

Public Meeting
HIESTAND NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN
December 7, 2005

The Hiestand Neighborhood Steering Committee presented their preliminary neighborhood plan at a public meeting on December 7, 2005. Below are the responses from the public to the plan recommendations.

Transportation:

1. What excites you about the plan?
 - Pursue Item C (Signalize intersection of Milwaukee-Wittwer or Walbridge).
 - Pursue Item D (Improve gateway by landscaping embankment at Hwy 51 at Milwaukee).
 - Pursue Item E (Enforce speed limit of 35 mph on Milwaukee Street).
 - Option C for Milwaukee Street would be great.
 - Option B for Thompson Drive would be nice, but expensive. Option A is a definite improvement (if marked).
 - Pedestrian refuge island at Milwaukee and Hamlet intersection.
 - Safety.
 - Updating of the park (Hiestand) – a shelter would be great.
 - Traffic safety – pedestrian especially – pedestrian islands are a great idea.
 - Very comprehensive and complete.
 - Emphasizing safety.
 - Aid to pedestrians.
 - Bike path.
 - Picnic shelter.

2. What concerns you about the plan?
 - Pace that the plan can be implemented.
 - People in cars bypassing Milwaukee/Crystal Street lights.
 - Using Hamlet/Boynton as the bypasses – usually.
 - Speeding. Speeding on Swanton/Milwaukee.
 - Milwaukee Street coming from Sprecher Road.
 - Speed limit should be 25 miles to at least Swanton due to residential homes and kids going to Kennedy School – not 35 miles an hour.
 - Traffic signals at Wittwer on Walbridge – congestion during rush hours.
 - How successfully planning.
 - Slowing down the traffic.

3. What is missing? Needs further discussion?
 - Gateway Neighborhood signage.
 - Better law enforcement for speeding.
 - Good job.

Beautification:

1. What excites you about the plan?

- Concentrate on Milwaukee corridor.
 - Key entry points to the neighborhood.
2. What concerns you about the plan?
 - Limited green space – to implement ideas.
 3. What is missing? Needs further discussion?
 - Decorative banners along Milwaukee Street using existing light poles. Use City resources to install more landscape concepts at gateway points.
 - Clean up of N. Thompson Drive from the end of Meadows Apt to first Duplex. Plant flowers (etc) on north side.
 - Pedestrian bridge over Highway 51 could act as an entry arch into the whole Milwaukee Street corridor (from the south east). At this time the concrete is a bit neglected and the chain link fence gives it an industrial feel; could we beautify such a prominent existing structure?
 - Gateway identification at N. Thompson and I90

Land Use:

1. What excites you about the plan?
 - Sign to the left on top of Radan Road by fence – a federal sign from October 1972 “National Park System”.
 - Making use of the parks and green space.
 - Great presentation.
 - If the residents of the area agree, I like the idea of the Blooming Grove area being rezoned to commercial use.
2. What concerns you about the plan?
3. What is missing? Needs further discussion?

Park/Open Space:

1. What excites you about the plan?
 - Put Community Gardens at Hiestand, not Honeysuckle.
 - Option C (Construct bicycle path through the southern end of park)
 - Option D (Remove under story vegetation on hillside to improve visibility of Hiestand Park and build an overlook viewing platform).
 - The bicycle/pedestrian path between the two parks.
 - The path between Hiestand Park and Easley Lane, along the drainage way.
 - Pedestrian bridge over drainage way in Hiestand Park.
2. What concerns you about the plan?
 - Is there similar play equipment between the parks?
 - Make Plan B in Hiestand vs. Honeysuckle.
3. What is missing? Needs further discussion?

- Overall review of practical use/paths of the Hiestand Hill – now disc golf course. Create a user-friendly family area to enjoy.
- Security light on hillside at Hiestand
- Paint bridge and fix fence at Hiestand
- Assess if retention pond is filling in

Miscellaneous:

1. What excites you about the plan?
 - Bridge across drainage ditch and pedestrian path through neighborhood.
2. What concerns you about the plan?
3. What is missing? Needs further discussion?
 - Neighborhood identification.
 - Safety issue along Milwaukee Street near Highway 51.