

Overall Quality of the Utility Infrastructure

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Quality.
- 2) Consistent access. Broadband more equally.
- 3) Affordable and stable services with state oversight by leaders.
- 4) Stormwater Maintenance.
- 5) Reliability and dependability as well as efficiency of energy.

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

- 1) All the service mentioned – affordability/safe/up-to-date/consistency/there when needed.
- 2) Affordable and stable services with state oversight by leaders.
- 3) Curb and Gutter.
- 4) Utility companies providing better service at a reasonable rate Switching to renewable energy.

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

- 1) CDBG funded areas -updating services.
- 2) More aggressive oversight/response to bad poles, downed subposts, etc. Add public - owned FIBER like Holland.
- 3) Upper Westside needs Stormwater system, lack of system = Flooding Driveways and Yards.
- 4) Solar farm on Butterworth to provide energy to the Westside. Combine/enhance waste removal. Track recycle compost.

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) Ask for neighborhood associations for feedback.
- 2) MI state oversight commission, comms workers union (maybe).
- 3) Collaboration with utilities and major neighborhood businesses provide investment \$\$.

Overall Design & Layout of Residential or Commercial Areas

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Human scale.
- 2) Quantable is mayor step doing quick well– Human scale – important Bridge St. not human scale. Lots 7/8/9 lease to own hungry community participants. Manute concerned about noise ped bridge.
- 3) I think the west side is a good place to live.
- 4) This means there's consideration of placement of commercial businesses in relation to residential neighborhoods.
- 5) My neighborhood has historic character!

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

- 1) Less car dependency and more incentive for walkable development (eliminate parking minimums, encourage mixed use density). More preference for alternate transit modes (more bike lanes, transit corridors) Reduction in VMT and car mode share %.
- 2) Food security->Eliminate food deserts.
- 3) Better affordable childcare. Better affordable transportation. Raising wages.
- 4) Need more economic development, places to go to, destination places.
- 5) Success looks like the presence of commercial business not making residential living more costly and less affordable.
- 6) All Grand Rapids Neighborhood resident have safe quality housing.
- 7) Compatibility of structures to design..... MP includes 1st\2nd\3rd Street in front GRPROPER. Look long learn. Surly-snake more sure- Give GRPD more \$. Greenspaces more needed. Cars-invest in node invest in lower dep. Access knowing resources is important – people who can't advocate for themselves. Everyday people need to know there isn't always transparency.

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

- 1) Dash lots – wants affordable housing 7,8,9. Likes pedestrian bridge concept.
- 2) Eliminate parking minimums in new development. Dedicated right of way transit (rail, BRT, etc) Protected cycleway network
- 3) Sidewalk, paved alleys.
- 4) Make the housing that is proposed on Seward between Lake Michigan Dr + Bridge CLT – Community Land Trust so that it will be affordable housing that the person owns and when they sell it will make them some generational wealth and the new buyer will have affordable housing.
- 5) Near Leonard/ Alpine
- 6) Affordable housing in all Grand Rapids neighborhoods.

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) A viable Neighborhood association: organized, working board, make up of residents.
- 2) More mental health services for mental health. More | better access to health care.
Community lead projects focused on community needs, childcare, transportation, yard care.
- 3) Devos, Van Andel, Meijer
- 4) Non-Profit Housing Developers. Developers.
- 5) Traffic control public transportation. More predictable Mixed neighborhoods.

Overall Economic Health

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Economic Health means opportunities for all residents in grand rapids.
- 2) This factor means all economic circumstances and barriers are considered and taken into account for all residents.
- 3) It means that the generations of kids who live or will live in GR will have equal opportunities for better education. I would love to see my neighbors not suffering from poverty (Lack of food housing, transportation, livable wages etc.)
- 4) Opportunities for all. Neighborhood parks overall recommended. Good transportation network-that gets. Affordable housing. Livable wages
- 5) Livable wages. Types of industry, don't harm environment. Walkability. Neighborhood amenities food residents vs. tourists/night-life. Senior funding
- 6) Livable wages. Industry desired- clean(don't harm health). Env. Justice. Neigh connectivity- walk to jobs cor transit. Neighbor based amenities that serve needs of neigh-not destination. Senior neigh-needs\$ need jobs for older-ss isn't enough mixed in some jobs
- 7) **Hiring workforce nursing needed – senior living. Infrastructure is slowing – John Ball park needs improvements. Public safety here to Save westside seen 20 year resident – GR great quality of life- as we grow-need \$ to keep infrastructure stable for the future -infrastructure anticipating needs. Thinking doesn't anticipate growth. Govt-do rredo. Cost more to live in City.

