

Healthy Places Walkability Study North and South Linden Neighborhood Pride

Columbus Public Health Healthy Places program is conducting walkability studies in the 2008 Neighborhood Pride areas. 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 cyclists; and 3) identify neighborhood destinations.

Synopsis

Date	June 28, 2008
Community Participation	4 and the Walking In the Neighborhood Coordinator, Pat Funderburg
City Participation	Terry Stewart, Transportation Division
Distance Walked	2.48 miles
Weather	Overcast, storm predicted, nice temperature

Neighborhood Findings

Recreation

- There are no sidewalks or a walking path around or in Audubon Park. There is a heavily used walking track at St. Stephens.

Sidewalks

- Weber Road-a lot of people walk Weber, we need sidewalks; especially on East Weber-it connects us to the commercial corridor on Cleveland Ave.
- Hamilton Road needs sidewalks-it connects to Briarwood, Linden Park and has a high school as well as bus stops on it.
- We really want sidewalks on Weber.

Walking

- Walking group already meets at St. Stephens, they have a multi-use path and people feel safe.
- McGuffey is hard to cross at Aberdeen and hard to cross anywhere with traffic.
- Weber road is noisy.
- People do not shovel their walks in winter.

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Housing

- Abandoned houses are scary and an eyesore.

The Neighborhood

- You have to walk at different times of day and in different seasons-that way you know which streetlights are out and who does not shovel their snow.
- Alamo is a nice street-it has sidewalks and is well kept.

Safety

- Groups of teenagers roam and intimidate people from being outside and walking. We need youth activities.
- Cars respect pedestrians; you have to watch for children around the schools and recreation center.
- Crime is the biggest issue in this neighborhood and the biggest reason people do not walk.
- The City has done very well at fixing streetlights. I get immediate responses to my calls.
- Traffic calming improvements include: McGuffey in front of Columbus Alternative High School (CAHS) will have a median and better walkway for the students. Hamilton is receiving speed humps at Briarwood north toward Genessee by CAHS.



Linden Park is a neighborhood asset; however, it needs sidewalks around the perimeter and a walking path.



Several streets in the Linden neighborhood do not have sidewalks or have discontinuous sidewalks, however, people are still walking as seen by this worn walking path.



The intersection of Genessee Ave and McGuffey Road in front of the Columbus Alternative H.S. This intersection will be receiving a median and crosswalk improvements.

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 Christine Godward, Healthy Places Coordinator at 645-5318 or CLGodward@columbus.gov.

Addendum

Site Specific Comments

Routes

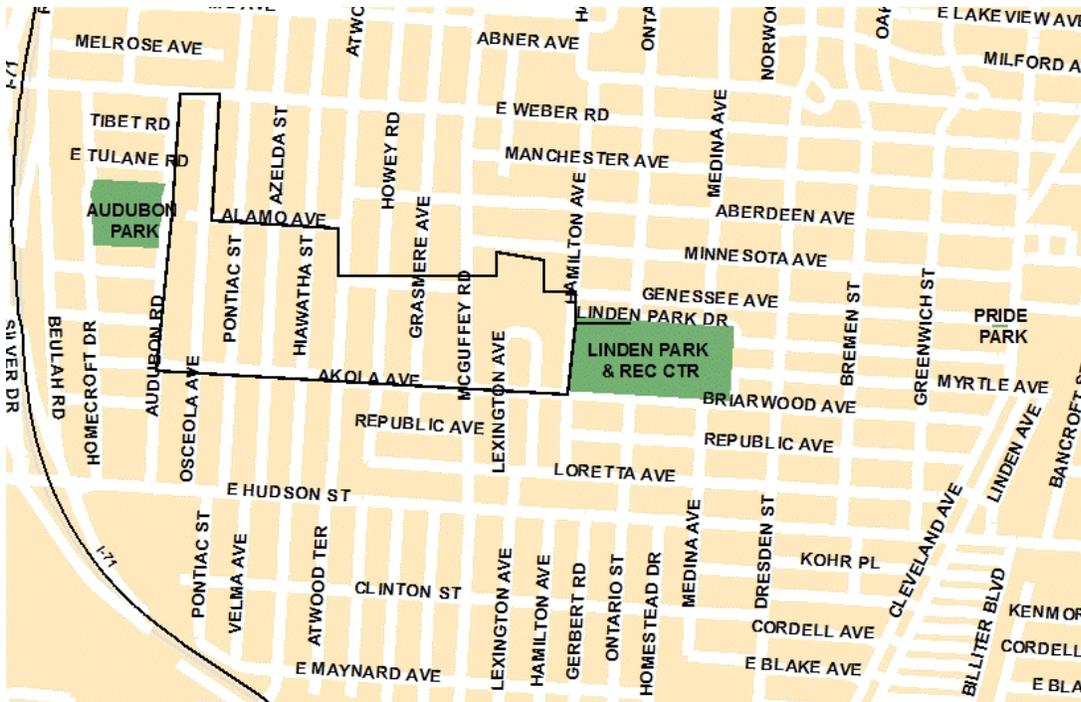
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Site Specific Comments

