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Community Walk and Ideas Workshop – What We Heard Summary

The Community Walk and Ideas Workshop was held on April 5, 2019, with 44 participants.

These events gave us an opportunity to dig a little deeper to understand and confirm some of the issues identified in the public Visioning Survey.

We focused our conversations on five key areas of the neighbourhood:

- + Pedestrian experience
- + Traffic calming, driving conditions and traffic management
- + Bike lanes and bike infrastructure
- + Parks, open spaces and trees
- + Neighbourhood character/look and feel

Generally, input received reflected what was heard in the survey.

The following is a summary of what was heard and discussed.



Pedestrian experience: connections, crossings and conditions

- + Sidewalks are in poor condition and missing connections make walking challenging, especially along 110 Street. Missing connections on: 86 Avenue, 87 Avenue, 89 Avenue, 111 Street and 112 Street.
- + Interest in maintenance of the shale and resident made paths on the east side of 110 Street between 84 and 86 Avenues.
- + The shared-use path on 90 Avenue/High Level Bridge requires a defined connection.
- + Brighter, pedestrian focussed lighting would add to user comfort and safety.
- + Pedestrian crossings along 109 Street, 110 Street, 112 Street, and 82 Avenue are top locations for safety and visibility improvements. Suggestions were made to add crossing/scramble lights at 112 Street/87 Avenue and 109 Street/87 Avenue and a mid-block crossing between 109 and 110 Streets at 86 Avenue. Improving signal timing and shortening crossing distances with curb extensions were also discussed.
- + Visibility would be improved if cars were restricted from parking too close to intersections.
- + To improve the pedestrian experience, locations were suggested for seating areas, benches and improved lighting.

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Traffic calming, driving conditions and traffic management

- + Speeding and shortcutting concerns; focus traffic calming measures and enforcement on 110, 111, 109 Streets, 84 and 85 Avenues, and alleys.
- + Parking for residents is difficult as many non-residents utilize the area; consider a resident parking program or parking restrictions.
- + Garneau School could use more parking and a defined drop-off area.
- + Roads and alleys in the area are in poor condition with many potholes and rough surfaces.
- + Entering/exiting Garneau from arterials is challenging; add lights and left turn signals.



Bike lanes and bike infrastructure

- + Bike lanes are supported in general but noted to be in poor condition and not well maintained.
- + More bike connections in and through Garneau are desired; make them protected lanes like 83 Avenue.
- + Enforcement and education could promote safer behaviour when people who walk, bike, or drive interact with each other in a shared space.
- + New bike lanes impact driving by increasing journey time or adding to driver confusion.



Parks, open spaces, and trees

- + Existing parks and green spaces in Garneau need updating, including improved amenities, aesthetics and maintenance.
- + Consider adding new parks, playgrounds, open spaces, and a dog park.
- + People who are homeless make some park users feel unsafe.

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Neighbourhood character/look and feel

- + Maintain historic look and feel of Garneau and monitor future development.
- + Prioritize the pedestrian “feel” of Garneau and prioritize the trees and green spaces.
- + More cafés, restaurants and other similar gathering spots are needed.

Next steps

Input received during the Community Walk and Ideas Workshop and the public Visioning Survey will be used to inform the development of design options. The design options will be shared, trade-offs will be discussed and input will be invited during the next phase of engagement: Options and Trade-offs, from May to October 2019.

Over the next several months, our team will be popping up throughout the community, meeting with residents to explore specific locations we heard were of concern and investigate areas of opportunity. Draft design options and some trade-offs will be shared for input at a public event to be held in the Fall and together we will work towards creating a neighbourhood design that resolves issues and achieves desired outcomes.

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