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

- 1) Equitable investment in all communities.
- 2) Success looks like all housed and unhoused residents have ample access to economic resources specific to their needs.
- 3) Less ordinances that contradict freedom of speech. Less lawn regulation. More resources sharing for transportation, affordable housing, more homeowners, less apartments. More funding in public education.
- 4) Development in neighborhoods.
- 5) New development that doesn't price out existing residents. More density/walkability (Reduce VMT).

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

- 1) Expand Public Transportation System.
- 2) Third Ward. Addressing housing costs/Inflation. Rent control/landlord tenant issues and resources. More income-based housing 30% API.
- 3) Community gardens could help bring unity/bring down the cost of living. Community engagement that isn't only for profit. Add a community ride to share to cut downtown traffic.
- 4) Transportation Investments. Affordable housing on sewerred -> Likes CLT model.
- 5) Below market rate/ subsidized housing projects.

- 6) \$ goes to developers to build little to affordable. 2many do not do it right set stage properly.

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) Chamber of commerce. Schools + Colleges Trade Schools.
- 2) DeVos, Van Andel, Meijer.
- 3) Habitat Jubliee CCT.
- 4) All grass roots organizations could do more for not just selected neighborhoods but multiple neighborhoods around the city.
- 5) The chamber. Schools -> Trade schools.

Overall Feeling of Safety

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) High Priority! Two of my friends have been robbed. One owns a small business in G.R. The other Robbed on Bridge St. There is gang activity & Graffiti everywhere. Homeless people under All Bridges Especially near the Grand Valley schools.
- 2) We need more investment in public safety, more boots on the ground Crime prevention, Officers, Neighborhood Association & Community Mental Health.
- 3) Familiarity with neighbors (Easy communication, lots of opportunities, to interact and cross paths.). I feel safe in a community; unsafe alone or dealing with faceless police.
- 4) Feeling safe at night. Helping those in need. People asking for help by highways.
- 5) It is important to my family and as a measure of GRPD's success.
- 6) It is extremely important. Quick police (Response time quick). The need for vagserts. More Police Presence.
- 7) Personal experience is positive, but know not everyone shares the same experience. Factors like rental mix and diversity. Idea is to improve. Because the Neighborhood are a problem fewer break-ins are desired. Feeling safety has changed-avoid certain known areas.
- 8) Doing the minimum. Unsafe @ Night. Just robbed & felt unsafe 4+ people on Colindale. Feeling of uneasiness.
- 9) Not real good. Inconsistencies. Seeing openly committed crimes-seems to be spreading. Homeless not accessing downtown resources. Concerned w/ traveling through some neighborhoods. Do not feel safe @ night.
- 10) Fair and equal representative action, application of law, and understanding of fact-based realities in the 'hood.
- 11) Feeling safe in your neighborhood. Feeling secure that you are not going to be robbed or assaulted.
- 12) I've heard more excuses of why these in lack of police presence & enforcement mostly \$, recruitment woes. I still think about cops as INVALUABLE and would be a great form of ambassadorship & prospective of our legal duties & civil responsibilities thanks for reading this
- 13) Meeting the need of the people in the community so there is more of a feeling of safety.
- 14) Meet the needs of those around us. Being able to walk wherever you want whenever you want.
- 15) Finding ways to meet the needs of all of our community members so that folks don't have to resort to theft, panhandling or violating others' space.
- 16) Concern of the City Govt considering reduction for GRPD & police training!
- 17) I want my neighborhood & school safe. A motorcycle gang trolls this ward, speeding throw our neighborhoods, throwing sparklers, going between cars. The police have not addressed this.

