

Group 3

Streetscape

Sidewalks are too narrow as well as uneven in many spots. The concrete to brick transitions are unsafe and hazardous. Some ideas to enhance the streetscape include bricking the four corners of intersections and encouraging awnings along sidewalks for added shelter and coverage. Interior /residential sidewalks don't connect with Edgewater drive. They are also inconsistent and are not on both sides of the street. The landscaped right-of-way in front of the Wellesley is seen as a negative though landscaping in general is not.

Albert Park is seen as an asset, especially the fact that it's trees "reach" into the street and are highly visible from various angles along the corridor. It lacks canopy in certain areas due to the loss of a number of oaks in the hurricane. The overall streetscape contains too many poles and business signage is being covered by over/under grown trees and sometimes inappropriate plants. Trees take up too much space and hedges may serve better as sidewalk buffers.

Traffic

Two-lane road diet is believed to be a mistake creating more traffic. The short time between lights and certain left turn areas also cause back-up. People are speeding and using Edgewater as a cut thru for traffic. Right turns on red impede pedestrians crossing the street.

On street parking is seen as a positive though there aren't enough spaces. A possibility could be parking areas behind building, with a parking structure on multiple properties. If no structure is desired then the parking needs good maneuvering and should be open to the public outside of business hours. If parking is left in the front of lots there needs to be some sort of screening to help with the transitioning.

Pedestrian

The pedestrian experience is enhanced by outdoor dining and adequate trash receptacle. Areas that need attention include adequate corner lighting at night, lack of crosswalks and more eyes on alleyways. Vacant buildings were felt to be a hindrance and it was suggested that uniform paper be placed in the windows to minimize the vacant feel. The transition from commercial to residential is abrupt. It was suggested that on residential streets, a property's front yard should be primarily grass instead pavement. There also exists a transition issue when it comes to above and below ground

utilities. In the urban area, North of Rugby, the utilities are underground and as you move outside of the core they move back above ground.

Transitioning

Smith street is a good example of transitioning between two zones. The mix of businesses and restaurants is a big help. The setbacks provide the benefit of street tree visibility and the sidewalks actually continue down the block.

Community Feel

Encouraged by the fact that college park is locally sustainable and want families to be a part of the streetscape. Want to keep community feel single story or less than 4 stories. Mom and Pop stores are good. Hate to lose existing buildings.