Street Comments	Comment
<i>Intersection</i>	
McGuffey and Aberdeen Ave	Difficult intersection to cross; McGuffey difficult to cross anywhere
<i>Positive Places and Improvements</i>	
Howey	Nice street at Aberdeen
McGuffey at Genessee	Street will be treated with a median and crosswalk
Hamilton behind CAHS	Street will be treated with speed tables and sidewalks

No Sidewalks	Sidewalks
North/south streets	Most east/west streets
Hamilton Ave	Republic (except for between Hamilton and Dresden)
Briarwood Ave (majority)	McGuffey
Grasmere	Howey
Atwood Terrace (discontinuous or only on one side)	Tibet
Hiawatha (discontinuous)	Tulane
Azelda (discontinuous)	Hudson
Pontiac (discontinuous)	Weber (discontinuous or only one side)
Osceola (discontinuous)	Manchester
Audubon (discontinuous)	Aberdeen (McGuffey to Cleveland)
Homecroft (discontinuous)	Minnesota (McGuffey to Cleveland)
Weber Road (discontinuous and only on one side) (neighborhood residents repeated brought up the need for sidewalks on Weber Road)	Genessee (McGuffey to Cleveland)
	Lexington
	Renwood

Route Walked



Pictures (Explanation of pictures below)



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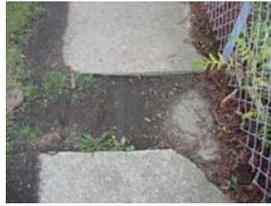
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Picture Explanation

Picture Number	Explanation
1-3	Linden Recreation Center and Park
4-5	Hamilton Road looking north from Briarwood toward the crossing for Columbus Alternative High School (CAHS)
6	Hamilton Road walking south from Briarwood-sidewalks are only on one side
7	View of Linden Park from across Hamilton Ave
8	Group walking on Hamilton Ave
9	COTA bus stop on Hamilton Ave; no shelter or trash can is at the bus stop
10	Missing sidewalk at 2547 Hamilton Ave
13-15	Views of Linden Park
16	Sidewalk on Hamilton Road
17-18	Hamilton and Briarwood
19-24	Briarwood
25	Briarwood west of Remwood
26	Sidewalk typical of neighborhood-4 feet which is narrow for two walkers
27	Deteriorating apron on Briarwood
28	Residents pick up trash as they walk
29	Worn footpath showing the need for sidewalks on Briarwood
30	Briarwood without sidewalks
31-32	Briarwood at Howey-cap is off of fire hydrant; people have been stealing metal for scrap metal money
33	Briarwood after Howey on the west side; trash and no sidewalk
34	Hiawatha and Briarwood-dumpster left in yard
35-36	Alley between Azelda and Hiawatha looking north
37	Debris in ramp at Osceola and Akola
38-39	2587 Osceola sidewalk missing and in very bad shape
40-41	Akola and Audubon
42-43	Audubon-sidewalks are disconnected
44-46	Audubon Park-does not have sidewalks at the perimeter
47	Audubon just south of Weber
48-49	Weber Road, south side between Audubon and Osceola
50	Vacant house on Osceola south of Weber
51	Genessee and Atwood Terrace-very nice ramps
52	Genessee approaching CAHS on McGuffey
53	Intersection of McGuffey and CAHS
54-55	Path around CAHS
56	Intersection of Hamilton and Genessee behind CAHS
57	Linden Park and Hamilton intersection-near CAHS and Linden Park
58	Linden Park heading east from Hamilton
59	Linden Park