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

- 1) My personal neighborhood has had Car Break ins but is safe for the most part.
- 2) Reduced crime rates, more boots on ground. neighborhood organizing, strong relationship with police & fire, response times.
- 3) Easy communication, lots of opportunities to interact and cross paths
- 4) Social media pages, i.e. we are Westsiders providing communication on day by day instances
- 5) More police!! Enforce the law!!
- 6) Kids playing on the street. More police presence.
- 7) People sleepin passed out on street cleaned up. People not panhandling. Enforce laws.
- 8) Reduce break-ins. How do we learn to get along? Would that improve. Cultivate neihborslives-NA's could help. Empower NA's to be more active in neighbor development. Learn to work things out personally. Reconnect-rebuild lose connections-increase "belonging" / "identification". Reduce environmental wellness(cycles, grows).
- 9) Very quick response by PD, they have been doing great. Leave garage often while mowing. Open communication. Crime reaction. Reduced crime rate. Reduced response time. Police & Fire relations w/ all neighborhoods. Positive Interactions.
- 10) Great support from city staff. Understanding the root cause of homelessness. Police having conversations. Understanding what resources are available. Being able to send kids a few blocks away & feel safe. A team that works together & cares for each other.
- 11) Effective communications of (again) facts and recognition about successes as well as challenges – all with continued improvements – Also understanding visual communications and police posture.
- 12) Be able to mow your lawn and have your garage open for an hour or so and not get robbed. Be able to walk at night and not have fear of being robbed or assaulted. Reduced response times.
- 13) Cleanliness is a big indicator of a community's health & safety.
- 14) A feeling of connected community. Resources that are accessible, not religious.
- 15) Success -> Constant communication, we are Westsiders -Facebook. Community involvement. Higher wages, affordability. Community Connectedness. Resource Sharing. Lighting on streets.
- 16) Giving everyone housing! Working to keep neighborhoods affordable.
- 17) Seeing police patrolling night & day. More residents carrying guns both open & concealed. Calling 911 more. Deal w/ the culture of violence when they enforce fire hydrant parking!

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

- 1) Yes! Cops on bikes & horses – Make a presence. Market the Good work officers do to the public so they are not demonized.
- 2) Expand Dice, Expand Cure Violence, Westside equity, In Police Presence, Organized neighborhood on upper westside, Improved street lighting, beautification, More/better communication
- 3) Accountability for wrongdoing. Public officials who betray the public trust should not have power over me or my neighbors. E.G. Police who pull guns on kids or profile a resident should be plain and simple fired.
- 4) Housing assistance for those in need-Renovations on older homes for those who can't afford it.
- 5) More police.
- 6) Steet safety, Clean up parks, Cameras in parks, how the good works police do.
- 7) Increase funding, Neighborhood clean up. Police double up in cars. Cleaning under overpasses where homeless congregate.
- 8) Homeless tent city on west bank s-curve to 1-196 person living on Island at GVSU. Community projects-not episodic -murals-cleanups. Community officers. More work on drugs/interdiction within Heartside. Increase police staffing. More video security. Carson street housing conditions near 228 Gunnison. Differential staffing, based on need.
- 9) 311 Timeliness. Kid programs. Dice. Cure Violence. Hotspots. Broken Windows Theory. Outliers -> take care of the little thing. Reform NHA model w/ \$ +Business District Intentionality +Include entire city.
- 10) Resources -> Restrooms. Safety for vulnerable populations. Grateful for what city does provide
- 11) More open dialogue. More engagement from citizens. *Homelessness*
- 12) Homeless and addiction resources. Traffic enforcement <- colorblind class-blind and equal. GRPD traveling in the right ways. <- not more warfare and war coys.
- 13) Add investment in community policing in building relationships between community members and police. Neighborhood watch.
- 14) Programs that bring community members together – events, mutual aid, support for one another. Find to pour into to help community need. Make that process easy for people.
- 15) Community connectedness. Decentralized cities. Kiosks community. Changing the culture/Know your neighbors/mutual aid. Unrestricted funding.
- 16) Secular options for the houseless. City wide mutual aid and network
- 17) Yes, A return to our USA Juded/Christian founding tenets! Better training of police.
- 18) Refund the police. Stop treating criminals better than me, who is law abiding citizen. The city needs to stop making emotional business decisions, and go back to making level headed business decisions.

