Where Should I Walk: Walk Study Checklist



#### Study Information

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Community Name	5 <sup>th</sup> x Northwest	
Date of Walk Study:	6.21.13	
Participants:	City Staff: 1	
	Adults: 11	
	2 Dogs	
Distance Walked:	1.07 miles	
		(ex.1.78 miles)
Weather Conditions:	Sunny and Warm, 85 $^\circ$	(ex. Partly Cloudy, low 50's)

Map of Area Surveyed



#### **General Comments:**

Overall, this neighborhood is pleasant to walk through- plenty of people outside, houses and yards are well-maintained, and there is a feeling on safety. However, finding a street with continuous sidewalks throughout the area is a large barrier to walkability in the community.



Playability/Recreation					
Playgrounds where these conditions were obs	served:				
Available shade.	Playground at St. Christopher's church				
Benches or tables for seating.	Playground at the St. Christopher's Church				
Water Fountains.					
Play equipment appropriate for young children.	Playground at the St. Christopher's Church				
Smooth asphalt playground.					
Regularly mowed open spaces.					
Lack of available shade.	Need more shaded areas- limited at the St. Christopher Church's playground				
No benches or tables for seating.	Need more benches				
No working water fountain.	No water fountain				
Unsafe playground equipment.					
Deteriorated asphalt.					
Open spaces that are not mowed.					
Overall, how would you rate the recreational opportunities in your neighborhood?	Rating: (bold one) 1 2 3 4 5   Few Many				
Photos:					

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# Neighborhood Streets and Sidewalks

Streets and addresses where these conditions Sidewalks are wide with room to pass other walkers or walk with a friend.	s were observed: The sidewalks on King and Northwest have wide sidewalks for walking side by side.							
Sidewalks are continuous throughout the walk.								
Sidewalks are uneven, cracked or broken.	Sidewalks are deteriorated o and Grandview.	n King and handicap	King and handicap ramps are deteriorated at $5^{th}$					
Sidewalks are missing or stop in places.	There are narrow sidewalks along Grandview Ave and are missing along part of many streets, such as Ida Ave and Primrose.							
There are no sidewalks or designated walking areas.	There are no sidewalks on 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and parts of Northwest Blvd.							
Overall, how would you rate the sidewalks within your neighborhood?	Rating: (bold one)	1 <mark>2</mark> Few	<b>3</b> 4	5 Nany				
Photos:								

COLUMBUS **Healthy Places** Where Should I Walk: Be Healthy, Stay Safe Walk Study Checklist COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH Wide sidewalks for walking Cracked sidewalk No sidewalk 21 Narrow sidewalks **Deteriorated handicap ramps** Sidewalk that ends Some of the sidewalks are wide enough to walk on, however, many sidewalks are narrow, uneven, cracked, or Comments: deteriorated in many places. Sidewalks also end or do not exist on side streets. It can be difficult to walk through the commercial areas due to signage and electrical lines.



Safety						
Streets and addresses where these conditions						
Lighting is bright.	Lighting is bright in most areas.					
Neighbors are outside.	Many people are seen outside on most streets.					
Dogs are secured.						
Traffic is calm.						
Drivers obey stop signs and crosswalks.						
No one else is outside.						
Dogs are intimidating or not secured.						
There is no lighting.	Some places are too bright on 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave (commercial buildings).					
Drivers ignore stop signs and crosswalks.						
Traffic is fast or unsafe.	The traffic is fast on King Ave and Fifth Ave.					
Overall, how safe do you feel walking in your	Rating: (bold one) 1 2 3 4 5					
neighborhood?	Few Many					
Photos:						

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People out walking	Busy street	

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Housing							
Streets and addresses where these condi Houses are well-kept and yards are mowed.	tions were observed: Houses and yards are well maintain	ned.					
There is no excessive noise.							
There is a pleasant feeling about the street.							
Houses are not well maintained.							
Excessive noise comes from houses.							
Criminal activity may be taking place.							
Overall, how would you rate the housing environr in your neighborhood	ment Rating: (bold one)	1 Few	2	3	4	5 Many	
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-	Another example of well-maintained /ard.						
Comments: The houses are well-kept, ya	ards are mowed, and many of the street	ts are ple	asan	t to wa	alk on.		

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### **Community Gathering Places** Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed: There are many restaurants and options for groceries along 5<sup>th</sup> and Grandview Neighbors can buy food and groceries. Ave. Neighbors have the opportunity to gather at one of the many places along 5<sup>th</sup> Neighbors can gather with friends. and Grandview Ave. Neighbors can worship together. 2 5 Overall, how would you rate the opportunities for Rating: (bold one) 1 3 Δ community building in your neighborhood? Few Many Photos: Options to buy groceries. Place of worship. Neighbors gathering together in a nice shaded area Comments: There are many opportunities to gather with neighbors and locations to buy food at restaurants or one of the many grocery stores (Rife's Market pictured).