

WHAT YOU'VE SHARED

Brightmoor Area Framework Plan Community Focus Group: Streets & Mobility (virtual)

February 15, 2024

Meeting Attendees: approx. 20

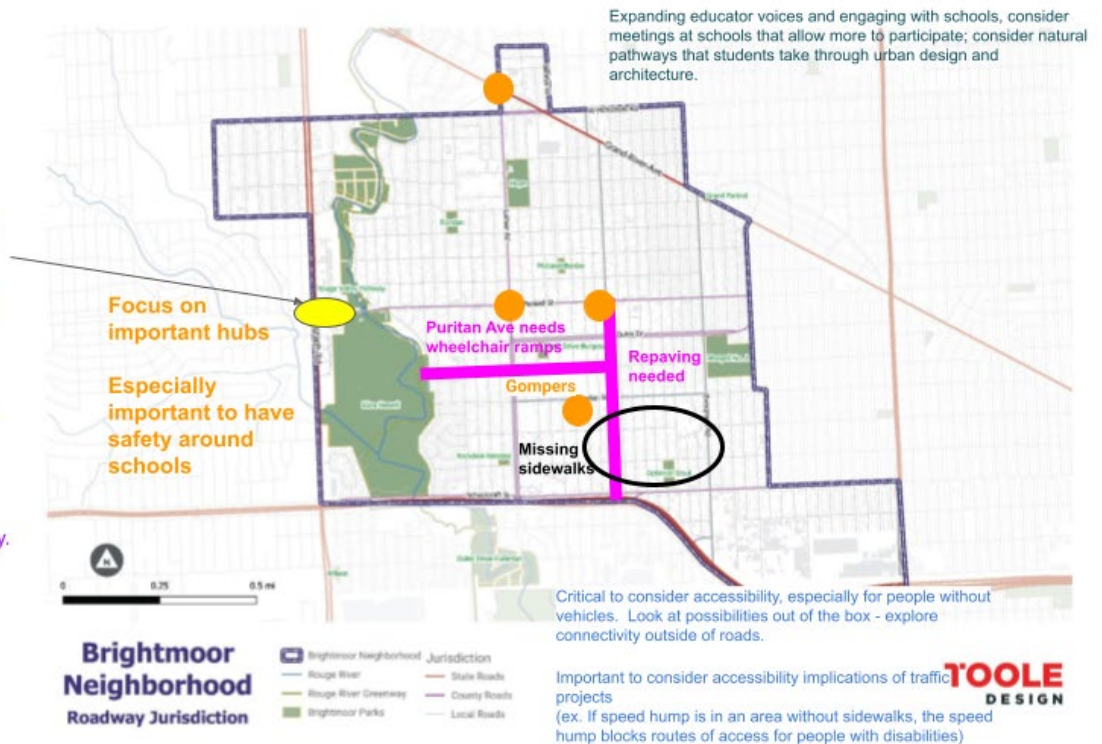
Online surveys: 4

Feedback

Update on bridge near Telegraph / Fenkell near Eliza Howell? (access has been cut off and is challenging for community)
Place to contact county or learn about updates?

Greenway connections
Each pocket pock with a theme
Focused on **healing of community** - lavender, wind chimes, workout equipment
Other park ideas:
Parks focused on family, harmony.
Sensory park for autistic people
ADA play areas

These notes were recorded live during the discussion portion of the meeting.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Agenda

- Welcome + Introduction: 10 minutes
- Rules of Engagement/Zoom Etiquette: 5 minutes
- Presentation: 25 minutes
- Project schedule recap and recap of feedback from fall workshop
- Review what residents have shared about streets to date
- Discuss the state of neighborhood streets today and DPWs efforts
- Review potential streets strategies
- Next steps
- Polling during the presentation
- Discussion: 40 minutes
- Wrap up + Next Steps: 5 minutes

OVERALL SUMMARY

The streets focus group discussion and online survey covered various community concerns and suggestions regarding street infrastructure, mobility, and community engagement. Some highlights include:

Street Safety & Infrastructure Concerns: Issues such as lack of accessible sidewalks, dangerous intersections, and the need for traffic calming measures were highlighted.

