

Overall Design & Layout of Residential or Commercial Areas

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

1. Are the critical resources available in each neighborhood. I.E health food, safe and healthy homes, solos, transportation opportunities, etc.
2. To thrive
3. Cost of living increases, hourly salary increases
4. Safe affordable housing
5. Protect from gentrification
6. Cost of living increasing -housing crisis affordability is important
7. Employment rates need to go up- salary & housing cost need to align
8. Need housing for families
9. Need trees-air quality
10. Give \$ to people to water trees
11. # rentals is high
12. Rent & Affordable
13. Need save affordable housing
14. Master plan-> too slow of a process
15. Community engagement?
16. Community centers- listening sessions
17. We get talked to all the time, what comes from it?
18. More community engagement in 3rd ward- community centers
19. Affordable healthier housing for all-keeping in homes
20. Rent jumps from \$600/mo to \$1000 plus utilities (all over the ward) how can you stay in home?

What does success in this area look like in your neighborhood?

- 1) Safe & Affordable housing for all incomes
- 2) No disparities identifiable along neighborhood and racial lines they don't exist
- 3) Neighborhoods that have jobs find safely
- 4) Cannabis to NAC
- 5) If implemented correctly it could mean more equitable outcomes
- 6) Are you fighting gentrification
- 7) Investment into communities
- 8) More eco friendly buildings more greenspace

Are there projects or areas where investments could make a difference?

- 1) Real survey studies that are targeted to the highest impacted popularities
- 2) Market rate affordable housing
- 3) Transportation investments
- 4) Better air quality

- 5) More trees->Pay neighbors to water them
- 6) Listening tours in the community
- 7) Cannabis should be provided to NACs.
- 8) Affordable housing for all in area
- 9) Less anti-homeless structures

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

1. Until communities understand more resources & what those resources offer it's hard to answer these questions
2. Education & understanding the resources are needed
3. Parents for healthy homes
4. More code enforcement
5. Healthier NA
6. Parents for healthy comes
7. Health Homes Certification
8. Healthnet of west Michigan
9. Parents for healthy nurses
10. Healthy homes coalition
11. Health of west Michigan
12. Non profits/businesses
13. Community benefit agreement
14. Utilizing concentric circle methods of community engagement
15. Systems change, cannabis industry, non-profit-why?
16. It should be with the NAC
17. Repurpose buildings, schools not in use as community building meeting place with laundromat and music/art lessons.
18. GRPS
19. Look at cities that have implemented new & equitable measures

Overall Economic Health

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Safe housing
- 2) People who can't afford housing
- 3) Variety of Business Services
- 4) 11K +GRAB- Network to build others Buz Up.
- 5) 70 people of color w/ 270k per
- 6) Economic development
- 7) BRB Mentorship, +Marketing +HR +Selling +Access to who's/who's (Plug into their network)
- 8) 70 BIPOC Owned businesses
- 9) 11,000 businesses
- 10) Lots of community engagement --> unequal outcomes/inequity
- 11) Accountability??
- 12) 2nd most philanthropical city – why is there such a gap?
- 13) Quality of business
- 14) Quality of businesses-Disparity of minority owned businesses
- 15) Quality of businesses->not owned by people of color (not enough)\$
- 16) Get better
- 17) City needs to respond to emailing & invites
- 18) Walk enough
- 19) Closure around issues
- 20) Pour into black and brown communities
- 21) Minimum at thriving wage for everyone
- 22) On ramps to designed of “economic contribution” (earning potential)
- 23) Business/Community needs to contribute its part
- 24) Sustainability
- 25) Financial understanding
- 26) Inclusiveness for housing policy /change
- 27) Generational financial stability
- 28) Affording necessary things for life
- 29) Generational Wealth
- 30) Sustainability & Self Sufficiency
- 31) Opportunities for ALL residents not just White/Dutch GrandRapadians
- 32) More economic corridors in traditionally underserved areas, i.e MLK neighborhood, Franklin Ave, etc.

What does success in this area look like in your neighborhood?

