

Design Charrette- Community Feedback

- (1) What community values define the neighborhoods along South Rogers Street?
 - McDoel and Prospect Hill undergoing Demographic change.
 - Pedestrian needs should receive greater focus and less attention to vehicles.
 - Walking to destinations is desired. Zoning could encourage this focus.
 - Pocket Parks as a refuge from vehicular traffic.
 - Walkability/ businesses at the sidewalk/ trees/ limestone
 - Historic homes/ attractive mature tree cover/ open front porches
 - A place to meet as a community in a protected area.
 - Diverse people, incomes, businesses, houses.
 - Welcoming destinations, such as, shops, seating, drinking fountains
 - Diversity, Environmentally friendly, Leftist, Progressive, Civic Involvement.

- (2) What are 3 “Critical Success Factors” for the project?
 - Walkability & Pedestrian Safety/ Treescape/ Aesthetics
 - Improved Non-motorized Transportation
 - Public/social spaces to pull people together.
 - Streetscape to engage private owners to use outdoor space, then the public and private spaces can feed off of and interact with each other.
 - Calm traffic for outdoor activities, but maintain necessary traffic flow.
 - Use Color and Visual Business to calm traffic.
 - Make provisions for crossing Rogers at south end.
 - Demarking Neighborhoods; define entrances, flags, columns.
 - Add parking to west side of Rogers south of Patterson.
 - Round-a-bout could break monotony and offer a Focal Point.
 - Respect and Retain Existing Materials
 - Include tree lawns on both sides of Rogers/Buffer sidewalk from street.
 - Calm Traffic/ Increase Tree Cover/ Create Pedestrian/Bike friendly Route.
 - Safety for Mothers and their Children.
 - Continuous tree canopy/ Better Pedestrian Crossing
 - Safe Pedestrian Crossing/ Aesthetics for Historic Homes/ Keep Trees/ Attractive Lighting.

- (3) What would you least like to see on the corridor?
 - No Color/Grey Tones
 - Widening the Roadway
 - Reduced Parking
 - Turfgrass. The Corridor should incorporate sustainable, edible, native plants.
 - Widening of the Street/ Lose mature trees/ no pedestrian buffer.
 - Artificial Materials. Removal of Authentic & replace with manufactured.
 - Broken curbs/ large entrances for parking lots.
 - Design elements that are too contemporary/suburban for historic neighborhoods.
 - More commercial Establishments.
 - Cutting down existing trees.
 - Fake 19th Century Gew,gewes.

(4) What is your Biggest Concern about the Project?

- Becoming Hard/Unfriendly/no trees.
- Harm Business by removal of Parking.
- Study will be put on Shelf.
- Design must be realistic and able to be implemented.
- Aesthetic feeling of Safety for Pedestrians.
- Connection of McDoel and Prospect Hill by walking.
- Gratitude for the area being improved.
- Aesthetic cost outweigh project / too expensive.
- That it will look like every other Street.
- Do not create Mini-Disneyland Version of Neighborhood.
- No Carmelized Streetscape.
- Dog Waste Bag Dispensers at key areas.

(5) How will you most likely travel through the Corridor?

- Locals like to walk and bike to downtown
- Emergency Vehicle Traffic
- Wheelchairs use the Roadway because the sidewalk does not function
- Car/Foot/Bike
- City Bus picks up on 2nd and Rogers, also School buses

(6) What are the Safety Issues and how should they be addressed?

- Crossing at Allen, 3rd and Patterson.
- Sidewalks do not function for Wheelchairs
- Difficult to cross Patterson at night
- Hard to cross east side of 3rd Street
- Need Pedestrian Lighting
- Allen is dangerous for car or pedestrian
- Difficult to cross at 2nd Street
- Parked cars make it hard to see pedestrians trying to cross Street
- People drive too fast
- Hard to cross at intersection that do not have a signal.
- Can Allen become a 4-way Stop?
- 3rd Street is very unfriendly
- Pedestrian Crossing at Kirkwood
- Can Bike lanes be added?

(7) What are some key areas that our design should focus on?

- Buffering the hospital density from 1st to 2nd Streets.
- Holding lots to Minimum Aesthetic Standards.
- Make a Statement at Patterson
- Incorporate small stone walls
- Patterson, Allen, and Dodds
- Kirkwood, Patterson, 2nd, 3rd, and Railroad tracks
- Environmental Issues of Run-off, Greenspace, and Pollution Control
- Create Gateway at Kirkwood

- 4th Street is a popular Pedestrian and Bike Crossing
- 2nd Street is an Aesthetic Disaster
- West side of Roger between Rockport and Patterson
- East side of Roger between Patterson and 1st Street

(8) What streetscapes have you had a positive experience with in the past?

Why did you like them?

- Fountain Square Mall – Street, Trees, Window Planters
- Historical Savannah
- Built up with landscaping
- Italian Streetscapes – Compression and Release
- Parey Park in New York City
- Sign with the Background of Neighborhoods
- Bryant Park in Bloomington
- Bicycle Parks
- Oak Park, IL, Burlington, VT, North Hampton, MA – Slow Traffic & Dedicated to people.
- Places to sit
- Use of Rain Gardens
- Old Philadelphia – wide sidewalks & great outdoor spaces
- Attractive trash/recycle containers