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) Watch groups maybe, Stocking & 5th is bad.
- 2) Neighborhood association investment in areas w/o NAs now.
- 3) More police!!
- 4) Anyone and everyone.
- 5) Churches neighborhood org swan west grand.
- 6) Neighborhood associations. Social organizations (Polish Halls, Legions). Church/Youth based organizations. Block clubs/ Neighborhood watch.
- 7) NHA. Business Assoc.
- 8) Neighborhood orgs, activists orgs, reinforcement of citizenship of businesses.
- 9) Increase community organization in the 1st ward.
- 10) Talk to people on the ground & grassroots orgs (GR mutual aid network).
- 11) Non-profits grassroots orgs.
- 12) Reaching out by churches.
- 13) Stop the handouts!!!Not everyone who breaks the law is mentally ill.

Overall Opportunity for Arts, Culture and Education

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Investing in local artists, embedding the community culture into our educational institutions.
- 2) More community murals. Engaging local artist and businesses to beautify space with community impact.
- 3) I go to bed at 8:30 in the evening as an older adult – I have a lot in common with very young children.
- 4) Where all people feel valued and welcome in their city – and have enrichment activities.
- 5) Education is critical especially if it is about critical thinking skills and not talent development.
- 6) Opportunities to explore cultures, viewpoints of art & ideas that differ from your own perspective.
- 7) A variety of affordable cultural opportunities are available (should be- not all is affordable)
- 8) Having representation for all cultures, having multiple ethnic/cultural festivals is amazing! Art festivals are great ways to bolster
- 9) Moved downtown because of symphony – world class and challenges audiences, something for everyone

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

- 1) Opting for historical over new development. Working to give voice the historically disenfranchised by way of: small business grants, community listening sessions, featuring work city wide of what artists of color are doing the 1st Ward.
- 2) Rain gardens, flourishing planters, trimmed trees + bushes.
- 3) Concerts in residential areas should end before 8:00pm.
- 4) Low cost or free programming for families. GR has lots to offer! Daycare is critical!
- 5) More local art. Make local art together community space for art. Business opportunity for art-trades computer programming can even be art.
- 6) Less charter schools, more neighborhood based schools, particularly where students/families can walk to. Schools that provide ongoing educational opportunities beyond the traditional school day, for adults, families, plus food growing should be happening at all schools.
- 7) Events at Valley Field (at the closest space for such) cultural & art. Spreading ArtPrize to “outside” neighborhoods after it runs downtown. Encouraging opportunities for neighborhood cultural identities to be displayed + celebrated.
- 8) The symphony
- 9) Kent Library system is amazing. Multiple dist.
- 10) GRPL is excellent – Leonard and Westside locations in Ward
- 11) GR Noir is great

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

- 1) PAY ARTISTS TO CREATE. Use money earmarked for ArtPrize to support local talent invest directly in helping local resident to get their foot in the door to education.
- 2) Parking lot at Valley Field!!
- 3) Convene churches + YWCA to discuss providing daycare in building M-F. Utilize churches nursery space for childcare.
- 4) Investments in neighborhood based schools. More hands-on learning, food growing and other skill-building opportunities.
- 5) More low-cost arts education programming
- 6) Literacy Center of West MI employee: problem is English language learners are increasing in numbers and need more assistance/greater use of services for those where English is the first/native language
- 7) Can folks volunteer to read to kids at GRPL; foster an interest in reading even if can't read
- 8) Provide more accessible information on events; access is mostly through social media/web, but not all people use social media; missing info on small events (missing music posters)
- 9) Live in Wyoming but want to get downtown; asked if public transit will be expanded to other areas
- 10)