- 1) Affordable housing -Solve the housing crisis -Developers are bthing up properties and driving up costs- RFOA/CITY problem communities series
- 2) Take back the power
- 3) Increase pay for work
- 4) Bring along those directly impacted by the policies to the decision making table
- 5) Diverse socio-economic status of residents
- 6) No economic disparities exist by neighborhood / census tract
- 7) Understanding how to share my ideas
- 8) Actually being heard
- 9) A neighborhood that feels good for black & brown culture
- 10) Affordable housing that has quality accessible resources that are not labor intensive
- 11) Buy projects (right Place, re . Action)
- 12) We do same things, same problems at times unequal
- 13) – need SCUBA Gear-give us \$ to repair
- 14) Stop incentives developers.. give to the people
- 15) Healthier homes/communities
- 16) Safer Communities
- 17) Lower homeless percentage
- 18) Healthy homes & environments
- 19) More local businesses w/products/services that residents can actually afford

Are there projects or areas where investments could make a difference?

- 1) Investment in refurbishment of older buildings to make them livable i.e ICCF
- 2) Investments in business support services with investment pool @ the end
- 3) Meijer diversity supplier opportunity
- 4) Business development in the BIPOC community
- 5) Scale up so that the businesses do more than buy business cards/brochures but scale their businesses to become viable + prosperous
- 6) Mental Health centers
- 7) Assist to home owners that can't afford maintenance
- 8) Supporting leaders in BIPOC community
- 9) Equitable economic incentives w/ any project that includes department incentives
- 10) Extend this to all companies within the city. Look at history
- 11) COFI Training (Leadership)
- 12) Civic education
- 13) Housing policy incentives
- 14) Housing that meets all wages/ppl
- 15) COFI Pilot New initiatives
- 16) Community Organizing + (Family Issue)
- 17) Southeast side, south of Wealthy st. around MLK park

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) Convert parkland for housing -In an environment sustainable way
- 2) Social workers
- 3) Systems are not working
- 4) 211 ± Partnership
- 5) GRABS
- 6) Non profits
- 7) The opps available are there however & Believe the efforts ought to be scaled up. If we are accessing 1-10k scale up so we can access the 100-500k
- 8) Non profits GRABB, business pipeline
- 9) Spring GR-> Continual support ->higher level of business support and elevating diversity of supplies -Marketing -Service development -Business Strategy Network Alignable
- 10) Funding to community organizers
- 11) Home Repair Services
- 12) Urban League
- 13) Business community needs to contribute its fair share
- 14) Parents for healthy homes
- 15) Urban core collective
- 16) Grandville Arts & humanity
- 17) Project Green
- 18) Homes for all Climate action – HUD or housing commission
- 19) Home Repair Services- fund community organizers -they'll be out there to find people
- 20) LINC
- 21) Urban Core Collective
- 22) Project Green
- 23) Linc Up
- 24) Neighborhood Association
- 25) Grass root organizations

Overall Feeling of Safety

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Speeding/reckless driving /traffic relay issues
- 2) Lived in my home for 40+ yrs in NW side community police has gone downhill used to know all officers now hardly see them. Just to know they are around, that they are there to help. So kids can learn that they are there to help.
- 3) Noise complaints
- 4) Speeding
- 5) Pack of Patrols
- 6) Walnut Hills Apartments
- 7) 789 Kensington-Problem address
- 8) Being able to physically navigate the city w/out fear of criminal activity or anxiety or harm
- 9) Leave the front door open without anyone running in.
- 10) Traffic safety walkable community
- 11) Safety sense of peace not feeling pressured from surroundings
- 12) Preparedness for large disasters-climate changing & MI is suited for that so wonder what we will do with higher population.
- 13) Issues w/ power outages- wonder about outages
- 14) I feel pretty safe in our community.
- 15) I see cops and I'm glad to see them.
- 16) Feel at different times of day-Daytime: boys & girls club & park near by
- 17) Feeling left out no response, takes hours & hours and several calls can't sit outside because smell of marijuana is so strong can't enjoy outdoors
- 18) Need people to listen & call back in a timely fashion
- 19) Safety- traffic -reckless drivers – high speed
- 20) Social behavior – what are our norms *culture is not “everyone stops for everyone”
*Example: Portland-pedestrian has right away
- 21) Safety to the 3rd ward means police accountability, the halt of gentrification & resources for our community members.
- 22) I feel safe when I'm at home in my family environment.
- 23) More police presence
- 24) Getting to know officers
- 25) Consistent interactions w/community
- 26) Positive (if possible) traffic stops.
- 27) Traffic safety pedestrian
- 28) Safety, gun safety
- 29) I live by King park and the new roundabouts DO NOT work on Fuller

