

## **Introduction**

Following the Listening Sessions, the Planning Committee met to discuss the Discovery Report developed by this consultant. After a thorough review, the Planning Committee decided to use the neighborhood-wide survey to gain more input on events and on the themes that emerged during the Listening Sessions. The board has the full survey results and below is a topline summary.

The survey went live March 7<sup>th</sup> and closed March 14<sup>th</sup> at midnight. Advertised via email and on Facebook, the survey gathered 411 respondents. Of those, 126 submitted their names as volunteers with 94 naming their preferred task or project.

## **Events**

The survey queried about events using two questions – one that asked about specific events and one that asked what neighbors desire from events.

- Over 59% want to go to block parties in the future and nearly 53% want to go to the Annual Meeting. Other events gathered less than 50%.
- Over 5% want to help with the Home Tour, which got the largest percentage of responses about event volunteering. The next largest was block parties at nearly 3% and then Spring Fest with over 2%.
- Three answers received the most “very important” responses when asked what neighbors desire in events – “being able to meet new neighbors” (nearly 61%), “being able to socialize with neighbors I know now” (over 56%), and “talking about issues that are important to my neighborhood” (over 57%). The other choices each received lower than 50% in the “very important” category.
  - There was an open-ended response option for this question, however no theme rose from the 23 responses. Responses included a strongly worded statement about the York Avenue/IC situation in which the respondent believes the CGA board has “sold out” York Avenue to IC; a few responses said “crime;” while a few mentioned not having children.

## **Green Space and Infrastructure**

Neighbors were queried about green space and infrastructure with answer choices being ones that neighbors surfaced during the Listening Sessions.

- Sidewalk repair (over 68%), supporting the parks near us (over 62%), and developing a plan for and maintaining the medians (over 53%) were the answers with the largest percentages in the “very important” category.
- Nearly 54% said they would be willing to work on supporting parks near us; nearly 36% would like to work on alley improvements; and over 33% want to work on medians (169 people skipped this question).

- No themes were apparent in the open-ended respondents section. Responses included comments on inability to volunteer; a few advocated for regular litter removal; and some said alleys or sidewalks are the responsibility of individual homeowners.

### **Community-Building**

Neighbors were queried about building community through getting to know neighbors with answer choices being ones that neighbors surfaced during the Listening Sessions.

- More respondents chose somewhat important than very important, with other 50% choosing quadrant or street parties (nearly 32% chose very important), and over 44% choosing help to start other get-to-know-you activities like book clubs, cooking clubs, gardening clubs, etc.
- Comments included a desire for a pavilion and pool, recognition that there are existing book clubs and other clubs in CG, and a question if all are invited to street and block parties or just the people who live on the host street/block.
- Nearly 57% are willing to help organize a quadrant or street party. Nearly 33% are willing to help start other get-to-know-you activities. 244 respondents skipped this question.

### **Working with Other Midtown Neighborhoods**

Neighbors were asked how important it is to unite with other Midtown neighborhoods to work on common issues and concerns (like safety and sidewalk and alley improvements). They were not asked which issues they are willing to work on, because issues would need to be decided upon with the input of all the convened neighborhoods.

- Over 52% think it is very important to unite with other neighborhoods to solve common problems.
- Nearly 50% are not sure if they would be willing to work on this, while nearly 38% said they would be willing to help.

### **Working with Public Schools**

Neighbors were asked how important it is to work with public schools to improve the quality and gain support from the neighborhood.

- Over 40% think this is very important.
- Over 41% are not sure if they are willing to work on this issue, while nearly 35% are willing to help.