

Healthy Places Walkability Study Berwyn East/Barnett Recreation Center Neighborhood Mini-Pride

Columbus Public Health Healthy Places program is conducting walkability studies in the 2007 Neighborhood Pride areas. The goals of the walkability study are to increase neighborhood residents walking in their neighborhood and to identify destination places that are within walking distance. This will be done by walking with neighborhood residents to 1) identify positive places to walk in their neighborhood; 2) inventory barriers to pedestrians and bikers; and 3) identify neighborhood destinations.

Synopsis

Date	Monday, October 13, 2007
Community Participation	4 community residents
City Participation	Terry Stewart, Transportation Division
Distance Walked	2.91
Weather	Hot and sunny

Neighborhood Findings

Surveys completed	4
Findings of interest	Many destination places to walk: library, recreation center, playground, place of worship, community center, but average to low ratings were given to sidewalks, and crosswalks.
Most important aspects of walking (ranked in order of priority)	Safety, sidewalks, destinations, access to parks, nice things to look at

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Overall Comments

- Most side streets are nice to walk on.
- Livingston Ave-people go well over 50 mph and at Barnett there have been accidents.
- Not as safe at night as it is during the day.
- Big issue: the children, there are no sidewalks and they have to get to Scottwood Elementary School (Scottwood between James and Zettler has no sidewalks) for school.
- Pretty neighborhood, people keep up their yard, flowers are in gardens.
- When you get close to James Road, the traffic is faster; need 4-way stops.
- Rosewell Drive-speed bumps in general good.
- The Pinetree Complex has great security. It was the first and currently only property managers to get their Crime Free Certificate. They do good business and have been able to raise rents due to their screening procedures.
- Canini Park used to have lots of gang activity. The sign is vandalized again.
- Gang graffiti has been starting up again at Barnett and the park on Bexvie (Canini Park).
- Safety-personal and traffic is an issue.
 - People speed
 - Young people roam
- A new high school is planned for Barnett and Livingston Ave
- There is graffiti at Livingston and Barnett on the COTA stop.
- Neighborhood does not have a grocery store. We have many doctor's offices, bus stops, the library, recreation center and CVS and pharmacies.
- Kids leave the library and don't walk to the light. They cross in the middle of the street to go home.
- Livingston is very busy, often traffic exceeds speed limit! Drivers sometime speed on side streets and Scottwood.
- I feel safe during daylight. I would not walk much at night.
- I usually walk a 4 mile route and usually on side streets.
- Sidewalks are sporadic
- Young drivers drive fast, talk on the phone, loud music.
- The neighborhood is pretty pleasant-lots to see people to talk to
- I feel safe.

This report will be used to create walking maps through the neighborhood. The mile measured maps will highlight neighborhood features, safe paths and destinations. The report will also be forwarded to City of Columbus departments that can assist neighborhoods in addressing their needs.

The mission of the Healthy Places program is to enhance healthy and active living by establishing development policies and practices to reduce negative health impacts and by creating places that foster physical activity as a part of everyday life. For more information, please contact Christine Godward, Healthy Places Coordinator at 645-5318 or CLGodward@columbus.gov.

Addendum

Site Specific Comments
Routes
All Pictures

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 Site Specific Comments

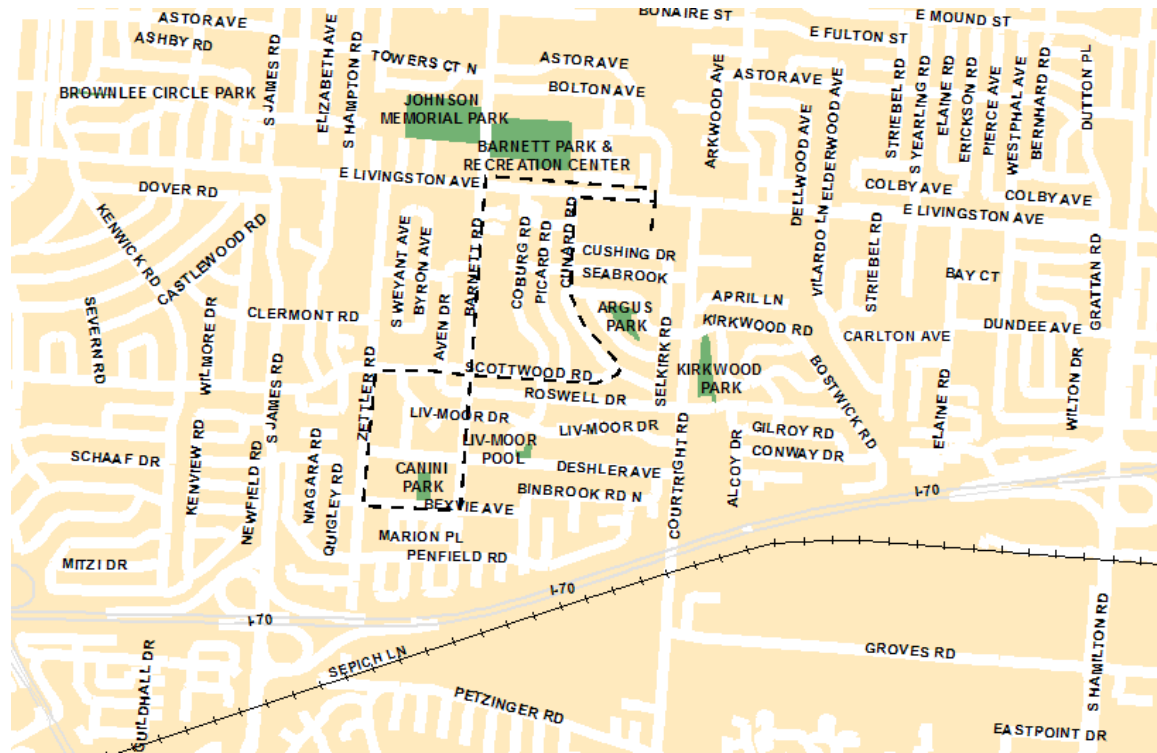
Specific Street	Comment
Zettler	Street has gravel on the edge with no grass or green growing through signifying that people walk there.
Livingston and Barnett	Bad crosswalk

