)
- Better variety of retail. (Survey)
- There are only a few places where I shop on a regular basis. I would love a decent laundromat! Better Lighting - a more welcoming atmosphere. (Survey)
- new streetscape; diversified businesses; lighting (Survey)
- More child care, more bank, elementary schools, boys and girls club. (Survey)
- let's fix up cedar avenue (Survey)
- It would be nice to have a local high quality grocer, or a combination of small deli, fruit, and bakery vendors in the neighborhood. (Survey)
- More coffee shops, study areas for students (Survey)
- More up-scale establishments that are well-kept and clean would significantly improve the area. (Survey)
- The City should invest in the upkeep of the infrastructure because it sets an example for patrons. Crime needs to be under control for women especially to start patronizing the area more often. The neighborhood has specific goods, like outdoor gear and yarn, and I don't live hear so I wouldn't shop in the neighborhood unless I needed something specific. (Survey)
- I don't know of any clothing or shoe stores. (Survey)
- More retail, I only use the restaurants and bars, but there are some really good ones in Cedar Riverside. I would do more shopping if there were places to shop at; that carried items that I wanted to buy. This is not a destination retail spot. I typically do my shopping in Northeast, Downtown, and Uptown for clothes, groceries, hair care, beauty products, and to eat and bank. (Survey)
- Lighting. Advertising!!! The U of M could be great potential customers yet we hardly hear of any advertising for shops/food in this area! (Survey)
- More parking, more bike routes, more restaurants, more grocery store options. Although, compared to most other Minneapolis neighborhoods, Cedar/Riverside is my favorite. (Survey)
- More street lamps and improved shops. (Survey)
- We need to have access to more stores that sell things like clothing--even secondhand stores. Also, there needs to be a laundromat. (Survey)
- More businesses in Cedar-Riverside -- bookstore, restaurants that stay in business, general supplies (like a Snyder's or Walgreen's). (Survey)
- Storefronts could be made more warm and attractive. We need some really good restaurants in the area- like a good Mexican one. We could really use a gift/card shop- like a Patina or something. I work on the West Bank and I would really like to have somewhere I could go to pick up a gift during my lunch hours. I don't shop during lunch

here. Our staff even go to Rosedale at lunchtime to shop. Add more greenery! It would make a huge difference. Flower pots in the summer would make it so much more welcoming. Holiday lights in the winter do wonders. (Survey)

- More selection of places to eat (Survey)
- Commerce seems to focus heavily on nightlife. If that's not the goal, some sort of shift towards influencing daytime businesses or encouraging family-friendly businesses should be made. (Survey)
- With 2 colleges in the area, I would hope that it would have a more academic feel. Instead, most students feel sadly frightened away not only by the misunderstood Somali population, but by their unwillingness to invite students in to the area. (Survey)
- No, but I don't think this survey addresses the ways I use the neighborhood or what I like about the neighborhood. I can eat lunch at Chai Thai (panang curry!), bank at Associated, see a punk show at the Triple Rock, or see theater at the Mixed Blood, learn to knit at Depth of Field, all near where I go to school - the diversity is great. (Survey)
- Many of the businesses are so ethnically oriented, that they don't really seem useful to members of other ethnicities. Even restaurants that serve decent food and could appeal to other ethnicities, don't seem very attractive because they are often not very clean. Even some of the non-ethnic eateries are dirty. Here's an example: The Wienery is pretty cool, and I'd love to be a regular patron, but it's filthy. It grosses me out to go in there. I went once, and won't return until I hear reports that it's been cleaned up. Until then, I give it negative advertising. If someone says, 'hey, where's a good place to get a hot dog?' I say 'Better try Uncle Franky's in NE. Whatever you do, don't go to the Wienery - the food's ok, but it's filthy.' (Survey)
- You did not ask about restaurants. I eat at Cedar Riverside area restaurants 5-7 times a month. (Survey)
- It would be nice if you could bring in some additional retail and restaurants. Being that there are a number of college campuses in the vicinity, it would be nice if there were a larger selection of restaurants and fast food to choose from. Often the lines during lunch time are quite long at Jimmy John's and Brueggers and Davanni's as well. Aside from those places, there is little else to choose from that is within a couple minutes walk. (Survey)
- Dear planners Increasing the frequency of patrol car will not lower the crime as much as sustainable jobs and housing for local residents. Please consider rezoning some residential to commercial properties or selling properties to local colleges so they may draw customers for local business. (Survey)
- Perception that it's all just for college students. Perception that it's all just for immigrants. Perception that it's a rundown high-rise area. Lack of basic services - grocery, pharmacy etc. (Survey)

3. Emphasize a lively and diverse urban environment with compact, infill development and mixed use in existing commercial areas; support existing and locally-based businesses.

- Dania Hall site: building was built 18" over the property line; need to move forward with plans for this site; existing building should be rented out if available (Cedars)

- Concern that new development coming down Washington into Cedar Riverside neighborhood; control height so views won't be blocked (Riverview Tower)
- Need to develop Dania Hall site sometime soon (Cedars)
- I'm concerned that small businesses who are renting will have to leave the neighborhood is real estate values go up a lot. I want most/all of the businesses to have the option to stay. the same goes for residents. is there any way we can help businesses buy the property they occupy? (Survey)
- economy is bad employment (Survey)
- Dania Hall space is appropriate for an attractive business, but it may take time for one to take an interest, because of blight. It would be a big mistake to put a 'community' or ethnic center on the site. Immigrants have been misled about such an idea - inappropriate for the largely entertainment/food and beverage oriented avenue - not a good site for kids on the busiest street of the neighborhood next to two saloons. (Survey)
- the neighborhood could benefit from having a post office and a library. (Survey)
- perhaps business development loans...I like the shops here, but it seems that some business owners could benefit from low rate improvement loans. (Survey)
- there should be a committee to readily approach a home, business, etc if 'seediness' is a problem - to survey if help is needed and get that help Viking Bar should be reopened (Survey)
- The neighborhood needs very things that the other neighborhood have. (Survey)
- Invest more money into independent businesses in the area. (Survey)