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) Office of special events or whoever controls money going in and out.
- 2) Our symphony + other arts organizations seem to support this – any additional programming is always great. We loved raising our family here so many great opportunities for art, culture, + education in my opinion.
- 3) Community co-op. City founding for co-ops.
- 4) Our kitchen table. Garden for GR. Southwest market. Other way ministries.
- 5) GR Noir jazz/wine black-owned business!
- 6) WMU-K (Kalamazoo based radio) does a great job talking about what is going on re: events; WGVU isn't doing this – they should do better to prioritize this
- 7) 88.1 WYCE has an events calendar

Overall Quality of Parks & Recreation Opportunities

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Grand Rapids is on the right track here.
- 2) Neighborhood people want to spend time in their city parks. And take some responsibility for how the parks are cared for.
- 3) The physical improvement of Valle, Field, ball field. (-+ access to that area such as a walking path around it). Walkable environments.
- 4) More activations – concerts not just booths. Movie in the park.
- 5) That neighborhood pools are open + accessible to young people. Along with basketball courts, pickleball, etc.
- 6) Walkable sidewalks. Crosswalks that are clearly marked with signage + road “paint”.
- 7) Parks are clean, attractive + safe.

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

- 1) It seems that the quality of our city parks on the NW side are not a priority. With small investments can make a large impact.
- 2) Opportunities in residents to engage w/ outdoor activities + area. So to connect physically w/ elements of the city. So to provide chances of healthy engagement w/ the outdoors + w/ fellow residents.
- 3) Better mental health benefits.
- 4) Clean + Safe parks.
- 5) I walk for an hour to help me manage arthritis pain. I have a hip replacement and have fallen before when my toe has caught on the sidewalk.
- 6) Ample opportunity for people in the community to spend time in the natural environment.
- 7) Too many mowed lawns in parks; less mow; support fields and wildflowers

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

- 1) Investment. Grass – flowers. Parking lots. Swings. Tennis courts. B-ball courts.
- 2) More natural areas-in parks, woods area. Natural components in park spaces for kids
- 3) Including fitness as a priority, walking trails, tennis courts, pickleball, bike lanes. The programming you offer is awesome.
- 4) Refinishing the track at Union High School.
- 5) Planting native flowers + plants -activities attainable (Little libraries, Hammocks, toys where playgrounds aren't built). These activities + such also provided a safer community by giving things for youth to do and be involved in.
- 6) Parking improvements-maintenance. Clear out creek. Let it run free. More well places benches (picnics tables). Model park spaces that set direction Ideas of what a park should look like.
- 7) In Austin, incentive to plant native species in lawns
- 8) Use parks a little; like fitness & wellness equipment in Monroe park – expand this – put in Lincoln Park

- 9) Accessible rec programs on blue Bridge – yoga
- 10) Commend social media presence for Parks/Rec
- 11) Like walking trails in downtown / River / Parks – like Fayetteville, AK
- 12) Some unhoused approach on River Walk and Park – not all, but some
- 13) Is part of the problem drugs? Hospitals can administer doses – can function through incident
- 14) Redid park at 4th and Valley – took down fence and kids are spilling into the streets - unsafe

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) Neighborhood citizens! Volunteers. Schools – Local. Churches. The community of citizens who care.
- 2) Organizations that have gardens (i.e. MSU extension master gardens) to beautify – i.e weed & plants flowers so that it is attractive. Organize neighborhood “adopt a park” initiatives great way to build relationships + community. This may include the churches.
- 3) Friends of the Park, Friends of the Valley field.
- 4) JBan, Swan, Wet grand, YMCA, Business Associations.
- 5) Volunteers – Teenagers
- 6) Adopt a Park
- 7) Work with libraries – Interactive ideas for kids. Collaboration

Overall Quality of the Natural Environment

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Environment is one of the most intersectional issues – you can see differences in the income level of communities based on how the natural environment looks.
- 2) Healthy trees. Opportunities for youth to clean neighborhoods-perhaps w/incentives. Engagement of neighbors.
- 3) Trees are important to managing heat in the summer and in climate management.
- 4) Well lit areas for safety.
- 5) Brings back neighborhood. Keep kids in neighborhoods. Kids walking with parents to school, Remove deserts.
- 6) Clean + natural environment, and one that provides some separation from the “concrete” aspect of urban life.
- 7) This seems to be very important factor of success that could increase the data for overall quality use of city parks, trails & the natural environment.
- 8) Quality of life means access for all residents to safe clean communities.
- 9) Litter & trash are an indication of a communities health. Transient areas really need help encouragement & enforcement in these areas.