Traffic Hazards & Unsafe Intersections: Specific concerns were raised about the lack of wheelchair ramps, dangerous intersections like Schoolcraft and Burt Rd, and the closure of the Fenkell bridge.

- Suggestions included focusing on important hubs like Gompers Elementary, improving connectivity beyond roads, improving lighting, and engaging with local schools and organizations.

Improved Transportation Options: Online survey responses requested more/better bus routes, handicap accessible and level sidewalks and safer walking access, and more parking for businesses.

Inclusivity: Participants mentioned how height of speed humps damaging ADA vans and other service vehicles, the importance of inclusive parks and recreational spaces, and the need for better communication and coordination between stakeholders.

Accountability & Updates: Participants emphasized the importance of accountability from city officials and requested regular updates via channels like GovDelivery.

Outreach & Survey Accuracy: Participants expressed concerns about the accuracy of survey results and the need for better outreach to involve the entire Brightmoor community.

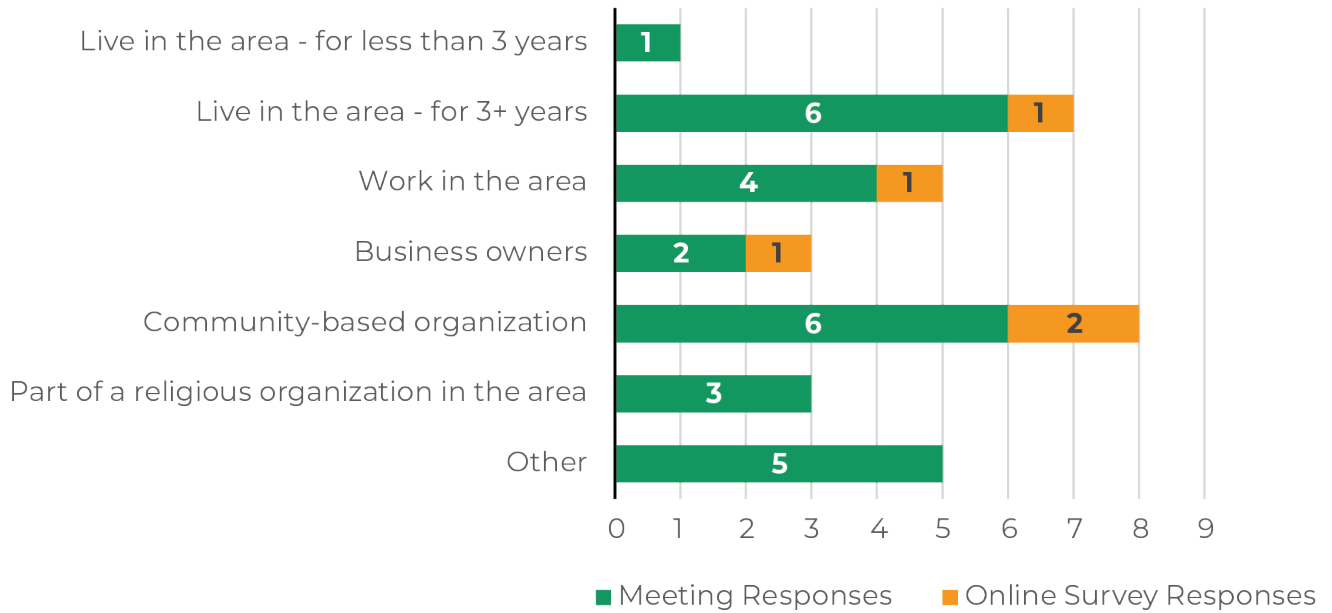
Overall, the discussion and online survey responses highlighted the community's desire for safer streets, improved sidewalks and bus routes, and better engagement from city authorities. Please continue reading for more detailed feedback and watch the meeting recording [here](#). View the meeting presentation slides [here](#).