4. Preserve the historic and multicultural qualities of Cedar Riverside in its residents, businesses, and structures.

- Need to use and preserve historic buildings in neighborhood (Riverview Tower)
- Appreciate "cultural center" at Seven Corners and in the neighborhood in general; need to support and preserve this (Riverview Tower)
- improve the neighborhood for people who live here, preserve the cultural diversity that makes the neighborhood unique (Survey)
- worried about potential displacement of immigrant residents who's identity is centralized here (it's their place, their home) (Survey)
- don't want 'U' or other big corporations or development concerns to gobble up the area (Survey)
- How diverse communities can integrate. (Survey)
- I like that it's diverse. Good food! (Survey)
- I think the neighborhood is rich in culture and has charm--I look forward to its continued revitalization. (Survey)

5. Increase opportunities for people to both live and work in the neighborhood which are affordable and accessible.

- Improved affordable housing options that allow people to stay in neighborhood, including rent-to-own option (Riverside Plaza)
- Housing is needed for this area, e.g. on Fine site (Cedars)

- There is a long waiting list for all public housing (up to 5 years!); this particular location is particularly desirable due to access to resources, especially for Somalis (Cedars)
- Need more affordable housing in this area (Cedars)
- more housing choices, safer night time security, more restaurants, cleaner streets, sidewalks. (Survey)
- we need to include University, Augsburg and the hospitals as the stakeholder of cedar riverside, maybe have their employees live in the area (Survey)
- more Housings (Survey)
- more student housing, more people working and living in C/R. (Survey)
- affordable housing should be monitored, is money being used effectively? is it really affordable? is public money going to better the public? (Survey)
- not gentrifying U not taking over more buildings (Survey)
- Make housing in this area more affordable!! (Survey)
- If it were safer, I would love to live there because it's the perfect location for students. (Survey)
- Mutual Management needs to do more upkeep on the co-op houses. High lead levels in the soil are affecting the health of residents' children and rent increases are causing a lot of housing vacancies. (Survey)
- The school of Architecture did an impressive infill project last year for Washington Avenue on the West Bank side, providing housing for the immigrant communities along the proposed Central Corridor light rail line. Planning efforts need to be focused on how to develop housing, retail and access to job centers via the Hiawatha and forthcoming Central Corridor lines. (Survey)
- More low-income or multi-income housing would be great. Also, more attractive landscaping along the major streets (Riverside, Franklin, Cedar) would make the sidewalks feel more pleasant and safer. (Survey)
- The main fear on the West Bank is that the University will drive people out of the neighborhood who have lived there for generations simply to expand in their own interest. (Survey)

6. Support an integrated multimodal transportation system, while addressing neighborhood parking issues in a way that is efficient, affordable, and responsive to needs.

- Not enough parking; visiting children have nowhere to park (Korean Service Center)
- Traffic control on Cedar from Riverside to I-94 (Korean Service Center)
- Need better bus routes with a neighborhood circulator (Korean Service Center)
- All take the train – very convenient (Korean Service Center)
- Need more parking for the neighborhood; make it more clear where you can and cannot park; selling of the ramp is bad (Riverside Plaza)
- Before the LRT, it was hard to get downtown (Riverside Plaza)
- Take shuttle bus to Cub store on Lake Street for grocery shopping every Monday (Korean Service Center)
- Parking is needed badly, children can't visit and their cars get towed; residents need children to visit to help them (Cedars)

- #20 bus used to go to this area, but service was cut and never returned; it was used by residents a lot to get to public housing office at 1001 N Washington Avenue; must now take a much more roundabout route using the #19 bus (Cedars)
- Parking is important (Cedars)
- Support location of Central Corridor station near Cedar and 19th because would benefit neighborhood more (Riverview Tower)
- Concerns regarding how neighborhood connects to downtown around Washington Avenue corridor; possible new road connections? (Riverview Tower)
- Extend downtown fare zone to include Cedar Riverside neighborhood, just a few blocks away (Riverview Tower)
- Issues of wayfinding in neighborhood – very confusing to get around, hard to give directions to building (Riverview Tower)
- Street names are confusing – consider renaming street where Riverview Tower is located (24th gives way to 1st: just give one name); how can we recommend this? (Riverview Tower)
- Need to add street signs regardless of name change or not (Riverview Tower)
- increase parking! (Survey)
- a jitney service would be of tremendous help (Survey)
- more police - shuttle service to light rail - more lighting - more activity (Survey)
- we need the next LRT station to be on or near Cedar Ave and Washington Ave, NOT below. (Survey)
- driving is my biggest challenge, seen or been in near accidents, people seem to walk in street a lot (Survey)
- more parking areas (Survey)
- more parking spaces (Survey)
- street paving/lighting (Survey)
- provide 'safer' access to cedar-riverside station for students. could foster business use and integration. (Survey)
- location of central corridor station (Survey)
- It's also important that the LRT station for central corridor be at Cedar Ave, not east of Cedar Ave. (Survey)
- bus stop on Cedar Riverside moved away too far for our elders (Survey)
- parking is a big inconvenience (Survey)
- LRT Central Corridor station should serve whole neighborhood. not just university. the first station (Minnehaha line) was a screw up, lets not do it again! place @ Cedar Ave. (Survey)
- I do live and work in the riverside area and I believe traffic controlled cars are here to give tickets more than anywhere else in Minneapolis (Survey)
- Parking was/and is the most difficult problem we face. (Survey)
- people ignore traffic signals when crossing the street (Survey)
- just easier access for students to transport themselves in from other parts of town. a comprehensive look at the bike system--linking the green trail by the train directly to the west bank on a nice level surface which is safe--would be awesome! (Survey)
- better parking (Survey)