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

- 1) Seeing more focus on the environment in low-income neighborhoods-trash cleanup-more trees, native flowers, etc.. (like in areas like Alger Heights). Community events to support this. Access to community gardens. Not having large spaces that could be better utilized for capitalistic development.
- 2) Re-educating to promote reusing materials and recycling. No more fines for overgrown lawns- they are better for the environment.
- 3) Being more accountable for clean properties, sidewalks, parking lots.
- 4) Trees that are well cared for and don't endanger the power grid on my property.
- 5) Pretty landscaping. Litter removed. Maintenance of parks.
- 6) Keep dollars in community, add opportunities in our community bring business that benefits communities
- 7) Environments that are healthy & well maintained (for the plants & animals w/in them) That they are accessible to wheelchairs & those w/o other assistance devices (canes, etc.).
- 8) Success is city resources available in every community in grand rapids street cleaning and sewer maintenance etc.
- 9) Reduced mowed areas in neighborhood parks. Combine waste demand, enhanced recycling/compact/trash.
- 10) Geography dictates/shows cleanliness from one area to another, ownership, transient neighborhoods very widely.
- 11) Less litter
- 12) Litter negatively impacts mental health; healthy neighborhoods need to be litter free

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

- 1) Beautification but make it sustainable -rain gardens -trash pickup -plants that help pollinators. More trash recycling bins accessible outside of just downtown -on sidewalks (esp. busy).
- 2) Making composting more accessible- private companies are expensive and make it not worth it. Adding large neighborhoods bins for sorting recycling.
- 3) More recycling of all materials.
- 4) Keeping the trees healthy.
- 5) You are doing great Partnering with the new river park!
- 6) Promise Summit= 2 day event kindergarten on up. Get kids excited funding into community. If mom is doing well, kid is doing well. Help bring back investments (banking, lending mato). From 3rd Ward (49507).
- 7) Small investment along with neighborhood volunteerism, can make a large impact on city parks, trails, and the natural environment.
- 8) Neighborhood clean up projects. Trash cans for public littering signs.
- 9) 1 Truck for trash, compost & recyclables.
- 10) Less mowing in parks. More education on recycling.
- 11) Scheduled pick up points enforcement (logical) of existing ordinance.
- 12) Change waste – use a single truck for recycling/trash/compost; reduce truck traffic; reduce landfill because 30% is compostable; improve air quality
- 13) Private company (believe for compost) can be expensive (2 commenters)
- 14) Problem with trash in bins – do they make bins that prevent contamination
- 15) Need more engagement for waste programs
- 16) Recycling lacks outside of GR and not in apartments
- 17) So little can be recycled (believes only plastic #1-2)
- 18) Trash around schools and bus stops – call schools and PD and have them fine people and force clean up
- 19) Bus stop – more clean now than before; liquor stores are problems and not held accountable
- 20) Lots of garbage by bus stop – off school property
- 21) Litter signs – kids notice this; received Clean Streets and Safe Neighborhoods NMF and excited
- 22) Seniors don't want to call 311 and complain; wait time too long; like call back, but not always happening
- 23) Division Corridor what want – kids said they want this – how create opps for their energy (teenagers) – incentives / volunteer
- 24) Fining people for overgrown law is old school thinking
- 25) Did no mow May – left dandelions in one part of yard – didn't just ignore the entire lawn, but takes deliberation