Includes responses from both meeting polls and online survey

POLL RESULTS

Includes responses from both meeting polls and online survey

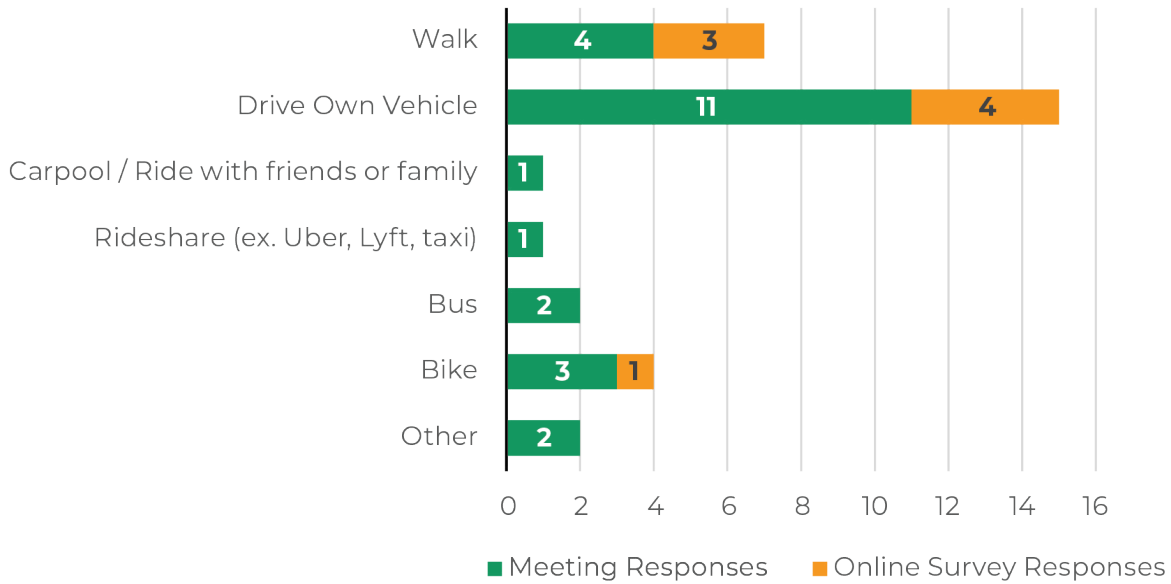
What is your relationship to the Brightmoor area? (Multiple Choice)



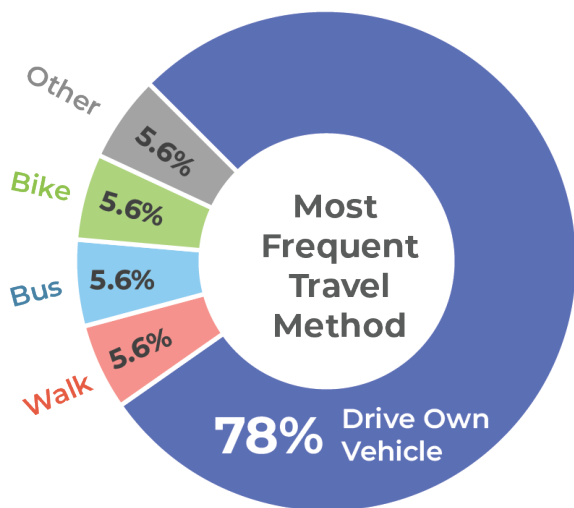
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How do you travel around the Brightmoor area today? (Multiple Choice)



What is the MOST FREQUENT way you get around? (Single Choice)



