





What Matters to University Heights Residents

	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features					Most Desired Improvements and Activities			
User Types	Horn Elementary School	Stella	Walking	Shade	Wide Sidewalks	Trail through Woods	Parking	Lack of Lighting	Traffic	Flooding and Ice	Sandboxes	Bike Lanes	Connected Sidewalks	Signage	Benches
 Active Adult	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●
 Senior & Mobility Impaired		●	●		●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
 Youth	●	●	●			●			●	●			●		
 Parents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
 Steering Committee	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●				●		●
	Earnest Horn Elementary is the only school within city limits. The building serves as a way-finding landmark for parents and steering committee members. Youth play on the playground, and actives cut through the property to access the trail.														
	All groups consider Stella a community asset. The restaurant is a popular place to eat, as well as a point of reference.														
	The steering committee, the seniors and mobility impaired, and actives discussed walking for recreation and walking their dogs. Parents walk their kids to school.														
	Actives, steering committee members, and parents appreciate the shade that trees provide. Each of these groups adjust their walking routes so they are walking in the shade.														
	Adult users appreciate the wide sidewalks along Sunset and Melrose, and would like to see all of the sidewalks in town widened.														
	Parents, actives, and steering committee members value the time and effort put in by residents who created the trail through the woods. The youth like to hang out on the trail.														
	The senior and mobility impaired think the one-hour time limit on parking isn't enforced. Parents said that there isn't enough parking, and when they need to drive there is nowhere to park for more than an hour.														
	Adult users noted that insufficient lighting makes it difficult to walk around town after sunset.														
	All groups discussed problems with vehicular traffic throughout town. Common factors include a lack of safe pedestrian crossings and the inability to turn on or off Melrose Avenue during busy times.														
	Actives, youths, and seniors and mobility impaired described standing water and ice issues on Oakcrest Street, Koser Avenue and Highland Drive, which is caused by a combination of drainage issues and snow removal.														
	The senior and mobility-impaired group like the city sandboxes, but added that they block sight lines. The parents think the boxes are ugly and don't know if they are allowed to use the sand. They suggested painting them.														
	Actives, parents, and the seniors and mobility impaired that bike lanes along Melrose Avenue would help alleviate sidewalk congestion. They also said that it would be safer for pedestrians if the bike lanes were separated from walkways.														
	All groups would like a connected sidewalk system. The youth said it would make walking to school easier, and parents noted that it would be safer. Widening and improving existing sidewalks is also a priority.														
	The actives and the senior and mobility-impaired group suggested entrance signage for University Heights. Parents expressed the need for signs warning that people are hunting in the area.														
	The adult focus groups believe that benches throughout town would provide a nice place to rest while walking or waiting for a bus.														

Actives walk, drive, bike, and run. They are most bothered by the disconnected sidewalk system in University Heights. They also think bike lanes and more lighting throughout town could improve safety.

Seniors and mobility-impaired individuals drive and walk to most destinations, and some occasionally bike. They talked about traffic problems in town and consider pedestrian access and designated bike lanes along Melrose Avenue to be top priorities.

Youths typically walk or bike, and adults often drive them places. This group's biggest concern is access to school. They noted the lack of sidewalks in some areas, along with the large fence and the staircase on the school grounds that block access.

Parents walk and bike in town mostly. This group would like safer pedestrian crossings. Specifically, they mentioned an unsafe railroad crossing that people have to pass over to visit parks southwest of town.

The steering committee members walk, bike, and drive. They focused most of their attention on improving pedestrian access within the community. They are most concerned with a lack of sidewalks and snow removal in the winter.

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