

Healthy Places Walkability Study South Central Hilltop: South Ogden/Vida's Place

The goals of the walkability study are to increase neighborhood residents walking in their neighborhood and to identify destination places that are within walking distance. This will be done by walking with neighborhood residents to 1) identify positive places to walk in their neighborhood; 2) inventory barriers to pedestrians and bikers; and 3) identify neighborhood destinations.

Synopsis

Date	April 4, 2011
Community Participation	2 Residents, 1 City Staff
Distance Walked	2.82 miles
Weather	Cloudy, light rain

Neighborhood Findings

Recreation

- The John Burroughs Park (which belongs to the school, not Recreation & Parks) serves this neighborhood. The park is accessible via sidewalk connections along Burgess, Richardson, and Sullivant. It contains a walking path.

Neighborhood Streets

- For the most part, streets are in good condition. Residents expressed that they do not like to walk along Sullivant Avenue as much because of the speed and noise of passing cars.
- Residents would like to use Mound Street to connect to destinations (Brookshire IGA store on Eakin Road) South of the pride area, but Mound is mostly without sidewalks.
- Residents use Whitehead as the main East/West connection within the pride area, even though Whitehead does not have sidewalks.
- Sidewalks are only on the East side of Harris.

Safety

- Residents are especially concerned about safety along Burgess. Mostly rental homes, some with suspected criminal activity (drug) and very unkempt lawns. More trash on this street than any other walked. This street borders the school and park.
- Residents are also concerned about Racine because of safety issues (drug and gang activity).

Housing

- All of the houses have great porches which allows people to watch over the street and talk with their neighbors. Homes also have lots of tree cover, making the streets nice for walking.
- Residents like retention walls installed as gateway features around homes – but they have been vandalized in several areas.

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Commercial & Community Gathering:

- Most of the Sullivant commercial corridor is abandoned or closed, with the exception of a couple bars, a tattoo parlor, a couple gaming businesses, hair salons, Family Dollar and United Dairy Farmers.
- Residents expressed that crime is present in the commercial area (especially in the parking lot of Family Dollar), so they must drive to other locations to access services.
- United Dairy Farmers is one community gathering point (with indoor café seating), as are some of the churches, and the homes of residents. The school has yet to be fully accessed as a community spot.

This report will be used to create walking maps through the neighborhood. The mile-marked maps will highlight neighborhood features, safe paths and destinations. The report will also be forwarded to City of Columbus departments that can assist neighborhoods in addressing their needs.

The mission of the Healthy Places program is to enhance healthy and active living by establishing development policies and practices to reduce negative health impacts and by creating places that foster physical activity as a part of everyday life. For more information, please contact Betsy A. Pandora, Healthy Places Coordinator at 645-5318 or EAPandora@Columbus.gov.