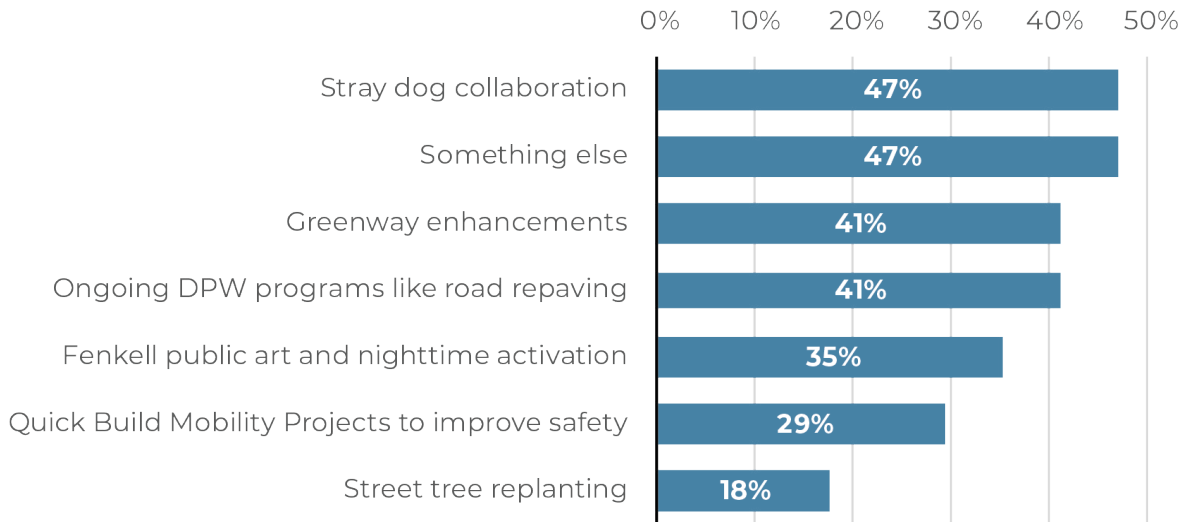
What is the MOST FREQUENT way you get around?	Meeting Responses	Online Survey Responses
Drive Own Vehicle	10	4
Walk	1	
Bus	1	
Bike	1	
Other	1	
Carpool / Ride with Friends or Family		
Rideshare (ex. Uber, Lyft, taxi)		
TOTAL RESPONSES	14	4

Majority of attendees indicated that they drive their own vehicles to get around the neighborhood. Some mentioned that while they would love to walk or bike, the streets are not safe to do so.

POLL RESULTS

Includes responses from both meeting polls and online survey

Which of the ideas would you be interested in seeing? (Multiple Choice)



% of all voters who selected each option

(includes both meeting + online responses; each person could select multiple options)

Which of the ideas shared would you be interested in seeing? <i>(Select all that apply)</i>	Meeting Votes	Online Survey Votes	Total Votes
Stray dog collaboration	5	3	8
Something else	7	1	8
Greenway enhancements	5	2	7
Ongoing DPW programs like road repaving	6	1	7
Fenkell public art and nighttime activation	5	1	6
Quick Build Mobility Projects to improve safety	4	1	5
Street tree replanting	3		3
TOTAL # OF VOTERS	14	3	17

(Voters could select multiple options)