No Sidewalks	Sidewalks
Cushing Drive	Kirkwood
Scottwood between Zettler and James	Seabrook
South of Bishop Hartley High School	Aven Drive
Zettler between Scottwood and I-70	Cunard north of Scottwood
Deschler	Barnett, north of Livmoor
Southwood and Johnson Park	
NE corner of Barnett and Scottwood-no sidewalk on one lot	
Barnett from Bexvie to Livmoor; Barnett north of Livingston Ave	

No ramps	ADA ramps
Seabrook and Cunard Road	Cunard and Scottwood
	Scottwood and Coburg and School side crossing

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Route



Pictures (Explanation of pictures below)



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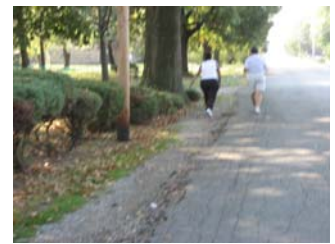
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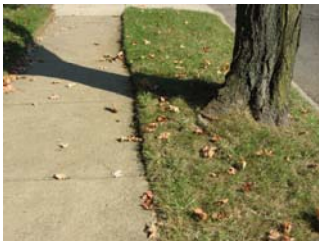
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Picture Explanation

Picture Number	Explanation
1	Cunard Road south of Livingston Ave; sidewalks and buffer present
2	Cushing Drive east of Cunard Road; no sidewalks; neighbors report it s source of crime
3	Seabrook east of Cunard Road; sidewalks and buffer; no ADA ramps
4	Scottwood Road and Cunard Road intersection; no ADA ramps
5	Sidewalk and driveway on Cunard Road
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7-8	Street trees push up the sidewalk on Scottwood Road; this is an issue throughout the neighborhood
9-10	Scottwood Road and Coburgh Road near Scottwood Elementary School; crosswalks are very obvious; some of the corners have ADA ramps
11-14	Scottwood Elementary School; signage around the school for drivers; and the playground
15	Northeast corner of Barnett and Scottwood; the sidewalk stops for one lot and a walking path is visible
16	3274 Southwood; neighbors site this as one of the beautiful homes
17	Scottwood Road with sidewalks and a buffer
18-21	Zettler Road has no sidewalks; a gravel path is worn on the side of the road; this road is used by kids walking to school
22	Housing on the west side of Zettler Road near Deschler Ave.

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23-24	Commerical center at the corner of Zettler Road and Bexvie Ave
25	Pinetree Village; only property in the City of Columbus that has recieved Crime Free Certification.
26-28	Canini Park; sign has graffiti. Neighbors report the graffiti has gone away.
29-30, 32	Deshler Ave does not have sidewalks;
31	Garage door vandalized on Deshler Ave north of Liv-Moor Drive
34	Barnett has sidewalks and a buffer from Live-Moor Drive to Livingston Ave
35	Sidewalk/driveway on Barnett Road
36-37	Barnett Road-tree is beginning to push up sidewalk
38-39	Robert Cassidy Manor-senior and disabled housing; man in a wheelchair crossing the street from CVS to the Robert Cassidy Manor. This area of Barnett has good ADA.
39-43	Intersection of Livingston Ave and Barnett Road; children need to cross this intersection to get to school; crosswalks are faded and do not have ladder striping
45-47	Sign reminding drivers that pedestrians-including children walking to school-are walking on the side of the road. Barnett Road north of Livingston does not have sidewalks.
48	Parking lot at the corner of Barnett Road and Livingston Ave. The Barnett Recreation Center is to the north and the library is to the east. Children do not have sidewalk access to the recreation center and must walk through the parking lot or on the berm.
49-50	COTA bus stop vandalized with graffiti.
51-52	Livingston Ave Library, the Rec Center, walking path and fields are directly north of the library
53	Barnett and Livingston Ave-neighbors report a lot of gas stations, doctor's office, bus stops and pharmacies in the area but no grocery store
54	Livingston Ave-sidewalk in poor condition; small buffer is present but cars are reported to speed on this street
55	Pedestrian crossing mid-intersection; there only one signal and a lack of cross walks and intersections from Barnett to Courtright on Livingston Ave. Neighbors also report children leaving the library and crossing in the middle of the block and not at the light.