What does success in this area look like in your neighborhood?

- 1) Make police visible to residents & kids. Let them know there is a lot of good coming from police- get out talk to people.

- 2) More visible police in the area
- 3) Routine patrol areas
- 4) Lights
- 5) Officers
- 6) Bikes
- 7) Cameras
- 8) Everybody feels safe
- 9) Building bridges between police & community
- 10) Department has been intentional about interaction
- 11) Being able for neighbors walk dogs after dark-9:30pm
- 12) A central info mechanism
- 13) Safety Means- not getting hurt (robbed, shot bothered) – Roads/Bad Roads
- 14) Downtown - don't really go downtown a lot – get pestered for money, plus shoots used to go down quite a bit- definitely feel a diffirc about safety downtown
- 15) City trees w/big dead branch- branch fell & asked for it to be picked up – Trim trees when needed
- 16) Kensington & Hayden street – tree is lifting up curb/road – could ruin the snow plows
- 17) People that go to bat & fight when its something we can't do as citizens
- 18) “all I hear from my neighbors is they feel the job is not done” “Neighbors get cranky, feel unheard in terms of their lived experience
- 19) Defund the police & funding the community
- 20) People walking and running in their neighborhoods
- 21) When community residents & service departments are seen as one big family/community
- 22) Walking your neighborhood feeling safe
- 23) Positive police interactions feeling safe during traffic stops
- 24) Understanding the people in the neighborhood
- 25) Approaching each situation with no aggression
- 26) Residents feeling safe to walk around

Are there projects or areas where investments could make a difference?

- 1) With traffic, I've been know to hollar
- 2) Citizen involved is important-person yelled because I didn't stop at cross walk
- 3) Better lighting on side streets
- 4) Community nights out-help get to know neighbors. A lot of new people
- 5) Go back to having coffee w/cops. We don't know our neighborhood cops & they don't know us.
- 6) Lighting
- 7) Water safety
- 8) Power outage as safety issue-curios about solar
- 9) Insulation/walls construction to hold heat/cool
- 10) How can we maintain houses & structures- installing air conditioning
- 11) How quickly are we getting on band wagon
- 12) Roads questions/info. was interesting

- 13) Water – did not know that was an issue
- 14) “If I tell you, you don’t relay to it to anyone. Then I am not heard”, not a curfew; it’s a courtesy time (late night/early morn.)
- 15) Root cause-could it be lack of driving school
- 16) Neighborhood action-extend out walkways for pedestrians -closing – Design environment for traffic shift (8 to 80)
- 17) Change what surrounding look like so people become more aware - colored sidewalks – paint power boxes
- 18) Clean water
- 19) Honest education
- 20) Mental health resources
- 21) Affordable housing
- 22) Fund the 3rd Ward
- 23) Higher wages for people
- 24) Youth centers, Religious Institutions
- 25) Placing school community officers in elementary schools
- 26) Fuller between Franklin and Adams/Hall. Still so many accidents & unsafe drivers.