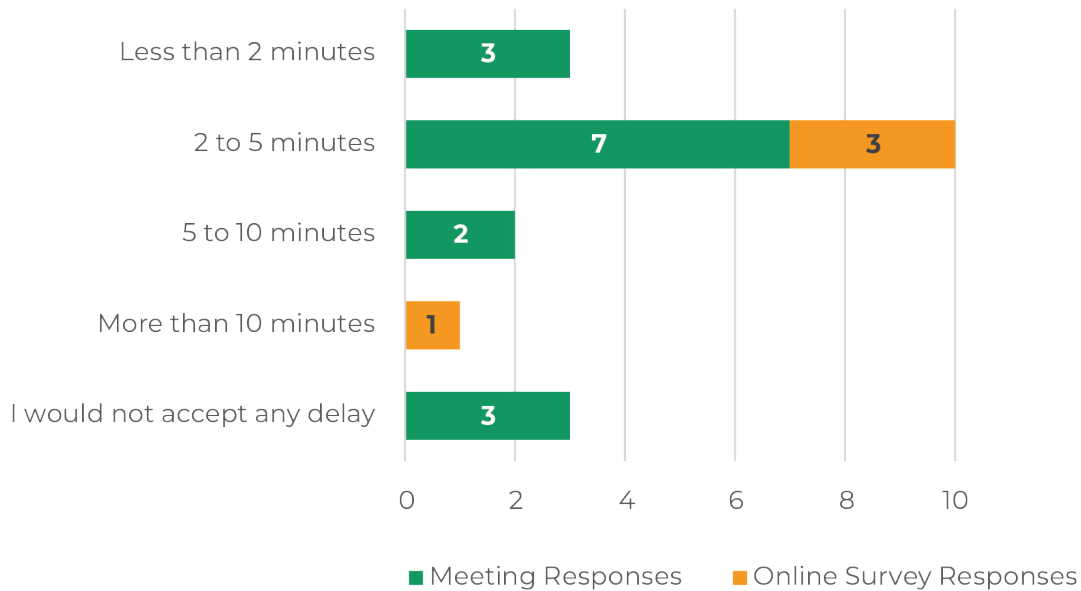
Many residents expressed that they would like for the plan to propose innovative ways of getting around the neighborhood as a pedestrian without walking along existing streets.

A resident also recommended that the Rouge River Greenway could have sensory healing pocket parks with wind chimes and aromatic flowering plants.

POLL RESULTS

Includes responses from both meeting polls and online survey

Would you be willing to take more time to get places if it meant that everyone using the road had greater safety? If so, how much delay would you accept?



DISCUSSION AND ADDITIONAL INPUT

Includes responses from both meeting polls and online survey

What street and mobility projects would you like to see?

- Along connector streets: ex. Fenkell St, Lahser Rd, Outer Drive, Schoolcraft St
- Along other neighborhood streets: ex. Puritan, Evergreen, Burt, etc.
- Fenkell bridge improvements, increased bus routes, safer walking access to telegraph, pedestrian bridge, crossing improvements across 96*
- Biking rules for routes, safety presentations to all*
- We would like to see more handicap accessibility, level sidewalks, new lighting, more parking for new and existing businesses.*

Where are improvements needed most? Why?

- There is concern about pedestrian and vehicular crashes on the corner of Lyndon and Burt Road where Gompers Elementary School
- Puritan resurfaced but accessible ramps were not installed
- Street humps just move the problem. There is a hump just south of my house and a stop sign just north. People slow for the hump and blow through the stop sign without hesitation
- Schoolcraft and Burt rd is very dangerous people always run the red light
- Certain streets will eventually be cut off, will no longer be able to drive through certain areas.
- I can't name even one safe street in Brightmoor.
- The closest public elementary school to Miller Grove is Gompers very far and the route does not feel welcoming.
- Thank you to DPW for evaluating the Miller Grove sidewalks for street tree damage and REPAIR!
- Many of the speed humps are damaging to accessible vehicles
- Lighting in the neighborhood*
- Better bus routes because Brightmoor is hard to access without a car from other neighborhoods*
- The most improvements are needed along Fenkell from Evergreen to Telegraph*

** Input received through online survey*

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Have you seen projects in other places that you want to bring to Brightmoor?

I want to bring to life and see a Halotherapy for the community*

YES!!!*

Trena: Thank you for putting this meeting together. What streets will be resurfaced?