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Addendum

Site Specific Comments

Routes

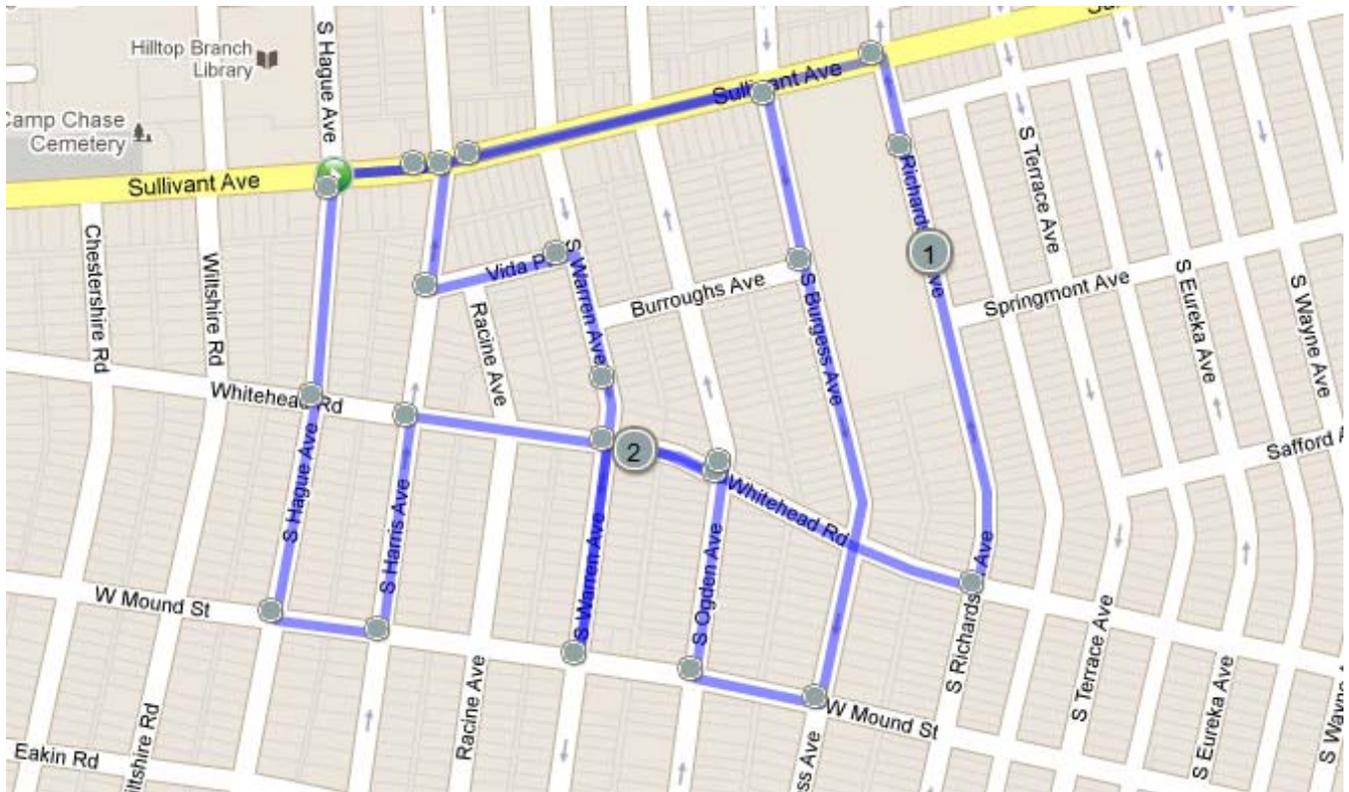
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Site Specific Comments

Address	Street Comment
Whitehead	This street is used as a main access point for East/West connections throughout the neighborhood, but it lacks sidewalks. This street could benefit from pedestrian signage to alert motorists to presence of pedestrians.
607 Warren Street	Dead squirrel found on sidewalk, had been there for a while
673 Richardson	Manhole cover open due to resident parking on lawn
621 Burgess	Front yard filled with trash and debris

No Sidewalks	Sidewalks
Mound Street (between Harris and Richardson)	Racine
Portions of Harris without (none at Sullivan and only on one side before Whitehead)	Rest of Harris
Portions of Burgess	Burgess
Whitehead between Hague and Richardson	Sullivan
Burroughs Ave	Ogden
	Richardson
	Warren
Vida Ave (no sidewalks on west side of street)	East Side of Vida Ave

Route Walked



Pictures (Explanation of pictures below)



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Picture Explanation

Picture Number	Explanation
1-2	No sidewalks on Mound Street (except between Hague and Haris)
3	ADA ramps throughout, but no crosswalks (road treatment) on residential streets
4	Pride center centrally located at Whitehead and Warren
5-6	Sidewalk condition deteriorating on many streets (Warren pictured)
7-8	Sewer uncovered due to parking on lawn, paint on tree, home generally unkempt
9-10	Sullivant Avenue sidewalks deteriorating, sewer overflow with rain
11-12	Vacant commercial strip on Sullivant, but good cross walk at Sullivant and Burgess
13	UDF on Sullivant, community gathering spot and good neighbor business
14 and 18	Half of Harris has sidewalks, sidewalk stops on Burgess
15	Broken sidewalk and exposed pipe on Sullivant
16	Drug related crime in area (Tattoo Parlor)
16	Retention walls, community gateway feature
17	Sidewalk ends abruptly
18-19	Cleanliness is a huge issue in the neighborhood. Images from Burgess, cross from the school. Rental homes unkempt with trash on lawns all along this street.