

Neighborhood Main Streets Project : What We Heard from You so Far

What defines a Neighborhood Main Street in Milwaukie?

"The businesses should be aimed at local clientele like bakery, book shop, coffee shop, grocery store etc. rather than a business not designed for local retail like: machine shop, graphic design studio, etc."

"These two area's are quite small and I am not sure what the purpose of redeveloping these areas is for?"

"Low traffic speed/walkability"

"Traffic speed is maintained"

"I would love to see neighborhood markets, and stores that actually bring people in to our town, and make me want to slip on my shoes and walk my neighborhood."

What kinds of businesses would you like to see in the 32nd or 42nd Avenue commercial areas?



"I like to see food establishments and book shops along SE 32nd Ave. where people can gather. There isn't really too many places for Ardenwald residents to conveniently walk to."

"I strongly support the idea of new businesses that are close and convenient to our homes. I'd prefer small independently owned businesses. A nice grocery store would be ideal, a deli (NOT Subway, Quizno's etc.)"

"Only family friendly businesses. Would like to see a Farmers Market on Saturday. A cafe would be nice with meeting area (not a major company like Starbucks). Local, quality businesses. Variety is nice."

"Brewpub"

"Gas station"

"Bike shop"

"Food cart pods & chain fast foods"

"Something Kid Friendly"



Reasons you do not walk or bike to the commercial areas along 32nd or 42nd?



"A sidewalk along SE 43rd avenue between Howe and King is imperative. Already lots of pedestrians (and school kids including school bus stops!) and there is no sidewalk...would love to walk (or ride bikes if there were bike lanes on SE 42nd between Johnson Creek)."

"Lack of protected bike lane"

"Traffic speed"

"Reckless, impatient drivers"

"No place to safely tie up my dog when I go inside."



Thoughts on 32nd Ave

"I would love to have places to come and shop and do things here"

"I like buildings that are closer to the street cause it encourages people to walk more"

"When I'm walking by (buildings with no setback), walking my dog, I'm more inclined to look in"

"It's not much to look at"

"Not very inviting"

Other Uses for this Building?

Restaurant

Garden supply (Naomie's)

Bookstore

Little grocery

Tavern/microbrew pub

"I'm really excited about this area developing"

"We were really excited when they opened the art house"

"We're starting to lose the canopy along the roadway"

"The two floors work"

"They always have their blinds closed since they are so close to the street"

"The windows enliven it - you can see what is there"

Other Uses for Lisac's?

Farmers' Market

BBQ Food Cart

Recurring Themes:

More businesses Connect with MAX Widen sidewalks

Slower traffic On-street parking Active storefronts

Thoughts on 42nd Ave

"Its not as visible"

"Car driven"

"How do you deal with businesses on the edge of residential areas?"

Ideas for businesses:

Doggy day car?

Indoor play area?

"Lots of plots of asphalt. We need to bring some brightness or life to this area"

"42nd should remove the used car lot, it really takes away from the feel of a nice area, and the 7-Eleven needs updating."

"The business is geared towards cars"

General Thoughts:

"To revitalize this commercial node you have to fix the neighborhoods, make them more walkable and bike friendly"

"We're looking for things that serve the neighborhood but that can draw business in from a bigger area as well"

"We need safe ways for people to access the area and community-type places that draw the neighborhood in"

City should advertise local businesses.

One parking lot for the whole commercial area.

"We don't have a place to gather" just Starbucks and Safeway

42nd "needs a community space"

Recurring Themes:

Area is car-oriented Lack of community gathering space

Lack of wide sidewalks Where to put parking?

Pedestrian safety Connection to Neighborhoods

Bicycle connectivity Troublesome Intersections