2024 resurfacing list does not include any areas in Brightmoor

Bentler and Fenkell near the Meijer store, stopped near Fenkell and Benter to Schoolcraft needs to be repaved, did one side but did not do the other side

Some community members will be putting together a petition to encourage streets to be repaved

Focus on important hubs. Like Gompers. like Burt and Fenkell, Fenkell and Lahser, to make those intersections more interesting.

Dawn: Would like to see the greenway developed with pocket parks developed with healing themes - lavender, sound healing, wind chimes, workout equipment

Louella: Would like to see non-motorized possibilities for connection

Traffing calming and accessible vehicles

Jamie Junior (ADA coordinator with disability network): Speed humps are extremely damaging to low setting vehicles

Particularly the concrete ones are very high

Would like to see more engagement with community members who have accessibility challenges

Would like to have a deep dive about accessibility

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Gina McPherson to Everyone 6:03 PM

Hello, Good evening. Is there an agenda available?

Agency Landscape & Planning (HOST) to Everyone 6:03 PM

It is coming up in just a slide or two

Gina McPherson to Everyone 6:04 PM

Thank u

Cheryl to Everyone 6:10 PM

Miller Grove Block Club

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:10 PM

we can't see the results

Owner's PC's iPhone to Everyone 6:10 PM

I live on Evergreen across from Brightmoor side for 3 years

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:11 PM

they're visible now

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:13 PM

Yor FAQ on the website says we're in the very beginning of the framework process. Will you ever update the FAQs to reflect reality?

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:13 PM

none of them are accurate

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Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:16 PM

Please mention how many people were involved in the meetings you reference. Thanks

About 30 residents, attended the Phase 2 Workshop at Brightmoor Maker Space on October 21, 2023. Please see the full documentation of feedback [here](#), and a summary of the meeting [here](#).

Trena to Everyone 6:17 PM

Hello are these slides on the website or can they be made available to the community.

sflowers to Everyone 6:20 PM

This survey doesn't reflect the entire Brightmoor community.

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:20 PM

results of that survey suggest you need to do MUCH better outreach. We are a community that has the fewest cars in Detroit

Comments refer to the 85% of the 14 attendees who responded to the poll question in this Streets Focus Group call who indicated that they mostly travel by car. This is not reflective of the entire community.

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:22 PM

No crash involves only pedestrians. Cars are hitting those pedestrians.

Cheryl to Everyone 6:24 PM

Puritan was resurface but wheel chair ramps were not installed.

Agency Landscape & Planning (HOST) to Everyone 6:24 PM

Thanks, Jerrica

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Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:27 PM

Street humps just move the problem. There is a hump just south of my house and a stop sign just north. People slow for the hump and blow through the stop sign without hesitation

Agency Landscape & Planning (HOST) to Everyone 6:27 PM

That's helpful to know, Louella.

Tracie to Everyone 6:28 PM

Schoolcraft and Burt rd is very dangerous people always run the red light

sflowers to Everyone 6:29 PM

Certain streets will eventually be cut off, will no longer be able to drive through certain areas.

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:29 PM

I can't name even one safe street in Brightmoor.

Agency Landscape & Planning (HOST) to Everyone 6:28 PM

Thanks, Tracie

James Hannig (he/him) - Detroit DPW to Everyone 6:31 PM

<https://detroitmi.gov/departments/department-public-works/complete-streets/streets-people>

James Hannig (he/him) - Detroit DPW to Everyone 6:32 PM

James Hannig, James.hannig@detroitmi.gov

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Cheryl to Everyone 6:33 PM

The closest public elementary school to Miller Grove is Gompers very far and route does not feel welcoming.

Louella Pizzuti 6:34 PM

HUGE problem connecting people to where they need to go safely

Cheryl to Everyone 6:35 PM

Thank you to DPW for evaluating the Miller Grove sidewalks for street tree damage and REPAIR!

Tommie Obioha to Everyone 6:37 PM

In the initial plans would the River Rouge Greenway potentially connect us to the Cody Rouge community?