- Parking available and affordable for students - the University ramps have no real competition. (Survey)
- It would also be nice to have better bus stops, perhaps something more enclosed, as they do on the UMN campus. Not necessarily with heaters, but more protection from the wind. As it stands, with the cold and wind, there might as well be no bus stop at all. (Survey)
- Maybe parking enforcement so that short-time commuters have a place to park when people will obey the time limitations. (Survey)
- More low-cost parking. Safer. (Survey)
- I don't live in C-R so I can't comment on living or really shopping, but one thing that I do notice as a commuter to the U is that the parking meters are reserved until 9. Seriously, what's that for? It's a pretty low population area as is around the U and Augsburg where I'm talking about. At night the areas where the meters are placed are usually abandoned and the residential parking is more congested. I understand it's a way for the county to make money via tickets, but enforcing these Monday-Sunday until 9 seems a bit silly. Especially when a reduction in the hours enforced may decrease neighborhood congestion and other extraneous variables. (Survey)
- 20th Avenue in front of Augsburg needs to be repaved. The bike path there is important, but very dangerous. (Survey)
- Re-open 19th Avenue south of Riverside Avenue and 5th Street east of Cedar Ave. Street closures rarely solve the problem they are intended to solve. The major north-south route through the area, Cedar Avenue, was bastardized when the Cedar Avenue Bridge was connected to 19th Avenue, not Cedar. There's not a lot we can do about it now, but there needs to be an easier route to get from Cedar to 19th, so that it can once again be used as a through route. 3rd Ave doesn't cut it, especially since it's one way. Open it all back up. 3rd should be two way, 19th should be opened, 5th should be opened. Every effort should be made to return to the standard grid that previously existed. If you really want to get into it, 4th Avenue downtown should be reconnected via bridge to Riverside Ave the way it was a LONG time ago.... (Survey)
- more public areas, nicer bus stops (Survey)
- Increase parking space and increased store fronts (Survey)
- I generally do my banking/grocery shopping in Highland Park, which is near my home in South Minneapolis. Improving the (at least perceived) security of the light rail station at night would encourage me to take the light rail to and from my night classes (U of MN West Bank). I feel safe during the day. (Survey)
- A plan to make walking to the light rail more convenient and safe for people. Most of my peers are not even aware the light rail has a stop so close to the University, and when they find out where it is, they are completely uninterested in walking there any time of the day. (Survey)
- Roads and sidewalks need to be repaired in the residential areas. (Survey)
- Maybe repaint the street lines. I can't tell where it is two lanes and where the walkway is sometimes. (Survey)
- The intersection of 4th and Cedar is very dangerous for cars heading east. (Survey)
- Improve connection for pedestrians between West Bank of U of M and transit station. Improve sidewalk and drainage conditions on S. 17th Ave. Make Cedar/Riverside intersection more pedestrian friendly. Clean up trash that is scattered throughout the

area. Provide an easier bicycle connection between the light rail station, adjacent trail, and U of M. (Survey)

- Get the LRT stop out in the open! It's dark and isolated - I might take it more if I felt comfortable walking from it over the 7 corners area - right now it's just one too many factors of feeling 'exposed' that keeps me from it. (Survey)
- Central Corridor LTR should really have a stop on Cedar Avenue. It would help the neighborhood businesses and be much more easily accessible than if placed at the U of M. Students have easier access to Cedar Ave, than do many elderly and disabled residents of the towers to a campus location. (Survey)
- I can imagine a great deal of difficulty with parking, but because I do not own a car, I do not deal with these issues. (Here's a thought...instead of increasing/altering the parking, what about starting a campaign to get folks OUT of their cars? The public transportation in the Cedar/Riverside neighborhood is pretty accessible. I wish the #2 bus line did not have such a roundabout route. (Survey)
- Public transportation is important (Cedars)

7. Encourage environmental sustainability through best practices in the construction of new and rehabilitated development.

- Very concerned regarding green development in all components of the plan; should be considered very important issue (Riverview Tower)
- cleaner air better bike paths reduce impermeable surface (Survey)

8. Form a better partnership between community stakeholders, major institutions, and public agencies, leading to more seamless transitions throughout the neighborhood.

- Relationship between U of M and neighborhood more of an issue than other institutions (Riverside Plaza)
- better 'nexus' at cedar/riverside/U of M integrate neighborhoods @ this key locations (Survey)
- coordination among existing institutions among themselves and with neighborhood (Survey)
- I'm worried about invasion of universities on residential areas (Survey)
- the growth and sprawl of the U of M and Augsburg scares me...as do the new development between the plaza and Brian Coyle. I don't want the w/b to lose its residential spaces or the residents of the plaza to be further marginalized. also, MCDA has too much property...they make it very difficult to buy a home and I suspect create a shortage that inflates prices artificially. (Survey)
- The City should work with the neighborhoods and the University to create a special service district so that all three are pitching in together, or just the U and the businesses. (Survey)
- I think a number of issues face residents of the neighborhood. Among them, very high density housing in the towers with a lack of social support networks. Also, a tense - or maybe just almost non-existent University-community dialogue or relationship. Cedar-Riverside is not the most clean neighborhood in Minneapolis and lacks green space, which probably contributes to people's inclination to keep the areas they live, work, shop,

or go to school clean. I am regularly bothered by a general sense among University students that the neighborhood is dangerous - it seems to be a pervasive feeling and one that I imagine is perceived by the neighborhood as well - this doesn't help the University-community relationship. In some form, I think it would help if there was a greater sense of safety so that the University-community division at the very least wasn't based on fear. (Survey)

- Don't let the university build giant buildings all over the place. They suffocate the neighborhood and the diversity within it. Universities are good things to have, but the U of M is gigantic and doesn't need to keep expanding! (Survey)

9. Improve maintenance, aesthetics, and amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists along streets, sidewalks, and other areas in the public realm.

