



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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- Available lot – April 1984. Moved close to mother and close to family.
 - Need light at 9th Avenue E of 27th Avenue SE.
- Move back to my wife's childhood neighborhood. Family nearby. Liked the shelter of trees and nice mature landscaping throughout neighborhood. True "neighborhood", mostly family dwellings.
 - We had a nice grocery at the entrance to our neighborhood and a gas station. Now we have a vacant lot that is storage for all kinds of junk.
- Neighborhood feeling. Quiet. Trees.
- Beautiful neighborhood, very shady and sheltered. Flat and safe for kids to play, ride bikes and explore.
 - Yes, our kids loved the neighborhood, as do we.
- Safe, family – friendly neighborhood with a true "neighborhood" feel. Trees, trees, trees. Family lives nearby. Park in the area, great place for walking/being outside with little traffic.
 - Pre-flood, the experience was what I expected, especially since I knew the area. Great neighborhood feel, camaraderie with neighbors, good upkeep.
- My home was built by my in-laws. We purchased our home because my mother-in-law moved to assisted living. We were familiar with the neighborhood and the friendly neighbors who lived there.
 - The friendly atmosphere existed and the move was what we expected.



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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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- Develop all the homes back to a desirable “family – (single family) neighborhood without multiple trucks parking in front yards and junk lying around in yards.
- The city needs to enforce some guidelines to make these “residential neighborhoods” again with developed yards (grass). Tear down homes that were left to rot.
- Trees.
- Quiet.
- Single family homes.
- The family atmosphere: quiet, safe and well kept.
- Single family homes.
- Well kept property.
- The neighborhood feel – single family residences with families. Also preservation of the unique architecture in the homes. I’d like to see them restored and done well.
- Quiet neighborhood
- Keep single family occupancy.
- Neat yards, keep multiple cars/vehicles off the street.
- Trees.
- Splash park at Green Valley Park – restore park elements.
- Go through fair grounds to exercise.
- Complete missing trail elements – improve signage.
- Exercise trail as green way – pedestrian / biking.
- Do something about abandoned houses. City should demo, don’t leave hanging. Negative impact on neighborhood.
- Single family turned into rentals with too many unrelated persons.
 - Restored homes.
 - Parking in front yard.
- Pedestrian and trail.
- Green space – fair grounds to Oak Park and college.
- Fair grounds drainage change – flows into back yards behind Ground Round (restaurant) /Holiday Inn.
- Trail connection to Roosevelt.

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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- Feels isolated.
- No groceries – add a grocery store.
- Have to drive to get to anything.
- 9th Avenue SE East of 27th Street SE – need street cleaned – muddy.
- I would be most concerned about getting our neighborhood back to an attractive safe place to live.
- Same concerns as before. If a house is left abandoned, the City should set up guidelines that something be done (namely demo it) so we don't have rotting homes full of weeds in the yard.
- Don't allow 8 construction or oil workers rent a house and park 8 trucks outside.
- Remove the flooded homes that are unsightly and a health hazard.
- Exercise trail system would be GREAT!
- Trees.
- Grass.
- Remove flooded homes that are a health hazard!!!
- Green valley is zoned single family; do not allow rentals with unlimited number of unrelated people living the home.
- Enforce laws relating to junk (cars, etc.) that are piled in yards. Clean up mess.
- Would like a grocery store nearby (if possible).
- Connect neighborhood to bike/walking path.
- Water runoff from Holiday Inn / Fairgrounds flow into back yards. This has been brought up to the City with no results. It is very unfair that it continues to be a problem for people with back yards constantly flooded.
- Intersection of Valley Street by the workshop and MGM auto needs a light or some way to move traffic. It is dangerous with the train tracks and road with people trying to turn left.
- Specifically:
 - Remove or rebuild houses sitting empty.
 - Clean up river banks – there is still a hot tub sitting on one side.
 - Return to (or enforce) zoning for single family homes.

- Require upkeep of property – lawns replanted, weeds taken care of, trees (dead) removed before they fall.
- Missing trail connection; grocery store; another traffic light on the back way – intersection at MBM Auto/Trinity Maintenance onto Valley Street or at least a 4 way stop and walker Road/8th Avenue.
- Specific threat – loss of neighborhood quality with rentals without lawns and multiple cars.
- Green space – trail connection from 55th Street intersection through ND State fairgrounds. Roosevelt Park, downtown, Oak Park, college, NW to soccer park, new middle school, SW to High School.
- Right now – just flood recovery. Lots of properties need work.
- I'd like to see street lights added.
- Threats I see are post-flood owners. We have some “oil houses” etc. already.
- Like to see improvements at the park.
- Change back to single family occupancy.
- Clean-up vacant lots and other lots where owners have returned.
- Vacant or abandoned homes concern me.