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) Michigan LCV. WMEAC.
- 2) Neighborhood associations promoting/engaging/ focusing on healthy/clean streets and less on crime.
- 3) Friends of the park.
- 4) How can school children be engaged to contribute to their community? -Service projects? -Murals? Partner w/local schools. Engage w/Amway or Untied Day of Caring to beef up volunteers- good for specific projects - not long term.
- 5) The promise neighborhood summit
- 6) What connection does the city have w/ GVSU (+ other colleges) departments focused on the environment? Can partnerships be developed?
- 7) G.R. Citizens. Volunteer organizations. Schools. Church Organizations
- 8) Engage residents, schools, and nonprofits neighborhood associations, businesses.
- 9) Partnerships w/ Private composting companies to expand at a city level- Offer educational opportunities to residents for correct usage.
- 10) Code: Businesses (Party Stores) should be fined \$\$ for not complying to their environment (litter, trash).
- 11) GVSU had system in place with multi bins in place

Overall Quality of the Transportation System

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) I would like to reduce my car use but public transit and bike lanes are not as helpful as I need.
- 2) Depends on where I want to go busses don't bring people where they want to go.
- 3) Roads, Bike Lanes, Sidewalks, Non-motorized, accessibility of all, Pet Friendly.
- 4) Easy & Comfortable movement throughout the city. Especially walkability within my neighborhood.
- 5) A lot I'm partially handicapped and I have serious difficulty walking long distances.
- 6) Effectively challenging the American bias towards cars. (Implemented Locally)
- 7) Equity, Accessibility, Traffic Calming – Cross walks/signage (Route 18)
- 8) I walk a lot. I'm concerned that in some areas.
- 9) Increased traffic, possible street lighting LMD & Seward. Bussing S ->North through loss of Valley. Biking barriers walkability, some sidewalks are poor.
- 10) Safety.
- 11) Roads. Bus routes. Bike lanes & sidewalks
- 12) Our public transportation system is limited because it doesn't cover all county cities. I recognize other local municipalities aren't opting in, hence Byron Ctr. Which speaks inequalities. Bike lanes are not systematically installed. Safety surrounding bus stops need to increase; and shelters need solar panel for heat & cooling during the sources.

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

- 1) Better bike lanes, more bus route stops.
- 2) Transportation to take people where they want to go
- 3) Sidewalks, Traffic calming, non-motorized options, road surface quality, good signage, way finding.
- 4) Clean streets in good condition (Freeway underpasses, lots of bird poop)
- 5) Higher road share for bikes/transit, less VMT
- 6) Since the Rapid canceled Route 18 there has been no bus that covers the distance between Stocking Ave. N.W and Lane Ave N.W.
- 7) Fully integrated complete streets with protections via P.D.
- 8) Rule 18 brought back, more dash access.
- 9) Greater pedestrian safety.
- 10) Timely, direct service. Public input before change made. Provide access to community services.
- 11) Would like more traffic calming measures. Better storm water drainages also help maintain roads through freezing than ..cles. Good road surface to prevent damage to vehicles, and prevent high repair costs for vulnerable populations.

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

- 1) Expand bus routes. Improve bus routes.

- 2) Bus stops where people want to go, bus routes where people wanted to go. Reinvent Dash -use money for small vehicles + drivers and take people where they want to go within boundaries.
- 3) Upper westside is area with very limited sidewalks and bike lanes.
- 4) Better protected bike lanes where they exist. More shade on sidewalks of major streets (Michigan/Bridge). Make the Rapid Free to Ride.
- 5) Pedestrian/Cyclist Safety Improvements. Raised crosswalks, Protected bike lanes/Paths (Also Monroe). Transit, Rail transit of some kind (?) More frequency, coverage, later service.
- 6) Possibility Extending route 12 to cover the missing part of route 18
- 7) More diverse snow removal gear. Protected bike lanes, and STANDING UP TO THE STATE if needed.
- 8) There is a pedestrian crossing on Michigan between Fuller & Plymouth with a button to button to activate red stop lights for the cross walks.
- 9) Planning for increased traffic patterns after lots 7,8,9 and Market Street is developed. Lake Michigan Drive – Timing of lights.
- 10) Collindale Ave could use sidewalk, and stormwater drainage, also a stop sign at 7th and collindale.