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) Speed boards impact how people behave- speed sign blinks “thank you” when right speed.
- 2) They don’t have a neighborhood assoc. but would like one.
- 3) Have more people participate in citizen policy academy.
- 4) Building on neighborhood schools as community places.
- 5) We have had some not so good police interactions. -car hit during chase -described an aders... verbal interaction
- 6) Feeling hassled (happened about a yr. ago)
- 7) More involved at everyone – we see police when there is a problem
- 8) People to listen & action on concerns of people
- 9) I am sure my husband and I are not the only one who have things to say.
- 10) Boys & Girls club- workforce sand point *Pilot a young people to go thru equity paid driving school
- 11) Other Cities? What ideas/Strategies
- 12) Yes, BIPOC owned lead orgs that are no affiliation to Devos or the Police Union
- 13) Neighborhood Associations, Community Centers
- 14) Inter reacting with schools
- 15) Neighborhood Assns. Linc Up
- 16) No New ones need to be formed and owned by community AND truly represent who they serve.
- 17) BIPOC
- 18) LGBTQ+
- 19) Handicap /Physically Challenged

Overall Opportunity for Arts, Culture and Education

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Cultural immersion, honest education

What does success in this area look like in your neighborhood?

- 1) More K-12 students having supportive educators and administration that prioritizes funding for arts, travel

Are there projects or areas where investments could make a difference?

- 1) Internships w/local, statewide and nationwide organizations and companies that focus on and consider cultural needs for exposure of the arts for urban communities

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) Museums

Overall Quality of Parks & Recreation Opportunities

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Trash Equity- neighborhood dumpsters 0 Trash pick up more equitable = one of the biggest needs across community. Could be a better way to do dumpsters dumping- there is a power point currently.
- 2) Affordable memberships for fitness and recreation

What does success in this area look like in your neighborhood?

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Are there projects or areas where investments could make a difference?

- 1) Crosswalks around MLK
- 2) Signage/warning/Caution About GRPD cambra trailers
- 3) Addressing tree vacancies in certain neighborhoods
- 4) Automated traffic enforcement around schools + parks

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) YMCA
- 2) Wrap around services DICE

Overall Quality of the Natural Environment

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Most important issue of our lifetime
- 2) There are so many opportunities to make a difference with climate justice
- 3) Grand Rapids has focused on as a climate injustice community
- 4) To be part of tremendous transformation in an area of great need would be a challenge worth pursuing
- 5) Franklin/Eastern -Cleanliness more clean up
- 6) Public Service City website about- Often don't consider income personal status. a lot of water, poor quality of air & water
- 7) Franklin & Eastern -cleanliness- City needs to provide more education +inform community around cleanliness/refuse
- 8) City's website for recycling not very friendly-option for recycling not user friendly

What does success in this area look like in your neighborhood?

- 1) Lower energy burden to a 6% cap on annual income
- 2) Lower carbon emissions
- 3) Transformational priorities
- 4) Look to people for influence
- 5) Leaders of my community leading clean-ups
- 6) People we look up doing the work * Much like impact quality of life & reduces the sense of pride
- 7) Use influences -influential people volunteering for 49507 clean-up.

Are there projects or areas where investments could make a difference?

- 1) Community collaboration on climate change (c4)
- 2) Conduct energy options analysis
- 3) Conduct needs analysis for where the most carbon emissions, air pollution, health issues imparted by climate injustice
- 4) Education about cleanliness
- 5) Recycling system
- 6) Mental health services
- 7) Affordable Housing *Car Wash boarded UP turn into
- 8) Torry sign property
- 9) Its volunteer cleanup a "privilege" space – cleanliness/cleanup may be a challenge around families just trying to feed their families

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) C4
- 2) US Dept of Energy
- 3) State Dept of Energy

- 4) EGLE
- 5) GVSU
- 6) WMEAC
- 7) URBAN Core Collective
- 8) Boston Square Neighborhood Association
- 9) NAACP
- 10) LINC Up
- 11) Using boarded spaces misc. use building isn't a solution
- 12) Mental health and housing needs to be priority before we invest in open spaces

Overall Quality of the Transportation System

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Access to community
- 2) Public Parking is expensive downtown, it's easier in 3rd ward
- 3) Neighborhood clean up crews that are paid ->unhoused/formerly incarcerated
- 4) Public Transit is very vital to me I have a health issue that prevents me from driving.