Jamie Junior, ADAC | DNWCD to Everyone 6:37 PM

Many of the speed humps are damaging to accessible vehicles

James Hannig (he/him) - Detroit DPW 6:38 PM

Thanks, Jamie. If you have specific locations/addresses, let me know and we can send someone to see if it wasn't constructed correctly.

Jerrica Mickens to Everyone 6:23 PM

I am concerned with both pedestrian and vehicle crashes on the corner of Lyndon and Burt Rd. Where Gompers Elementary is located

James Hannig (he/him) - Detroit DPW 6:39 PM

Hi, Jerrica! I'll be following up on your email; just looking into folks' availability

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Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:39 PM

Don't forget the GIANT storm water project planned for ~Greydale, Eaton, Lyndon. Displacing homeowners. If there was framework integration this could be a benefit to the neighbors and neighborhood instead of a travesty

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:41 PM

Dawn, I chose EVERYTHING, lol

Jerrica Mickens to Everyone 6:41 PM

I choose all

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:42 PM

I don't think you're accurately assessing the polls that allow multiple choices.

If we can choose all, it doesn't mean that only one third of us are in favor of something

Cheryl to Everyone 6:42 PM

What is a quick build mobility project? Don't understand what that is.

Katie Sieb, Toole Design 6:43 PM

Quick build projects are made with temporary elements-- think crosswalks or traffic calming circles made of cones, paint, etc. They are cheaper and faster to install.

Louella Pizzuti 6:43 PM

If it's temporary but doesn't damage a car that violates it, it's useless

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Agency Landscape & Planning (HOST) to Everyone 6:45 PM

And Trena - we'll have the slides posted online, along with a recording of this meeting within the next two weeks

Cheryl to Everyone 6:47 PM

Focus on important hubs. Like Gompers. like Burt and Fenkell, Fenkell and Lahser, to make those intersections more interesting.

Agency Landscape & Planning (HOST) to Everyone 6:48 PM

We'll try to get the recording and slideshow up sooner

sflowers to Everyone 6:48 PM

Great, thank you.

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 6:48 PM

If the Feb 22 meeting is so important, why isn't on the list? Also, I got no mailing.

Dawn's iPhone (2) to Everyone 6:49 PM

I didn't get anything in the mail

Cheryl to Everyone 6:50 PM

Good points Jamie!

sflowers to Everyone 6:47 PM

Two weeks is a long time to wait for the presentation to be available to others who may not have been able to attend this meeting.

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Louella Pizzuti 6:50 PM

sometimes it takes months and multiple meetings with the ombudsman's office to get the meeting recordings online

Cheryl to Everyone 6:51 PM

Professionals, please come to our community and walk with us.

Cheryl to Everyone 6:52 PM

Even where there are sidewalks they are impassable.

Dawn's iPhone (2) to Everyone 6:57 PM

Don't hold your breath

Cheryl to Everyone 6:57 PM

Grand River and Lahser intersection is another important location

James Hannig (he/him) - Detroit DPW 6:58 PM

Thanks, Cheryl. DPW is aware of the issues with this intersection and working closely with MDOT and Wayne County on possible solutions.

Currently, we're trying to get MDOT to provide more time for the green light signal on Lahser, but we know there are a number of other issues that need some attention.

Tom to Everyone 6:59 PM

Look at all the promises that the City made for Old Redford! Surely not much got done in Old Redford for 7 years worth of meetings, plans, promises and dollars spent!

Would be nice to see a budget of how the City spends on all these plans!

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sflowers to Everyone 7:00 PM

I agree.

Cheryl to Everyone 7:00 PM

Sorry I need to go to another meeting.

Trena to Everyone 7:01 PM

Can the notes be posted?

