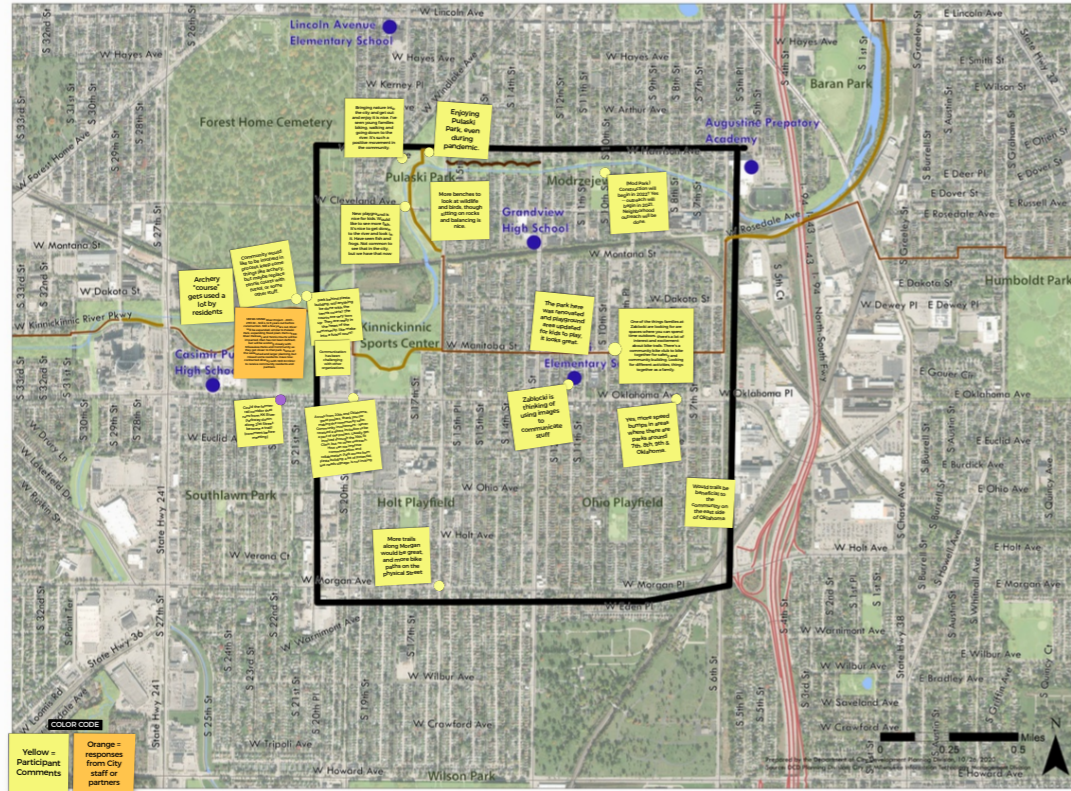


ENVISION SOUTH 13TH STREET TOGETHER - PARKS, RECREATION & TRAILS MEETING DISCUSSION BOARDS - OCTOBER 26, 2020



General Comments - Parks, Recreation & Trails

What do you like about the facilities in the area?

- The transformation of the park is beautiful! Heading south on 13th does need attention.
- Increased wildlife in the river has been great. Very grateful for the project.
- Have noticed more families walking and biking in the neighborhood
- Thrilled about improvements in Ohio Park
- For anyone looking for a new place to walk or enjoy nature, I recommend the KK River Parkway Trails. You can access them at 51st and the Parkway. The fall colors are beautiful

What would you like to see in the future?

- I would very much like to see improvements to bike and pedestrian infrastructure and a more forward-thinking approach to how we view a commercial corridor like South 13th that has so many wonderful natural qualities and outdoor recreational facilities
- Do more on the trail/park between 16th and 13th
- I wish there were more big shade trees, to keep our summer streets cool.
- Ambient lighting and flowers will be ideal to make the location feel warm and inviting.
- Art would be great, combined with green spaces is awesome. Would be a welcome, relaxing moment when you combine these activities
- more park benches
- benches for kids to look and enjoy nature
- add an emergency phone to use for Seniors or residents without phones.
- Signage for people to pick up after their dogs
- More lighting on trails for crime prevention
- There is so much concrete on 13th street and very little green space.

