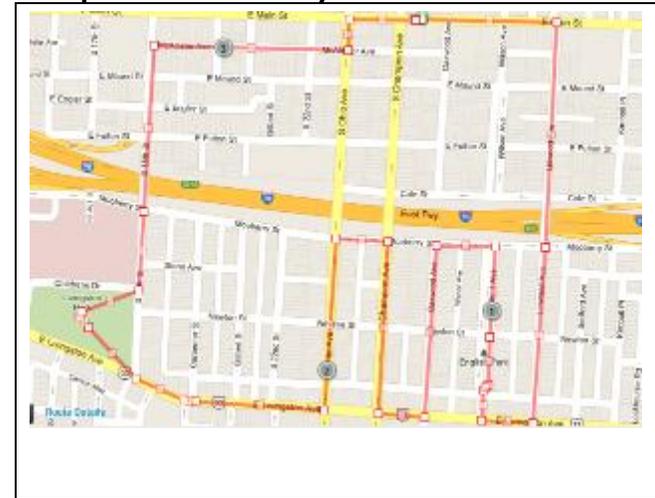


Study Information

Community Name	Central Community House – Near Southside & Olde Towne East
Date of Walk Study:	Friday, March 30, 2012
Participants:	City Staff: 1
	Adults: 4
	Children: 1
Distance Walked:	3.32 miles <i>(ex. 1.78 miles)</i>
Weather Conditions:	Warm, Sunny, low 70's <i>(ex. Partly Cloudy, low 50's)</i>

Map of Area Surveyed



General Comments:

Overall, there was great infrastructure for walking throughout the neighborhood. One of the greatest issues for walkability is pocket-concentrations of housing vacancy throughout the area walked, and the aesthetic and safety issues associated with vacancy. Strengths for walkability in the area include a large number of community gathering spaces and spaces for recreation and play.

sidewalks on residential streets were not wide enough for two people to walk side by side.

Safety

Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed:

<p>Lighting is bright.</p>	<p>People were about walking and on porches throughout the area.</p>
<p>Neighbors are outside.</p>	<p>Most talked with us and inquired what we were doing – indicating community concern and a sense of eyes on the street, which is important for safety.</p>
<p>Dogs are secured.</p>	<p> </p>
<p>Traffic is calm.</p>	<p> </p>
<p>Drivers obey stop signs and crosswalks.</p>	<p> </p>

<p>No one else is outside.</p>	<p> </p>
<p>Dogs are intimidating or not secured.</p>	<p>Walkers identified homes with “terrifying dogs” along Champion Ave between Mooberry and Newton and behind unstable fences on Mooberry between Champion Ave. and Wilson Ave. and on Newton between Champion Ave. and Wilson Ave.</p>
<p>There is no lighting.</p>	<p> </p>
<p>Drivers ignore stop signs and crosswalks.</p>	<p> </p>
<p>Traffic is fast or unsafe.</p>	<p> </p>

<p>Overall, how safe do you feel walking in your neighborhood?</p>	<p>Rating: (bold one)</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
		<p>Few</p>			<p>Many</p>	

Photos:

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<p>Children play on sidewalk instead of in park area – perhaps because of parents concerns over safety in walking to parks.</p>	<p>This area has a Block Watch</p>	<p>Area is lit, but wires hang from the electrical poles in many places.</p>
<p>Comments: Some of the biggest safety concerns were over the speed of traffic along major streets and a lack of features to shield pedestrians for the traffic (especially on Main, Livingston, Champion, and Ohio). Almost all of the residential streets are narrow and feature either a grass median or cars parked along the streets, making it feel more comfortable for walking.</p> <p>The area bounded by N:Mooberry Street, S: Livingston Avenue, E: 22nd Street, and W: Carpenter Street was identified as making walkers feel most unsafe – due to perceptions of gang and crime activity concentrating in that area.</p>		

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<p>There are some beautifully maintained homes next to vacant homes that have fallen victim to arson</p>	<p>Vacant, city-owned buildings are distinguished by their plywood windows</p>	<p>Litter found throughout all areas, empty alcohol bottles fuel perceptions of crime</p>
<p>Comments: While much of the area is connected, condition of housing creates an environment that is perceived as unsafe for walking and attracts potential criminal activity. Litter is another major issue in the neighborhood, with concentrations of it found throughout – but predominantly within 1-2 residential blocks of commercial areas. Poor quality housing seems to be concentrated in a similar pattern throughout.</p>		

