

Group 8

Streetscape

The blank wall on side of CVS is undesirable, as it is the 100% prime corner of Princeton and Edgewater. The lighting poles and the supports are not aesthetic and underground utilities are a possible solution. Whether underground utilities are implemented or not, the utility boxes should just be disguised better. The awnings are attractive, but they should be continuous. The arcades at the Wellesley have aesthetic value, but the building is at least two stories too high. There is possibly a design flaw with landscaping; it's hard to get around, as it takes up sidewalk space. It is nice that the retailers spill out onto the sidewalks, but the sidewalks is too narrow. One of the reasons was the wider sidewalks/ you have 6 ½ feet outside of the columns and 12 feet from the columns to the building. There should be landscaping guidelines for businesses. There is a wonderful diversity of buildings along Edgewater; don't want it to be "cookie-cutter." It would be nice to see wider sidewalk curb cuts or two curb cuts that face both directions for wheelchairs, strollers, etc.

Traffic

There is a broken light at Albert Park that needs to be repaired or taken down. The drive thrus in the area should use side-street exits because it can be dangerous pulling out on to Edgewater. The signalization is off (like having the light at Vassar, but needs to be timed better and needs to have a switch at night or be blinking at night). There is street flooding on NE corner of Smith and Princeton after it rains. Edgewater and Princeton needs better maintenance for the potholes in the street and traffic lights. Employees of businesses should not be allowed to park on residential streets. The location of the bus stop at Smith and Edgewater impedes traffic.

Pedestrian

There are opportunities for more windows and wider sidewalks; to enhance the pedestrian experience. Trees that are planted don't do much for shade and take up sidewalk space. Bike lanes are always a positive, but pedestrian safety is an issue at Smith/Princeton and in the core of downtown. Trees in the middle of the sidewalk infringes upon the pedestrians right of way. The 12 foot sidewalks on the SW corner of Princeton and Edgewater are more functional, than the other cramped, too narrow sidewalks.

Transitioning

If there were alleys behind businesses, there could be a smoother transition to organized parking. Driveways could go out onto sidewalks, and then some of the driveways could be closed and made into green/public spaces. Businesses that bleed off of Edgewater should have residential feel to smooth the transition between office and home.

Community Feel

There are opportunities for bus shelters and for small green/ open spaces to promote social interaction between the public. Nicer garbage cans will incentivize people not to litter. Ground cover could be used instead of grass to give the feel of a more urban park. A water fountain is an option. All in all public spaces/ green spaces should be implemented as much as possible.