

Issues Survey - Tallies for Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre Neighborhood Master Plan from March 12 and 13, 2008

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County Planning Commission 4/1/08

Housing and Neighborhood Character	
20	Number of foreclosures and vacancies
17	Physical decline of housing stock; <i>lack of repairs; poor/inappropriate renovation, not restoration</i>
16	Absentee landlords: many felt they contribute to the deterioration of the housing stock
12	Increase in the number of rental units rather than owner-occupied housing
4	Perceived increase in the amount of poverty in the neighborhood
4	Current residents will move out of the neighborhoods, especially if residency requirement is repealed
2	Shortage of independent, senior-friendly housing that is close to neighborhood centers
2	Loss of senior residents—concern that seniors are following their children to the suburbs
Economic Development	
18	Poor physical state of the main arteries; number of vacancies and commercial buildings in disrepair. <i>Main artery streetscapes/curbs especially at Pearl/Broadview</i>
10	Need more jobs and more stable jobs
6	Small size of many commercial parcels and buildings discourage new development: need to take advantage of land assembly opportunities
Recreation, Tourism, Retail and Entertainment	
16	Lack of “ destination” shops and attractions to draw people to area <i>no coffee shop, upscale dining, grocery with specialty/organic choices; residents don't support local retail - go to chains and malls</i>
9	Lack of integration/ connections between the neighborhoods and the Metroparks Zoo
7	Need wider range / types of restaurants, especially family-friendly ones
4	Area does not take advantage of the national scenic byway
Community Facilities and Services	
15	Lack of police presence and slow police response time
9	Crime and perceived crime
9	Increasing drug presence
8	Perception of poor schools
6	Too many kids on the street; no place for neighborhood youth to go, nothing constructive for them to do
5	Some residents, often seniors, feel that they are prisoners in their own homes; some areas are NOT senior-friendly
2	Health issues, including lack of access to affordable, healthy and fresh food
Community	
12	Poor neighborhood marketing – nonresidents don' t know all the good things about the neighborhoods
12	No “ town” square or gathering place where people can unite for community or social events
11	Decline in respect for neighbors: residents often inconsiderate and loud late into the night
8	Lack of neighborhood unity - divisions between Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods; <i>OB/BC is small village with numerous neighborhoods</i>
5	Lack of neighborhood pride; <i>no sense of neighborhood or community - symptomatic of era</i>
2	Tensions between different population groups in the community
2	Negativity in the media: media misrepresents the neighborhood by focusing on the negative
Environmental Protection and Natural Resources	
10	Impacts of past and present business including landfills, junkyards, (Henninger Landfill), salt piles, etc
7	Illegal dumping in Valley and lack of environmental stewardship by both residents and non-residents
2	Pollution on Harshaw Chemical site
1	Hillside subsidence
Transportation Connections	
9	Utility poles are ugly and obstruct pedestrian walkways
8	Streets are not as safe as they used to be
6	Traffic goes too fast south of Pearl Road Bridge
2	Snow plows pile snow on the sidewalks along the Pearl Road Bridge and make it unsafe to walk across
0	Some traffic lights are poorly timed
Other Issues Not Listed Above	
3	maintain history; tours of old brooklyn, history, homes, churches, businesses, famous people;Keep landmarks: fix and repair
2	maintain greenspace, put in recreation
2	Address the bad sewer system, Fix our sewers
2	Provide curbs, Repair residential sidewalks and curbs and streets
1	Investment in infrastructure improvements: roads, water lines, sewers, gas lines, etc.
1	turn Pearl into a 2 lane street with parking on both sides of the street
1	Not pedestrian oriented, unsafe, unclean, littered and blocked sidewalks
1	Put in parking, bus shelters
1	Build a light rail from downtown Cleveland to Parma Heights
1	Change name to "ZOO City"-make neighborhood into tourist trap and Zoo theme throughout neighborhood
1	Renovate old housing stock
1	Enforcement of quality of life ordinances-and imposition of fines and noise, curfew, animal and housing and violations
1	Lack of sleeping quarters at Firestation #42
1	more attractions and businesses like stores and restaurants
1	On-line notification and better communication of community events and issues
1	Recycling
1	Take down all traffic cameras, bad idea, not supported by the public, creepy
1	Election of hired government workers are ineffective and compromised
1	CDC and Neighborhood associations are no longer working together due to fighting
1	Poor allocation of resources to nonprofits: no results for \$ spent
1	No class, no caring.
1	Safety and even traffic are better than most neighborhoods

49 surveys returned through March 31, 2008 - some marked more than 5 items