

Greengate

Neighborhood Public Meeting Summary



April 27, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
Story Elementary School
36 residents

Summary

The Community Enhancement Department hosted a public meeting at Story Elementary for residents living in Greengate. This neighborhood meeting was organized by our staff to inform residents about the stabilization project happening in their neighborhood and facilitate feedback. The neighborhood project focuses on (1) improving the neighborhood entryway where the brick monument signs are located and (2) enhancing the screening on S. Allen Heights where the diseased, red-tipped photinias were recently removed.



Thirty-six residents attended the meeting along with ten City staff from the Community Enhancement and Police Departments. Erin Jones, Planning Manager, highlighted the purpose of our department, described the scope of the neighborhood project, and explained the general timeline for project completion. After the presentation, residents were invited to give their input in three different areas — visual preference for screening wall options, committee sign up and workday ideas, and future needs within the neighborhood. The results are as follows:

Committee Volunteers

16 residents volunteered to serve on the three committees

- Steering (12)
- Workday (13)
- Block Party (4)

Visual Preference

Three different styles of screening wall were displayed, and each style had two different color options. Each resident was given three dots (votes) to indicate their visual preference. Of these six options, three received the most interest fairly equally. This is a good first step and will help City staff, along with additional input from the steering committee, to make the final selection.

- Simulated Stone (Walnut Brown) – 34
- Ashland Privacy (Brown Granite) – 32
- Black Privacy (Picket) - 30



Future Needs

- Edge-around the telephone pole in the sidewalk at the southeast of Allen Heights & Edelweiss.
- Is there a process to have a commercial property condemned & demolished (i.e., S.E. corner of Allen Heights & Main)?
- Exit on Edelweiss - Is it three lanes or only two lanes? Either case it needs street lane stripes. (Watch the school bus try to make the turn when the cars use it as three lanes.)
- Sidewalks need fixing all along Edelweiss. It would be a "walkable" neighborhood I wasn't worried about tripping while walking the dog.
- Maybe Allen can give the owner of old gas station at Allen Heights some incentive to lease cheap or sell to city for Library hub or community center for kids
- Repave Malone, Sidewalks across from school
- Fence maintenance in the alley way, Some folks' fences are crumbling
- More dog poop stations at dog park, Community garden/picnic area
- 302 South Malone
- Sidewalk repair - Gardenia is really bad
- Sidewalk repair
- Bathrooms at Story Park
- Street Pavement Study
- More streetlamps in the neighborhood please
- Dog area for off-leash run at Story Park
- Paint left-turn & right-turn lanes at Edelweiss & Allen Heights (exiting neighborhood)
- Repair Malone Rd. Story to Main St.



Workday Ideas

- Landscape the front entrance to Greengate
- Help homeowners who are not able to do cosmetic repairs to their homes
- Need more visibility at Main & Alder
- Clean up entrance at Main & Alder
- Pick up trash at the park

Next Steps

In addition to the feedback received at the meeting, an online survey was conducted three weeks prior to the meeting and remained active for a week following the meeting. 30 residents responded to the survey with many similar comments being presented. The main areas of improvement noted in the survey results are as follows: Sidewalk/Street Repair, Parking and Traffic Concerns, Increased Code Compliance in the Area, and an Increased Police Presence to Curtail Speeding.

The next step in this process is formalizing the committees so we can (1) finalize the specifics & scope of the project and (2) schedule & organize the workday. Both of these phases need continual resident input and engagement. Those who volunteered will be invited to attend the committee meeting which will be held virtually. We will survey committee member volunteers and choose the time and date that offers the most participation, and then schedule the meetings accordingly.

Residents who were unable to attend the meeting but are interested in participating in this process should contact Barry Cram, Senior Planner, directly at 214-509-4181.