- Need improvements to streets between Cedars and Riverside Plaza to make it easier for people to cross safely (Korean Service Center)
- Only feel comfortable walking during daytime; walk to stores and for exercise (Korean Service Center)
- Snow removal is bad (Riverside Plaza)
- Littering leads to more littering; need enough trash cans, perhaps more pick-up and an anti-litter awareness campaign (Cedars)
- People have trouble trying to cross 6th Street; need speed bumps and lights (too dark); people travel too fast and older people have trouble crossing the street; maybe also have painted crosswalk and pedestrian signs (Cedars)
- Difficult to cross 6th Street – need “no parking” crosswalk area so that residents don't have to squeeze between parked cars to cross the street (Cedars)
- something has to happen by the light rail station to make walking to and from and waiting safe. getting across riverside at Cedar and 19th needs some improvement (Survey)
- lighting, street presence, safety needs to be more ped friendly (Survey)
- aesthetic, side walks, safety in some places (Survey)
- area by the light rail is too isolated. it's not just lighting, it's too isolated esp. w/Baja riverside not open. (Survey)
- more gardens, enforce noise/graffiti ordinances (Survey)
- fix the sidewalks, install sidewalks, enforce noise ordinances (from bars), landscape, gardens, pick up trash, enforce graffiti ordinances (Survey)
- riverside ought to have a bike path. Cedar/Riverside is a big bike community for students especially. There doesn't need to be parking on street on both sides. (this is what lots are for). (Survey)
- lighting is very important. more trash receptacles. the sidewalk along Cedar is in bad condition (Survey)
- Sweep the sidewalks (Survey)
- make cleaner/better lighting (Survey)
- sanitation (Survey)
- clean up the streets better. less trash outside the neighborhood. more green and flowers? (Survey)
- The neighborhood needs to be cleaned more often (Survey)

- People need to follow traffic and parking rules. picking up after themselves would help. street repair/maintenance could be improved. (Survey)
- I think making it a more pedestrian, well lit no cars shopping area would be amazing. (Survey)
- It should be easier to walk around or bicycle around without worrying about being hit by a car whose driver has little respect for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. (Survey)
- not enough lights streets not good safety and security need more parking (Survey)
- the diagonal streets sometimes make it hard to cross (Survey)
- need sidewalk connecting 5th street to cedar. Cam Gordon know about this. -confused about Augsburg expansion - people park in residential yard on 20th Ave and 6th Street??? (Survey)
- doesn't feel like a cohesive neighborhood need to improve aesthetic elements to beautify the community (Survey)
- There is no sidewalk along 5th Street between Cedar Ave and 19th Ave (Survey)
- It's messy! Repave sidewalks - Cedar Ave. (Survey)
- cleanliness - streets (Survey)
- the community is facing a lack in sanitation, you see garbage everywhere. (Survey)
- Better lit sidewalks, better snow clean up (Survey)
- There is always room for improvement. More light, better crossing walks and more parking would increase my use of the area. (Survey)
- 1. get rid of graffiti 2. clean up streets and sidewalks 3. post speed limit signs 4. make sure 'walk' buttons at stop lights work 5. more police presence (Survey)
- Better snow removal on sidewalks and lighting on streets. More frequent police patrols too. (Survey)
- I usually bike to do anything in Cedar-Riverside but I often feel unsafe because of the narrow roads and poor road conditions. I almost NEVER ride on Cedar Ave because. Better parking options would be nice. (Survey)
- Improve streetscape along Cedar Ave., similar to what was done on East Franklin. Cedar is currently very dreary and does not appeal to non Cedar-Riverside residents or non-UMN West Bank students. Mapp's Cafe was an important addition for the neighborhood...gave a public presence and increased afternoon foot traffic. Improve bicycle access along Cedar and Riverside, since a large percentage of residents and students commute by bike. Area is currently unsafe (cars, lighting, etc.) for bicycling. (Survey)
- Keep graffiti under control. More parking is needed at night, especially around the Triple Rock. It would be kind of cool to see some art made by youth from the towers around the neighborhood -- just an idea. (Survey)
- if the area were made/left more pedestrian, it would be a lovely place to shop. I, like many other students do not have a car, or commute to school via bus/bike/foot. Therefore, parking is not an issue in the least for me. In fact, if parking were made more accessible to the area, it would only become more perilous for pedestrians and bikers, and would, in my opinion, negatively affect the accessibility of the neighborhood to students. (Survey)
- more back racks, lights, and patrols (Survey)
- The neighborhood could be more pedestrian-friendly. (Survey)

- Keep the area clean - perhaps add signage or design elements cheering up the area. (Survey)
- there are a lot of wonderful places in this neighborhood. the bike-ability factor from south mpls is my biggest challenge, and I hope that the riffraff around the train station can be curbed by some means during certain times of the day. (Survey)
- I would like to see better crosswalks between the University of MN and the business areas as well as between the business areas and the large residential high rises. (Survey)
- People do not seem particularly friendly here, walking down the street not many say Hi. (Survey)
- More bike parking would be nice so that I felt safer locking my bike up on the street when I bike to this area. I would like to see an improved pedestrian connection that links the light rail with the university and the rest of Cedar Riverside. (Survey)
- The neighborhood is a very residential place, and with more businesses, cars, parking etc, my worry is that the neighborhood will become less accessible to the people who actually live in it, walk in it, and bike in it. However, If there were an attempt at adding bike lanes, improving sidewalks/crosswalks, and adding businesses that students AND residents alike could appreciate, I think the neighborhood would be the better for it. (Survey)
- The sidewalks need to be updated so that they match the rest of the city. (Survey)

10. Continue to pursue opportunities to improve the quantity and quality of gathering spaces within Cedar Riverside, and provide opportunities for information sharing between individuals and groups.

