



Neighborhood Information Question

1. Think back to when you were looking to move into your current home. What aspects of your neighborhood led you to move into the home where you live now?

Has the experience been what you expected (why or why not)?

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- Christ Lutheran Church started as a neighborhood Sunday School & Ladies Aid in the late 1940's – early 1950's. We built the first wing of our building in 1954 and added on twice since then.
 - In the 1990's, we made the decision to commit to stay in the neighborhood. In our beginnings, it was the many young families, and lack of a Lutheran Church in the neighborhood. We remain committed to NW Minot.
- When St. Mark's was founded (1956), the growth was concentrated in western Minot, so a church was founded in this areas to reach out to eh new resident in the area.
 - Personally, I live on Glacial Drive, on top of the hill. Since I am an amateur radio operator, elevation is important to me so I chose to live on top of the hill, outside the valley area. This has been a good decision for my wife and myself.
- Close to school(s), close to your church, close to shopping center – of sorts, close to a nice park, a home where traffic was a non-factor, people our age – and children of similar ages.
 - The experience has been great for 43+ years.
 - Has changed a great deal due to flood activities.
 - More people
 - Extreme increase in vehicles
 - Crime rate has grown so much. I asked our local Sheriff what 10% of “the bad news happenings make the newspaper or news media. I said 50%. His response was maybe 40%.
 - So many people in all age brackets will say “take us back to 5 year ago, peace and lower crime.
- Home is in the valley - price range - fairly close to grade schools.
 - Yes – enjoy the valley – close to grocery store, gas station – park nearby for children, grandchildren.
- Walk to grocery and general shopping. Near school, walking distance. Park and pool near. On bus route. Established houses, no empty lots where anything could be built.
 - Not in flood plain? Met expected until the past four or five years.
- Mixed neighborhood. Proximity to park/nature. Access to main thoroughfares. Access to basic shopping needs. Safety of neighborhood.
- I have been in my home nearly 18 years. I have always loved NW Minot. The homes, the trees. Price was affordable. Was not in flood zone!
 - It has been pretty much what I expected with the exception of the number of rental properties.
- 25 years. Good size house. Lots of trees, quiet – back then. Felt safe.

- Grew up near home – close to Oak Park; close shopping. 1970 – walking distance to store; school, park and pool, bus safe. Established houses, not in flood plain.
- Representing Christ Lutheran church – history as neighborhood church – had private kindergarten.
- St. Mark's – 1956 founded.
- Close to schools – Oak Park; shopping area, mixed ages, great place for 40 years.
- Near Leech Park – love Oak Park – near valley schools. Loves the duplexes.
- 18 years – affordability; did not want to live in flood plain.
- Moved back from county as downsize – est. trees.
- Medium income, medium house size, older neighborhood, mixed family/single/elderly, quiet, close to park, safe.
 - It had been a wonderful neighborhood – now it's not. Losing the “neighbor” feel”.
- Close neighbors, safe streets. Close to the grocery store.
 - Would like to see walking/biking access to Leech Park and Oak Park.
- We rent, we only had a short time to look so we picked this one because it was next door to my parents and my childhood home. Its ok, we were supposed to be able to walk to Perkett and now we can't because the walkway is closed. The sidewalks are terrible. Many cracks, lots of difference in elevation. Each street should have an approach so you can ride your scooter or bike up (or wheelchair). When its winter, there are many icy spots.
 - Street parking has got out of control.
- Sense of safety for everyone – safe bike routes/walking routes.
- Quiet, pretty, trees, evergreens. (22 yrs.)
- Isolated, kids can ride bike. (20 years.)
- Loved raising family in neighborhood.
- Closeness to fair grounds.
- Private, quite, safe.
- Park lighting, maintenance at park.
- Uniqueness of housing styles, very unique for Minot.



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2. As you look towards returning to your home or staying in your home, what elements about your neighborhood would you like to see preserved?