You to Everyone 7:03 PM

Yes

Agency Landscape & Planning (HOST) to Everyone 7:05 PM

Dave Walker (walkerdav@detroitmi.gov)

Jamie Junior, ADAC | DNWCD to Everyone 7:08 PM

jamie.junior@dnwayne.org

Agency Landscape & Planning (HOST) to Everyone 7:09 PM

Thank you, Jamie

Jamie Junior, ADAC | DNWCD to Everyone 7:10 PM

your welcome

sflowers to Everyone 7:12 PM

Parks focused on family, harmony.

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sflowers to Everyone 7:12 PM

Advertise via flyers in the local stores, auto shops, salons, etc., so the community is aware of the meetings or programs.

Jerrica Mickens to Everyone 7:13 PM

Sensory park for autistic people

Tommie Obioha to Everyone 7:13 PM

I'm on it y'all

Jamie Junior, ADAC | DNWCD 7:14 PM

I would love to see ADA play areas as well

Dawn's iPhone (2) to Everyone 7:14 PM

YES

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 7:12 PM

I am explicitly saying you should get out of the box and explore connectivity outside of roads

Agency Landscape & Planning (HOST) to 7:14 PM

Thanks Louella, we heard a lot about that in October and have been thinking about some of those non-motorized connectivity options. We will be showcasing some of those ideas next week at the Phase 3 workshop, and we will also be digging into Parks and Open space connectivity at the Parks/Open Space Focus Group on Apr 11.

Louella Pizzuti 7:15 PM

That sounds good but you need to invite and inform folks whose voices have been ignored or uninvited

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Agency Landscape & Planning (HOST) to Everyone 7:15 PM

Tommie - you're up next after James

Rachel Meeker, Brightmoor Artisans Collective to Everyone 7:15 PM

I came late, has anyone brought up the Fenkell bridge issues yet?

Louella Pizzuti 7:15 PM

no

Construction efforts on the Fenkell Ave bridge are currently underway and managed by Wayne County. Andrew Kandrevas is the director of Wayne County Department of Public Services and can be contacted for questions at: akandrevas@waynecounty.com

Tommie Obioha to Everyone 7:16 PM

There are a few charters and Christ the King that should be engaged as well

Dawn's iPhone (2) to Everyone 7:17 PM

We only have one DPSCD school in Brightmoor

Dawn's iPhone (2) to Everyone 7:17 PM

The rest are charters and 1 private

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 7:19 PM

Agree with Rachel. The bridge over the Rouge on Fenkell is closed. How long will it be until we can actually get across it?

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Trena to Everyone 7:19 PM

I agree

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 7:22 PM

So, back to accountability... when should we expect these many promises made in this meeting to be delivered on?

So all FAQs will be updated by March 1st?

Tranquil Hooks Tea to Everyone 7:23 PM

by the next meeting

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 7:23 PM

amen Trena

PDD has never ONCE used their gov delivery email. Why NOT??????

James Hannig (he/him) - Detroit DPW to Everyone 7:23 PM

Andrew Kandreas is the director of Wayne County Department of Public Services akandreas@waynecounty.com

James Hannig (he/him) - Detroit DPW 7:24 PM

Re: the Fenkell bridge

Agency Landscape & Planning (HOST) to Everyone 7:24 PM

www.detroitmi.gov/brightmoor

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 7:24 PM

this would be an excellent way to update people.

Please send an update via gov delivery

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the responsibility should be on YOU for updating us
YOU HAVE NEVER DONE IT

Tommie Obioha to Everyone 7:25 PM

We have been.

Dawn's iPhone (2) to Everyone 7:26 PM

PLEASE USE GOV Delivery

sflowers to Everyone 7:27 PM

Hopefully someone from Council Tate's office is on listening as well.

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 7:27 PM

I am on the list. PDD has NEVER used it.

sflowers to Everyone 7:27 PM

Thank you.

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 7:28 PM

For clarification, there is another meeting on Feb 22 which is not on this meeting list????

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 7:28 PM

Sorry, my mistake

Louella Pizzuti to Everyone 7:28 PM

the list is not in order