- Need exercise facility (Korean Service Center)
- Need improved public meeting spaces and parks; need more benches, trees, etc. – existing park is too small (Riverside Plaza)
- safer, friendlier youth programming to give local teens better options than staying home to stay out of trouble, especially teenage girls who have almost completely stopped participating at Brian Coyle (Survey)
- we need more community gathering space, especially for youth. (Survey)
- Better utilized outdoor spaces. (Survey)
- our welcome packets will be helpful (Survey)
- Safety; places to meet, play, recreational facilities for kids, shop (Survey)
- spaces for community services and youth activities need to be expanded dramatically (Survey)
- I want to see green space protected and added, instead some has been lost in Univ. and Aug. development (Survey)
- activities for youth and all (Survey)
- Many people are concerned and interested in seeding additional police in the area. This, to me, just makes it seem high crime. We need more community organizations for our youth. (Survey)
- Older youth (M and F) need more. (Survey)
- Cohesion. creative approaches to youth having problems. (Survey)

- There should be more opportunities for residents of the community to meet and get to know one another without spending money at commercial establishments like restaurants and shops. (Survey)
- spaces for meetings educational places places for shopping sports facilities (Survey)
- more neighborhood involvement (i.e. neighborhood events bringing together college students with residents with businesses, etc.) (Survey)
- Make more use out of common space. Does anyone use the Cedar-Riverside theater/bldg anymore? What about using the common space at the Cedar-Riverside apts? Or putting in more lighting and better streets. (Survey)
- The neighborhood needs places for youth to be, especially in the evenings. A recreation center would be of great help, even a large recreation center that would serve the West Bank University campus faculty, staff, and students as well as the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood. Better lighting in the neighborhood would be helpful as well, and more green space. (Survey)
- Meeting spaces are important (Cedars)
- Need a meeting space available to reserve (Cedars)
- Meeting space in neighborhood is so tight people ask if they can meet in public housing's limited meeting space, which is primarily for residents only and serves as their living room, since units are so small (Cedars)
- Need public meeting area – women like to sit together, gather and talk in privacy (Cedars)
- Need to talk to Confederation of Somali Communities about concerns (Cedars)

Miscellaneous: don't fit under any of the above

- get rid of the plaza and cdc (Survey)
- with the plaza and cdc no good come to the area (Survey)
- give riverside plaza a new and massive paint job. it's 1970s pastels are faded and dreary. it casts a pall over everything. (Survey)
- the head of the CDC needs to go. he is a scam artist, stealing money from the city tax money. if he goes, normal people can move into those houses, or the people that live in them can actually own them! (Survey)
- Do something about the large apartment complex. The buildings are an eye sore and that area isn't safe to walk. Especially for college students. The rest of the area is fairly nice and kept up. (Survey)
- One time (a few years ago) I saw a big rat when I was walking by the big apartment towers (cedar-riverside towers?) on Cedar by the Cultural Center. That was creepy... (Survey)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT #1

OUTREACH RECORD

Community Events

- Nov. 17 Multicultural Dinner – made announcement and had information available
- Nov. 27 public safety meeting with Somali elders – made announcement and had information available
- Dec. 6 Korean Service Center meeting – flyers made available to about 60 Korean residents

Community Organizations

- Email sent out to 110 organizations and key community contacts
- Distributed flyers via email and in person
- Announcements made at WBCC and CRBA November board meetings

Media Outlets

- Nov. 14 press release to 19 print media outlets
- Dec. 5 press release sent to 7 broadcast media outlets and follow-up with The Minneapolis Observer, The Bridge, and The Minnesota Daily
- Dec. 19 KFAI interview

Website

- Posted meeting information on Planning Division's website

Institutions

- U of M West Bank – email from Peg Wolff to departments and residence halls, flyers hung in the Humphrey, email from Andie Martinez to Humphrey staff and students
- Fairview – email from Ann Ellison to staff
- Augsburg – posting on events webpage from Natalie Wright, flyers hung around campus

Flyer Distribution

- Flyers hung at Riverside Plaza, The Cedars, Riverside Tower, Augsburg, Humphrey Institute, Mapps Coffee, Starbucks
- Flyers placed for distribution at Brian Coyle Community Center, African Development Center, Confederation of Somali Community in Minnesota, and other related agencies

Diversity Accommodations

- All flyers contained information on accommodations for disabled individuals
- Flyers and other materials translated into Vietnamese, Korean, Oromo, and Somali, and distributed appropriately

** Follow-up Engagement

- Jan. 15 discussion with Riverside Towers
- Jan. 19 discussion with Riverside Plaza Tenants Association
- Feb. 7 discussion with about 30 people from the Korean Service Center
- Survey emailed to Augsburg students
- Survey emailed to U of M Humphrey and Arts Quarter students
- Feb. 12 discussion with two separate resident groups from The Cedars

Cedar Riverside Small Area Plan Summary from May 19, 2007 Public Meeting

Orientation Room summary

The Orientation Room gave participants new to the process an opportunity to find out what has been done so far, and it also contained various educational displays. The main feature was a rolling slideshow that explained the process to-date and the next steps, which can be accessed on the project website. It also contained a snapshot of neighborhood demographics, information about the historic buildings in the neighborhood, and information about where Cedar Riverside residents work and employees live.