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- Trees, sidewalks.
- As pastor of a church in area one, I have appreciated the Arrowhead area “handy” place for gas, bank, groceries, etc. which have been a source of time-saving convenience.
- Can’t think of anything – neighborhood “for the most part” is back to normal.
- Single families. Shops and restaurants. Entertainment. Drug store.
- Historic. Lot size. Nature/trees/landscaping.
- The trees. My neighborhood – street is pretty much back.
- Older homes. Neighborhood feel. Wild life. Mixed family/singles/elderly. Safety. Trees and green space. Theatre/shops.
- Single family residential zoning.
- Lots of trees.
- Quiet.
- All residential (no mixed zoning).
- Leech park – improved.



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3. Think about the future- what should be changed in your neighborhood in order to make your quality of life better?

- What specific things should be improved or changed about your neighborhood?
- What is missing in your neighborhood that you would like added or improved?
- What specific threats concern you?
- What specific opportunities do you foresee?

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- Our neighborhood, like all of Minot needs affordable housing and childcare.
- Abandoned properties pose a threat to the quality of the neighborhood.
- Christ Lutheran sees the opportunity to rebuild and remain with a presence in the neighborhood.
- We see an opportunity to be a site for pre-school (again) or before/after school child care.
- We see an opportunity to serve as a center for neighborhood gatherings.
- Problem areas – need more lighting in various places.
- Traffic – speed needs to be watched red lights enforced.
- Need more parking spaces and low rent housing.
- Changes – less street parking on 2nd Avenue, west of Leech Park.
- There are lots of rentals on 2nd Avenue, which results in lots of street parking.
- Threats – none really. Some scary intersections due to so many vehicles on the street.
- Good sidewalks.
- Bike lanes on major streets e.g. 4th Avenue and 16th Street.
- Restaurants for family dining.
- Streets in Valley getting busy because of development on North Hill.
- Better traffic control for safe walking and biking.
- Street lighting.
- Safety.
- More neighborhood specific activities.
- Traffic control.
- Concern: The number of rental properties and whether or not property owners will continue to maintain them.
- Restaurants.
- Potholes. Crime. Amount of rentals on 2nd – traffic and parking – 4th and 16th traffic.
- SF family rentals –More people per unit, parking on street and front yard – trucks. History of rentals in neighborhood but has increased.

- Need places to eat, drug store.
- Need pool – Oak Park, need ice rink,
- Street lights – on 4th Avenue NW.
- Don't want to lose wildlife – preserve ravines.
- Clean up empty - man camp lots.
- Limit cars per residence.
- Limit variances to codes.
- Quiet. More green space.
- Safety, noise, congestion.
- Make landlords aware of tenant situations.
- Street lights on 30th Street NW.
- Fence in Leech Park for better safety.
 - Drinking water at park.
 - Better care of Leech Park.
- Safe crossing to Perkett School.
- More parks and green space.
- Walking access to Jack Hoeven park/ Souris Golf Course.
- Stop signs on 2nd Avenue to deter speeding.
- Parking only on west/south side of street to allow for biking row.
- Safer access to Oak Park, walking/biking.
- Leech Park (soccer field), nice grass.
- Sandbox, smaller kid play area.
- More benches, community space.
- Water fountain /spigot.
- Access from 2nd / Avenue to park via trail.
- More protected from the street (fencing).
- Threats –
 - Speeding on 2nd.
 - Parking in the street, too many vehicles.
 - Abandoned vehicles / materials.
 - FEMA trailers abandoned steps...in many yards.
 - Lack of willingness of police force to enforce ordinances.
 - No crossing guards at major intersections.
- Why can't we bike on the sidewalks??
- Opportunities – replanting trees, adding ramp at each sidewalk, trails, and more parks if possible.
- Better street lighting. Needs to be upgraded. Roadway is divided. Improved pedestrian crossings. Sidewalks are heaved and poor conditions.