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) Collaboration w/ county and other cities.
- 2) Rapid.
- 3) The Rapid, Mobility Dept.
- 4) More lines/buses on the rapid.
- 5) The rapid bus system.
- 6) Bike clubs, neighborhood and biz associations, schools, active singular neighbors.
- 7) The Rapid.
- 8) Neighborhood organizations.

Connection & Engagement with the Community

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) R-E-S-P-ON-SI-VE-NESS! Improved Communications/PR/Social Media.
- 2) Friendly, good neighbors who look out for each other.
- 3) Authentic, Intentional engagement, Neighborhood Present of Police & Fire.

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

- 1) And resulting discussions and That R-E-S-P-ON-SI-VE-NESS!. The actual use of our ideas.
- 2) People know each other in the NA. Resolve issues at resident level. People lookout for each other. Good behavior. Social/behavioral issues are unresolved.
- 3) Community coming together to address access problems and & agreed solutions.
- 4) Happy people outside.
- 5) I know my police firefighters assisted to my neighborhood.

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

- 1) A much better coms team, more meeting facilitators, some media and social media training for all. Even Commissioners!
- 2) Community officers that are And visible. Create community. Block picnics – Pay NA to do that. Project based engagement. Get to know your neighbors. Address presence issues-good behaviors.
- 3) Invest in our police & fire services, more boot on ground. Invest in our neighborhood associations.

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) Pro associations, conferences, workshops, contractors, etc. There are a universe of options if you keep out of your bureaucracy mindset.
- 2) NASSOC. Holy spirit. Neighborhood watch
- 3) Not Sure

Overall Health & Wellness Opportunities

What does this factor mean to you, personally?

- 1) Access to healthy food options within walking distance-Bridge St Market is a great start.
- 2) That all citizens have equal access to information, assistance, & activities to promote & develop their overall wellness.
- 3) This means that everyone makes a living wage This should apply to those currently experiencing poverty, those most marginalized. If racism is a public health issue, then we need to reduce the CRPD budget and divert those funds toward housing, health care, etc.
- 4) As I age I want to get rid of my car. Public transportation & biking is really important in this goal.
- 5) Giving folks the resources they need to make informed choices on their own wellness needs.

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

- 1) Safe sidewalks & paths for exercise. "Adult" equipment & directions for exercise at parks.
- 2) Walkable food access, groceries, gardens, neighborhood farmers markets. Affordable Housing increased mass transits.
- 3) Bike path connections between downtown and the Kent trail as well as the neighborhoods. Level sidewalks.
- 4) Low cost branding for foods. Aldi>whole foods.
- 5) Affordability in all of its forms.
- 6) Nervous that Bridge St. Market would be high end only, but offer low-cost Meijer brand items and serving Hispanic population well

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

- 1) Access to healthy food, community gardens, reparations.
- 2) Create separate bike paths on the major streets that have a built in barrier.
- 3) More grocery stores downtown like Bridge Street Market, where there is a large variety.
- 4) Bridge St. Market; Duthler's Family Food are located downtown and accessible (have personal transportation), but only one store; address food desert
- 5) Frank's Market and Supermercado not as full service
- 6) City prides itself on healthcare availability – how much is affordable and available in neighborhoods
- 7) Cherry St Health is helpful if you don't have money
- 8) Are reusable bags something driven by the City (answered no) – glad to see Bridge St. Market requiring this – 10 cents/bag – good thing
- 9) Are there municipal grants for indigent health care?
- 10) Benton Harbor and Flint – concerned about the water

- 11) Air quality – need to reduce traffic
- 12) Social zones – “public drinking” but good for walkability, less traffic and increase safety
- 13) More areas like Bridge St. strip – had to drive before and now walk to grocery/dinner (1 mile)
- 14) One other person doesn’t walk that far – still drives

Are there other organizations that can contribute to success?

- 1) GR Area Mutual Aid Network. GR Area Tenant Union. Defund the GRPD.
- 2) Can bakeries/grocery stores donate their excess instead of throwing it away and creating more food waste?