Transportation Room summary

The Transportation Room contained educational material as well as individual exercises. One featured educational board described the Central Corridor Light-Rail Transit (LRT) process to-date. The Central Corridor is LRT line that will travel from Downtown St. Paul to Downtown Minneapolis via the University of Minnesota. The process is being conducted by the Metropolitan Council and is entering the Preliminary Engineering phase, which means that it will be 65% designed by the end of 2008. Construction will begin in 2010 and the line will be operational by 2014. The Small Area Plan will be conducting additional analysis of the West Bank station to inform Preliminary Engineering, including:

- Potential for development near the station
- Pedestrian and bicycle circulation to and from the station
- Basic cost estimates
- Conceptual designs of the station

All of this information will be available for public input at the final community meeting in early fall.

Through this process, a traffic analysis of Riverside Avenue is also being done to determine if there is excess capacity on the road now and if there will continue to be by 2018 after Fairview, Augsburg, and the University of Minnesota have developed more of their sites. A display at the meeting showed that Riverside Avenue does indeed have excess capacity now, which means that the road is built to carry more cars than it currently does. Participants had the opportunity to tell us what their priorities would be for the extra room on Riverside, including:

- *Don't lose any of the parking.*
- *There should be off-road bike lanes.*
- *Retain parking, add bike lanes, make more pedestrian-friendly.*
- *More pedestrian walkways like 19th Avenue.*

Parking has been raised as a concern in the neighborhood, particularly from the business community. Participants were provided with a variety of parking options for Cedar Riverside and asked to comment on each of the options. The options and comments included:

- Street signage to parking areas
 - *Might be worth trying.*
 - *Good signage is always helpful!*
 - *Paint a colored line on the sidewalk or street (especially to the Light-Rail Station).*
- Metered parking upgrades
 - *These might be helpful but would be prone to vandalism.*
 - *Just so long as these do not reset to zero minutes when the vehicle leaves.*
 - *These seem too expensive if they break which is likely. That money could be put to better use.*
 - *Make 6th and Cedar meters enforcement later to 10pm. Add meters along 6th Street from past West Bank School of Music (both sides) west to Cedar. Possibly add meters to 6th Street west of Cedar at least for a block or two. There are plenty of parking spaces available in Riverside Plaza going to waste and a shortage of customer street parking for Cedar businesses and the “mall”.*
- Distributing maps of parking
 - *Ok to targeted groups.*
 - *This is a waste of time.*
 - *Must be large enough to see from a passing vehicle.*
 - *Unnecessary.*
- Parking lot attendants or security
 - *Would help in Lot “A” but may not be economical – Lot “A” has safety problems.*
 - *No attendants needed.*
- Improved surface parking lots
 - *Surface lots for neighborhood residents should be kept up.*
 - *Yes!!*
 - *Landscaped and well lit, of course!*
 - *Keeps parking for local businesses affordable.*
 - *Make systems the same – all lots are run differently.*
- Ramp or underground parking
 - *Look into futuristic mechanized “stacker” system to share space and have efficiency.*
 - *A ramp for Fairview instead of a lot would be good. Same for U of M/Augsburg (more efficient use of space).*
 - *Good to keep parking areas compact and taller rather than sprawling out.*
 - *Yes – this is probably a good idea.*
- Parking validation system
 - *Works for businesses, and they need it.*
 - *A must if Cedar-Riverside will be a destination for restaurants and shopping.*
 - *Need in all lots, not just A/B/C (which will be going away with redevelopment).*
- Restricted on-street parking zones
 - *Has worked pretty well in present designated areas.*
 - *Increase from one hour to more hours.*
 - *Free earlier and on Sundays.*
 - *Yes, we need to continue this option for residents.*
- Shared parking arrangements

- *These are always helpful.*
- *Huge ramp at Riverside Plaza should be better utilized.*
- *Co-op parking (which was subsidized) should be shared.*
- *Yes, duplicate where possible – night parking for places that only use in the daytime.*
- Reduce parking, more transit/bike
 - *We should encourage this of course, but old habits die hard.*
 - *Old habits die hard when new opportunities are present.*
 - *Not everyone bikes – what about winter?!*
 - *We bike all year round!*
 - *Bike lanes are good for “livability” and encourage street level walk-in business.*
 - *More bike lanes.*
 - *More dedicated bike trails (separated from auto traffic). They’re expensive but a lot safer for riding bikes.*
- Any other ideas?
 - *Have “commuter lots” – folks can drive to and take mass transit from there.*
 - *Consider accessibility (wheelchair) at all times – too often sidewalks are blocked for the mobility and vision impaired!*
 - *Encourage shuttles between light rail, off the new light rail.*
 - *Less building and more sidewalks and parking!*
 - *Build a parking ramp off I-94 and cut off traffic through the whole neighborhood. Problem solved.*
 - *Build Central Corridor LRT station on Cedar Ave so that there is better access to businesses and homes.*
 - *Resolve the pedestrian access issue on the old Dania/vacated 5th Street at Cedar Ave so peds can get to 19th.*
 - *Bars should have to provide own parking for customers – too many drunks walking around at 2am!*

Land Use Room summary

The land use room featured educational materials related to current land use, zoning, and market conditions. It also had an exercise that allowed participants to pretend they were a developer, and to show what type of development they would like – and where. A summary of the results:

- **Riverside Avenue** – Participants generally identified uses along Riverside Avenue as predominantly commercial in nature. Responses included retail, restaurants, services, mixed use development, and parking.
- **Cedar Avenue** – Although not officially part of the exercise, many participants also provided feedback on Cedar Avenue, particularly in the vicinity of Riverside Plaza. Responses also included commercial properties. In addition, there were a number of community facilities requested, including better sidewalks, improved recreational areas, and additional parking.

