

Group 5

Streetscape

The existing sidewalks are not pedestrian friendly. Two people can't walk side-by-side down the street. Bus stops, light poles, and tree wells take up the much needed space in the sidewalks. The situation is exacerbated when outdoor cafes further restrict the area designated for walking.

The pavement is not attractive either.

Canopies and covered walkways are favored, similar to the area in front of the Wellesley. Larger Canopies are preferred. The view down Shady lane has canopy trees on both side and gives the street a "green edge". Simple things such as well-kept landscaping make a really plain building attractive. Some of the Crepe myrtles need to be trimmed. People are being forced to duck when on the sidewalk. Landscaping in front of Edgewater professional building is a good model but it must be the right scale; the canopy trees interfere with power lines. The landscaped strip outside 7-11 is a good idea but it looks bad.

Architecture

Pedestrians like things that add visual interest in the design of buildings. The Gribble interior building has a color that is simple but decorative. The mass and proportions are pleasing to the eye compared to Chloe's, though having a variety of buildings is good. The detail on 1615 Edgewater Dr, such as the columns and functional balconies, add appeal. Two-story buildings with mixed use like Park Ave in Winter Park could be nice. The relationship between street corner and building should complement each other. Building height shouldn't be an issue because if the building is beautiful then people will embrace it regardless.

Details/extras

The light poles need a better design so as to be more attractive. They also need to be more consistent in there placement. There are no free standing trash cans though there are a couple on polls. This lack of trash receptacles is encouraging littering. The banner poles in front of the Publix, though it obstruct the sidewalk, must stay. They are a part of the community. Last but not least no cell phone towers are wanted in College Park.

Traffic

Traffic is something we must live with when in a growing city. The 3-laning of Edgewater Drive slowed down traffic and created bike lanes. Alleys behind building, like in Baldwin Park, could be nice though it may not work everywhere here.

Currently no unified, comprehensive approach to solving the parking issue along the corridor exists. Shared parking needs to be better organized or placed in a parking structure. We wonder what % of frontage is devoted to parking or driveways.