

STATION 1: THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Please describe two things you most like about the neighborhood as it is now.

Category	Response	#
Residential	Affordable housing.	5
	Small, modest houses.	4
	Clean, attractive small houses transition into larger quiet neighborhoods.	1
	Housing stock and arrangement.	1
	Lot sizes.	1
	Single-family homes.	1
	Stable, responsible owner occupancy of homes.	1
	Unique houses	1
Commercial	Locally owned/small businesses.	3
	Drug store.	1
	New cafés.	1
Civic Uses	The Pinney Library	6
	Schools.	4
	YMCA.	2
Parks/ Open Space/ Natural Features	Trees	6
	Olbrich Botanical Gardens/Park	4
	Greenspace/Open Space.	4
	Relationship to Lake Monona.	4
	Community gardens	1
	No dog park.	1
Convenience/ Accessibility	Walkable neighborhood with a variety of business, recreation and social destinations.	8
	Convenient central location.	5
	Close to downtown.	3
	Good bus service.	1
	Walking to Woodmans	1
Bike / Ped	Bike path	6
	Lake Edge – sidewalks are streets.	1
Neighborhood People	Sense of neighborhood / involved neighbors.	5
	Friendly neighborhood/neighbors.	4
	Blue-collar / middle class	2
	Families with children, age diversity.	1
General Character	Quiet.	9
	Fairly safe.	5
	Little through traffic	3
	Family-friendly	2
	Local, small town feel	2
	Cohesiveness–small lots encourage people within neighborhoods to get to know each other.	1
	Infrastructure is in pretty good shape.	1
	Nice neighborhood.	1
	Single-family residence “feel” of the neighborhood	1
	Very nice city blocks	1

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Please describe two things you least like about the neighborhood as it is now.

Category	Response	#
Commercial	Not enough stores / variety.	3
	Not enough family active businesses in the area for kids.	2
	Not enough to do within walking distance.	2
	Failing local commerce.	2
	Vacant lots/back of businesses	1
	Have to drive pretty far to necessities.	1
	Limited amount of parking in business areas.	1
	No good grocery store within walking distance of Atwood/Monona Dr./Cottage Grove Rd.	1
	No more hardware store!	1
	The business district feels segregated from residential area.	1
Too much pavement in the Atwood/Monona Dr./Cottage Grove Rd. corner area	1	
Neighborhood People	Would like to have more input from more of the neighbors as to their wants or concerns.	2
	Apathetic and inconsiderate neighbors.	1
	Excessively white (race-wise).	1
	Hard to get to know neighbors.	1
	Increased lower income residents and probable crime increase	1
	Increased pockets of minorities – too many people in a house – not monitored	1
	People married to their cars even though don't need to be.	1
	Too few kids–seniors staying due to lack of alternatives, and many single, childless homeowners.	1
	Transient neighbors with little stake in neighborhood quality.	1
Aesthetics	Cottage Grove Rd. old, rundown, drab	5
	Graffiti /Vandalism.	3
	Design of the business buildings (architecture).	2
	Not modernized – older buildings, homes needing repair.	3
	New building on Atwood too big	2
	Appearance.	1
The fertilizer plant.	1	
Recreation	No dog park.	3
	There is nothing for kids to do.	1
Safety	Lack of lighting on streets and paths.	5
	Lack of police presence.	1
	Possible vandalism on site leading to other crime issues.	1
	The neighborhood is changing – safety is an issue.	1
Transportation	Traffic speed too high	7
	Traffic noise	3
	Traffic volume/speed on Walter.	2
	Increased traffic on Cottage Grove Road.	2
	Too much traffic on Dennett Dr. The road has become the main road east and west.	1
	Too much traffic	1
	Traffic at Cottage Grove Road and Dempsey.	1
	Traffic on Johns Street.	1
	Traffic on Stoughton Road.	1
	Speed bumps.	3
	Lack of bus routes.	2
	Street in disrepair	2
	Intersection at Cottage Grove Road/Johns Street.	1
	Lack of efficient transportation to rest of city.	1
Not bike/pedestrian friendly.	1	
Some intersections are still unmarked.	1	
Other	Train storage along side track.	3
	Train whistles – with the over blowing of whistle in my area.	2
	Gypsy moths.	1
	Library and “Y” facility.	1
	No meeting place other than library.	1
	Smell from the lake.	1
Vote out of neighborhood.	1	

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Please describe two new amenities, activities, or public improvements you would like to see added in the area if it develops.

Category	Response	#
Residential	Housing for seniors.	1
	Single-family dwellings.	1
Commercial	Nice, sit-down restaurant.	2
	Fast food variety.	1
	Local restaurants/retail.	1
	Artistic and performing arts partnerships/co-ops.	2
	Better gas stations.	1
	Business aimed at bike path, pedestrians.	1
	Potential "incubator" venues.	1
	Small shops connected to housing.	1
	Theater or entertainment center.	1
	Theme for Cottage Grove Business District.	1
Grocery store	1	
Civic Uses	Bigger public library branch.	4
	Recreation opportunities especially for youth/teens.	4
	A good new neighborhood center with indoor/outdoor amenities for all ages	3
	Post office.	2
	Entertainment for families (indoor our outdoor).	1
	Frequent gatherings – concerts, dances, other performances, meetings.	1
Senior center.	1	
Parks/ Open Space/ Natural Features	Eliminate drainage ditch–more pleasant greenspace for bike path–model stormwater management.	1
	Better water drainage to help relieve sell.	1
	Engineering of drainage ditches to decrease mosquito problems and smell enhancing park lands.	1
	Dog park.	2
	Children's playground/picnic area.	1
	Some greenspace, perhaps walking paths along with current bike paths.	1
	Like to see the shelter at Eastmorland Park more developed with electricity and bathroom facilities.	1
	Small parks and landscaping.	1
	More trees, greenspace (low impact/low maintenance).	1
	Open space better integrated with the bike path.	1
	More recreation activities.	1
	Parks and a pool for everyone.	1
	Parks where the city will actually install playground equipment	1
Indoor soccer arena.	1	
Playing fields for soccer, football, Frisbee, etc.	1	
Alternative Transportation Bike/Ped Improvements	Bicycle paths (along Atwood Ave, Monona Dr. etc.)	4
	Bike lanes (on Monona Drive, Cottage Grove Rd., etc.)	4
	Train tracks abandoned and bike path improved.	2
	Use area along railroad as a bikeway to other paths.	1
	Extended bike access (pedestrian overpasses at Cottage Grove Road tracks Atwood to lake).	1
	More thought given to pedestrians and their safety	1
	Significant incorporation of sidewalk accessibility throughout the area.	1
	Good places to walk.	1
	Better traffic control that eases pedestrian traffic.	1
	Increased attention to speeding.	2
	Longer walk lights and walk buttons at all intersections with traffic lights.	2
Speed "islands" along Walter to slow down traffic.	1	
Connect to/through 51 to east Cottage Grove Road.	1	
Alternative Transportation Transit	Better bus/transit access.	3
	Commuter rail	3
	Better transit shelters.	1
Infrastructure/ Aesthetics	Better street lighting.	3
	More lights (how about some solar powered ones?)	1
	Landscape/streetscape enhancements.	3
	Aesthetics of Cottage Grove Road.	1
	Snow plowing.	1