Several residents also took the opportunity to express their support for existing businesses.

In conclusion, the exercise suggested that the participants see both Riverside and Cedar as predominantly commercial corridors. The need for improved facilities in the public realm was noted, and has been a consistent theme in public outreach to date.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT #2

OUTREACH RECORD

Community Events

- April 13 – had 150 flyers available at a large Dania Hall event
- April 14 – had 150 flyers available for a women’s event at Brian Coyle
- April 18 business meeting – made announcement and handed out flyers to about 40 business reps
- June 20 – had updates in five languages available at World Refugee Day event at Brian Coyle

Community Organizations

Flyer Distribution

- Emailed to 170+ addresses on contact list
- Emailed to membership of Cedar Riverside Business Association
- Emailed and handed out to steering committee for distribution
- Sent to Cedars and Riverside Plaza to be posted and distributed in resident buildings

Media Outlets

- Apr. 10 press release to 19 print media outlets
- May 18 media advisory/meeting reminder to select media outlets

Website

- Posted meeting information on Planning Division’s website

Institutions

- Contacted representatives at all major institutions regarding meeting

Diversity Accommodations

- Contacted immigrant community leaders directly regarding meeting
- Had Somali translators at meeting
- Translated materials into Somali, Oromo, Korean, and Vietnamese for use at main meeting and follow-up meetings
- Used translated materials in two bilingual follow-up meetings

** Follow-up Engagement

- July 9 meeting with Cedars 1627 building residents (bilingual)
- July 11 meeting with Greystone condominium residents
- July 12 meeting with Cedars 630 building residents (bilingual)
- July 23 meeting with NRP Economic Development Committee

COMMUNITY MEETING #3 SUMMARY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

The Economic Development section presented draft policies based on various sub-areas within the neighborhood which had unique characteristics. The policies are listed below, alongside the percentage which supported them, and a summary of the comments received.

General	% Supporting
Make it easier for visitors to find their way in the neighborhood, including better access to parking.	69%
Maintain the current level of public parking wherever possible.	75%
Promote the use of shared parking among area businesses.	69%
Create strong visual and physical connections for pedestrians and bicyclists to LRT stations through improved signage, lighting, and safe routes.	93%
Improve the pedestrian environment through enhanced streetscape, lighting, and active ground-floor uses, with attention paid to safety and security.	86%
Summary of comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements for pedestrians important, including lighting, safety enhancements, and streetscape improvements • Parking is important part of the neighborhood, but needs to be managed properly • Focus of economic development should be on neighborhood residents 	

Seven Corners	% Supporting
Support as a destination for arts, theater, and dining.	88%
Create visual and physical connections between the Cedar Riverside Arts District and downtown arts and culture uses including Guthrie, Mill City Museum, Loft/Open Book, and MacPhail Center for Music.	72%
Create strong, positive interface with Central Corridor light rail station.	85%
Rebuild connections between Seven Corners and the Cedar-Riverside intersection over the Washington Ave trench via pedestrian and bicycle improvements to Cedar Ave.	84%
Summary of comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven Corners is a separate area – need to build connections to rest of neighborhood, including visual and physical links • Seven Corners has a unique and special identity that needs to be maintained and strengthened • Need to take into account local residents, including immigrants, not just outside visitors 	

Cedar Riverside intersection	% Supporting
Continue to support a successful collection of destination businesses (for example, outdoor/active lifestyle, folk art and music).	86%
Enhance physical appearance of area business to attract visitors, students, faculty and staff from area institutions and downtown, including improvements to business storefronts and overall maintenance of the area.	59%
Provide neighborhood goods and services.	77%
Summary of comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to focus on meeting the needs of neighborhood residents before attempting to attract outside people • Support and keep existing independent businesses • This area needs to balance attractions with neighborhood services, since both are part of this area • Dania Hall site is important to the neighborhood 	

South Cedar	% Supporting
Visually and functionally create an identity as an ethnic marketplace, with goods and services from diverse communities.	70%
Recognize the long history and current role of Cedar Riverside as a location that supports recent immigrants.	83%
Maintain current music and entertainment scene.	83%
Summary of comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build on what is already in this area • More community space is needed • Ensure proper enforcement of noise, trash, and other ordinances to limit conflicts between ethnic and entertainment uses • Support ethnic businesses and identity, which serve both the ethnic community as well as others • Ethnic identity of neighborhood may change over time 	

Riverside Avenue	% Supporting
Provide a human-scale environment that encourages students, employees, and visitors to walk, bicycle, shop, dine and use the area's transit amenities.	78%
Encourage uses that meet the needs of employees, students and visitors to area institutions, including restaurants, coffee shops, and convenience goods and services.	50%
Provide goods and services to meet needs of residents.	95%
Summary of comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more focus on needs of residents first, as opposed to faculty, staff, students, and visitors of the major institutions • Focus on independent businesses which can appeal to a broad audience • Code compliance issues for some buildings, including graffiti • Concern that too many changes could result in gentrification 	

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation section presented draft policies based on the neighborhood's two major corridors, Cedar and Riverside, as well as the planned Central Corridor LRT station. The policies are listed below, alongside the percentage which supported them, and a summary of the comments received.