Are there issues with accessing trails?

- More trails along Morgan would be great, or even more bike paths on the physical streets
- How would we reach the Hank Aaron trail from this area?
- Justice Hank Aaron managed by Midwest Looking to improve connection. Signage that the how to get to Hank Aaron, using images all can be understood regardless of language
- You can take 16th to reach to Midwest park, access through the Hank Aaron trail through 16th but have to get to Hank Aaron trail as a separate using the park, however?
- Signage. You could also take the KK river trail to downtown to connect to Hank Aaron. Both trails end there, so you could connect, probably around 6th and Canal
- 6th is pretty nice to bike on from the roundabout north
- Big trail development from east west from like to Midwest. Grandview has a lot of this. Oak Leaf user however. City of Indianapolis has specific trail been done for for the last few years. They are looking to develop the far eastern part of the trail to connect eastern to western to see the region
- There has been discussion over the past couple years about creating a East West trail connecting between Lake Michigan and Waukegan via the We Chicago initiative. A trail that runs along the northern side of Waukegan from south of Howard St. South just south of the planning area
- Signage that is reflective of the community. Like bilingual, maybe not only Spanish, but could be some other languages too. How can't enjoy the spaces if I am coming from a different country. Like signage on the trails, or even activities, or art exhibits. When I talk to the families, they don't know that there's a bike trail nearby. This might be lack of knowledge, or maybe the resources are only being provided in English
- Signage that includes images that are understood in all languages is a good solution.
- Physical guides would be great for trails and parks
- signage in hmong in addition to spanish and english

What types of recreation are missing?

- Would really love a play place for little kids!
- Stations for physical activity similar to those at bayview park around the city
- Parks provide a recreational space for Winter-would like to see more activities in the winter
- parks are open year round, with winter activities, even biking in winter. Being locked in during pandemic, we need all these places open to be active all year round.
- Snowman contest would be a great way to get outside
- Snow shoveling, shoveling being outdoors in winter is good. Snow is the great. Great to go shoveling, bring hot chocolate, etc. Some of the staff at the ecology center does, some schools make sure that the kids have snowshoes and shovels to be active all year round. We need that fresh air during these times.
- Very important that facilities/activities included in the plan are accessible to children with different abilities.
- Dog parks
- When we were knocking on doors and walking there a sometimes more four legged creatures in the houses than people. We have to think out to exercise, and I don't think we have a dog park nearby. We don't have something to deal with dog waste in a good manner, which needs to be addressed for the health of the with animals/dog family members, and we need to address their issues
- On 14th and Harrison there is a community garden, all beds rented. Interest in building on to them?
- Would a green space/park be beneficial to the community on the East side of Oklahoma?
- I like the idea of a bike club for the kids and families
- Interest in bike trails, want to create community bike clubs
- Justice. There are different bike clubs like Black Go Do. Black 13th Street has a bike club. County cannot do programming like that, but supports partners who do.

Topic: Transportation & Streets

- WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE FUTURE?
- more speed bumps
  - Potential roundabouts for traffic control
- ISSUES WITH ACCESSING TRAILS
- I don't feel safe walking with my kids and dogs around here due to the constant opening and reckless driving up and down 13th street. For this reason I often drive to other neighborhood parks rather than go for a walk around here.
  - I don't allow my kids to ride bikes around the area or to the playground around because of the reckless drivers.

Topic: South 13th Street's Identity

- I would like to see Art exhibitions!
- Would be great to have space for temporary installations

Other

- Better advertising of community meetings
- Would it be possible to create literature that informs the community about the project?
- that's true it's important to have community members feel welcomed at these projects emerge
- Who do we contact to coordinate events in parks?
- County level facilities has great options for events on the site
- More resources for parks
- Would like resources for parks.
- Problek park - In there are talk to open up the garden during the summer and fall? Or have more open resources of someone could be taking photos/creating a map leading to the one there.
- are we able to rent the garden to definitely an interest in the community
- resources will be available from our current trail parks to community to community