What does success in this area look like in your neighborhood?

- 1) Success looks like all ages being able to access all parts of the city at most convenient and peak hours as well as times that align with their schedules (ex 1st, 2nd, 3rd shift)
- 2) We could use covered bus stops

Are there projects or areas where investments could make a difference?

- 1) More bike lanes and incentives
- 2) Expand hours for buses

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) The Rapids, Greyhound
- 2)

Overall Quality of Utility Infrastructure

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Water/Sewer LEAD lines must be REPLACED
- 2) Better internet service, you should not have to pay 50.00 per month to educate people.
- 3) Lead lines -Accountability
- 4) Infrastructure work
- 5) Kiosks -> Decentralize the City govnt
- 6) Community Resource Center
- 7) State, affordable systems that are easy to access
- 8) Attention to the neighborhood needs

What does success in this area look like in your neighborhood?

- 1) No lead lines
- 2) Street Repairs
- 3) Sidewalk Repair
- 4) Moss walls
- 5) Success looks like people having safe, affordable and accessible utilities and options
- 6) A better community
- 7) Children understanding the importance of neighborhood and community and the impact it has on quality of life.

Are there projects or areas where investments could make a difference?

- 1) Expand hours for bus service you can ride to your 2nd shift job on the bus but you can't ride the bus home
- 2) None
- 3) Yes!!!

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) State of MI transportation Dept.
- 2) Organizations that are in place to help. Include all residents in efforts that are creating a better environment.

Connection & Engagement with the Community

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Best communities Have Access to the MOST amount of resources!

What does success in this area look like in your neighborhood?

- 1) A trauma center INSTEAD of candied Yam providing liquor!

Are there projects or areas where investments could make a difference?

- 1) Yes, Ted Rasperry Baseball field.
- 2) Can be Community HUB for seniors

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) NO! New ones need to be formed
- 2) We also need to replace server lines instead of only water lines BC they are collapsing & home owners cannot afford the expense it will bankrupt low income residents.

Overall Health & Wellness Opportunities

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Access to mental health – not enough \$ allocated to -Access to mental health resources
- 2) Food deserts? -Access to affordable health care -Transportation, Barriers to affordable food-Better food
- 3) Mental, physical, spiritual wellness
- 4) Mental Health (availability)
- 5) Communication Barrier
- 6) Healthy or affordable food for local community
- 7) Mental Health
- 8) Language Barrier
- 9) Quality Healthcare & Affordable
- 10) Preventive Health Awareness
- 11) Healthy housing

What does success in this area look like in your neighborhood?

- 1) What community services do we have for preventive health
- 2) Family outreach centers- supporting PTS
- 3) What else could the city be doing around mental health ie – head preparedness
- 4) Filters for home where there are lead pipes
- 5) Investment
- 6) Health Food
- 7) Sustainable Wages- educate kids Cook, Care
- 8) Success looks like Black and Latinx people having access to quality wellness options that cater to their cultural needs and differences
- 9) Broadcasting the help to the communities in need
- 10) Filters for lead -in low income families
- 11) Add a Cap for Rent

Are there projects or areas where investments could make a difference?

- 1) Communication Barriers
- 2) Discussion on how the City can advocate for mor funding to the City level & police change
- 3) Put a ap on what people charge for rent state law prohibits
- 4) Greenhouse in Vacant lot
- 5) Grocery stores
- 6) MLK Park investments needed
- 7) Food, Water, Shelter
- 8) More investment in equitable mental health resources, specifically funding education and employment oppos for mental heath professionals that are BIPOC + LGBTQ+ or affirming of those populations and communities

- 9) Rent- Not affordable – Rent restrictions, advertise resources/what’s available
- 10) Filters for faucet head

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) More discussion
- 2) Rent Control comes from state level
- 3) Advocacy & investment (greenhouse)
- 4) City investment in healthy food
- 5) MLK park needs investment
- 6) Denver, CO “STAR Pgm”
- 7) Network 180, Hope Network, Pine Rest, Cherry Street