Cedar Avenue	% Supporting
Make improvements to Cedar Avenue consistent with its role as a pedestrian-oriented commercial corridor, including improvements to sidewalks, crosswalks, landscaping, street furniture, lighting, and other enhancements.	86%
Improve Cedar Ave intersections at Riverside Avenue and at 7 Corners to enhance pedestrian safety and access.	71%
Upgrade the mid-block crossing at vacated 5 th Street (near Riverside Plaza), and create a public walkway through the corridor to Riverside Avenue, to improve pedestrian connectivity.	82%
Create strong visual and physical connections for pedestrians and bicyclists between street and LRT stations.	91%
Summary of comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and improve existing pedestrian connections, including cut-through places, and create new ones where possible • Better signage needed at and near Hiawatha LRT station, including at bike path • Improve traffic calming and safety for pedestrians at crossings • Traffic signal timing could be improved • Safety is an important issue 	

Riverside Avenue	% Supporting
Reconfigure the street within the existing layout to allow for bicycle lanes, connecting over to both 19 th Avenue and the Hiawatha LRT station, while ensuring maintenance of on-street parking and adequate traffic flow.	100%
Improve safety at pedestrian crossings, particularly at difficult intersections, including 20 th Ave/5 th St intersection.	81%
Improve traffic flow on Riverside through traffic signal changes at intersections.	67%
Investigate other potential long term projects to enhance the Riverside Avenue corridor, including improved pedestrian facilities.	81%
Summary of comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities to encourage walking and bike riding • Concerns regarding need for maintenance of trees and landscaping along street, should more be added to corridor • Make Riverside design more like Cedar, with pedestrian friendly development • Riverside needs more visual interest • Traffic signals need to be evaluated based on goals of slower traffic for safety versus better flow • Crossings on Riverside may not be unsafe 	

LAND USE AND DESIGN

The Land Use and Design section presented draft policies based on future land use patterns, proposed urban design, and improvements to the public realm. The policies are listed below, alongside the percentage which supported them, and a summary of the comments received.

Future Land Use	% Supporting
Maintain land use largely as is, with incremental change and infill consistent with surrounding character.	83%
Identify appropriate sites for potential infill housing, including ownership housing, and support the redevelopment of these sites.	65%
Designate Cedar and Riverside Avenues as Commercial Corridors, and encourage the development of buildings with active, pedestrian-oriented uses on the ground floor along both avenues.	83%
If large parking facilities are redeveloped, ensure that current levels of public parking will be maintained on site.	48%
Designate the commercial area along Cedar Ave as an Activity Center, which supports activity throughout the day and evening, higher density housing, and pedestrian and transit orientation.	74%
Summary of comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support existing land uses, mix, and density levels• Need more recreational and community space for residents• Strategic infill projects, compatible with surrounding area, are important• Limit encroachment by institutions on surrounding neighborhood• General support for commercial corridor designation• Support for ownership, not rental, housing• Lack of support for additional high density housing similar to Riverside Plaza	

Urban Design and Public Spaces	% Supporting
Encourage the development of safe places through Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), with attention to access, surveillance and sightlines, layout, activity mix, sense of ownership, quality environments, and physical protection.	65%
Promote design along Cedar and Washington Avenues that is compatible with historic commercial character of this corridor.	76%
Promote design along Riverside Avenue that helps institutions better relate to the surrounding neighborhood, and orients them more towards the street.	74%
Enhance the safety, quality, and quantity of public gathering spaces, both indoors and outdoors.	79%
<p>Summary of comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character of area should be reflective of role as cultural and ethnic center and highlight cultural and ethnic uses • Addressing public safety needs to be prioritized, including community building approaches • Surveillance should not rely on electronic monitoring, and should not invade privacy • Promote development of safe, comfortable, appealing places • Improving quantity and quality of public gathering places are priorities • Help existing businesses to stay in the neighborhood • Institutions should relate better to neighborhood • Support historical character, including pedestrian orientation • Awnings a better investment than banners 	

Central Corridor LRT Station Plan Concepts

This exercise asked participants to rank their top three priorities for the design of the West Bank Cedar Riverside station of the Central Corridor LRT. A weighted score was assigned based on the responses to this, with the highest score representing the most frequently prioritized criteria.

Priority	Score
Cedar Avenue access	54
19 th Avenue access	0
University of Minnesota campus access	7
Bicycle and pedestrian connections	27
Enhanced wheelchair accessibility	4
Prominent entrance at street level	8
Attractive station design	12
Connections with area bus routes	11
Potential for nearby redevelopment	9
Safety features and enhancements	1
Ability to add future improvements	0
Project within budget	1
Improved connections in neighborhood (north/south and east/west)	10
Other	0

Summary of comments:

- Improve safety of Washington Avenue bridge
- Station between Cedar/19th Station is preferred due to access to residential areas
- Carefully consider design of covered walkways to ensure attractive facilities that offer protection from elements, while discouraging graffiti
- Mixed reviews on appearance and function of walkways
- Bicycle access to station is important

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT #3

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Community Events

- Sept 12 – flyers and announcement at WBCC Land Use Committee meeting

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- Emailed and handed out to steering committee for distribution
- Emailed to Riverside Plaza for posting and distribution
- Emailed to The Cedars for posting and distribution

Media Outlets

- Aug. 16 press release to 21 media outlets, Mayor's office, CMs
- Sept. 25 interview with KFAI

Website

- Posted meeting information on Planning Division's website

Institutions

- Advertised with two planning classes (undergrad and grad) at the U

Diversity Accommodations

- Contacted immigrant community leaders directly regarding meeting
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** Follow-up Engagement