

Healthy Places Walkability Study Karmel Morse Woodward Park Neighborhood Pride

Columbus Public Health Healthy Places program is conducting walkability studies in the 2008 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	4/30/08
Community Participation	2 residents
Weather	Sunny, spring, warm

Neighborhood Findings

Surveys completed	2
Findings of interest	Residents rated the enjoyment of walking in their neighborhood very high; walk four or more times per week and feel safe in their neighborhood.

Overall Comments

Recreation-Woodward Park

- Bags for people to clean up after their dog are needed at the park.
- The walking path needs resurfaced in some areas. Near the baseball fields, cars are allowed to drive and park on the walking path which has created pot holes.
- It would be nice to have a stripe down the center of the walking path at Woodward Park.
- At one point the walking path goes through the parking lot and cars park on the path. It would be nice to stripe the path and let cars know to leave space for those walking or running.
- More trash cans are needed in the park, I walk the path daily and pick up trash daily. There is one by the school but not near where the kids play baseball.
- The walking path crosses Ilo Drive, a crosswalk with authority is needed there to alert drivers that people are walking.

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Cyclists

- We are starting to see a lot more cyclists.

Street Comments

- Fahlander is a long street and there are no stops. The entrance to the park is off of this street and middle school kids take Fahlander when walking home. People commonly speed on this street since it is a long, straight road and in the winter people go off the road on the curves.
- Kingshill to Tulsa is another heavily walked path. Kids are going to school or the bus stop. Speeding occurs on Kingshill as well.

ADA Ramps and Crosswalks

- Ilo and Fahlander have new ADA ramps but need new crosswalks. This is a busy intersection-near the park and middle school- it could also use a round about or four way stop.
- This neighborhood has disabled and elderly residents but Woodside and Fahlander and Ilo and Fahlander are two of the only intersections with ADA ramps. Residents report only about 2-3 intersections have ramps.
- A group home is also in the neighborhood and some of the residents cannot go for walks or get to the park because there are not ADA ramps.

Sidewalks

- There are no sidewalks in front of the apartments on Kingshill Drive. There are children that walk to school from here.
- Some people have the attitude that they don't have to fix their apron since the sidewalks are not in good shape.

Neighborhood Projects

- We have regular block watch meetings. We invite the apartments on Kingshill Drive and one building specifically has been very cooperative.
- We welcome renters to the block watch-many of them want to buy homes in the neighborhood.

Safety

- We had a problem with graffiti last year but it seems to have settled down this year.
- There are not a lot of dogs in our neighborhood.

Housing

- The majority of houses are well maintained and lawns are manicured. Residents can tell you where the few bad ones are
- We do see an issue with vacant housing.
- The majority of residents trim their trees over the sidewalks, but some do not.

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- On Belden, residents estimate that two-thirds of the street are seniors

Economic Development

- The corner of Morse and Maize has an abandoned as gas station



Woodward Park is a beautiful neighborhood asset.



Better crosswalks near the park and school are need.



The lack of ADA ramps throughout the neighborhood makes it difficult for senior and disabled residents to navigate the neighborhood.

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

Routes
Site Specific Comments
All Pictures

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Routes



Site Specific Comments

Specific Street	Comment
Fahlander	Long street with no stops, encourages speeding (picture 22)
Kingshill	Long street with no stops, encourages speeding (picture 28)
Ilo and Fahlander	Crosswalks are needed-intersection leads to park and school (picture 19-21)
4772 Dechant	Sign holder left in sidewalk and is a safety hazard (picture 37)

No Sidewalks	Sidewalks
Kingshill in front of apartment complexes (picture 29, 33-34)	The majority of the neighborhood has sidewalks

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No ADA ramps	ADA ramps
The majority of intersections do not have ADA ramps.	Woodside and Fahlander
	Ilo and Fahlander
	Kingshill and Tulsa-one side

Pictures (Explanation of pictures below)



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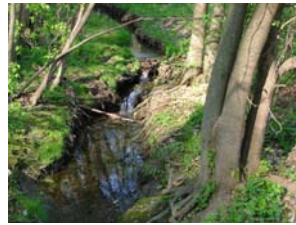
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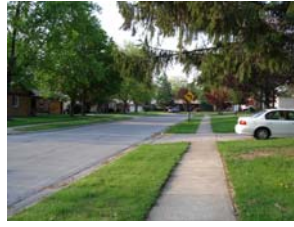


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Picture Explanation

Picture Number	Explanation
1-5	Woodward Park activities
6-8	Walking path through nature preserve at Woodward Park
9	Example of graffiti in Woodward Park
10	Neighborhood access to the park
11	Woodward Park sporting activities
12	The walking path; this side of the path does not allow cars to drive on it
13	The walking path; this side of the path does allow cars to drive on it
14	Neighborhood access to the park
15-17	Conditions of the walking path
18	Part of the walking path crosses the parking lot-these cars are actually covering the path.
19-21	Ilo and Fahlander is an intersection adjacent to the park; has new ADA ramps but does not have crosswalks; this is a crossing for the park and neighborhood school
22	Fahlander has sidewalks, nice trees and well kept lawns
23-24	Sidewalk issues typical of neighborhood (1272 and 1214 Fahlander)
25	Intersection typical in the neighborhood-corners are not ADA
26	Sidewalk hole (1140 Sailing)
27	Apron in poor condition (5112 Kingshill)
28	Kingshill-beautiful view
29	Multi family apartment complex on Kingshill-is very large
30	Low hanging tree branches. (4998 Kingshill)
31	Drive way is in poor condition and an eye sore (4986 Kingshill)
32	Car is always blocking the sidewalk (4978 Kingshill)
33-34	Multi family housing on Kingshill
35	ADA ramps on one side at Kingshill and Tulsa
36	Sidewalk issue typical of neighborhood (1116 Tulsa)
37	Sign holder left in sidewalk (4772 Dechant)
38	Street view of Dechant
39-40	Morse and Maize intersection-there is a post office box and automated stamp machine; many people walk to the plaza pictured in #40; the corner has an abandoned gas station.
41-42	Esterbrook Road-on road that leads from the neighborhood to the shops on Morse Road
43-44	Almont and Urban-the intersection lacks ADA ramps; the street is busy and there is not a four way stop; school children walk through this intersection
45	Sidewalk missing (4943 Almont)
46	Sidewalk being fixed (4977 Almont)
47	Northland Swim Club is a neighborhood swim club-kids can walk or ride their bikes
48	Sidewalk issue on Belden