

# 2017 SURVEY RESULTS

2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PREPARATION

# 2017 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Feb 4, 2017 Home & Garden Show
- May 20, 2017 Town Hall meeting
- June 16, 2017 SRTS event on 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- Web site survey
  - 49ers Day Parade
  - Bus Stops
  - Nite to Unite
  - Email burst to web site update subscribers

# **3 PARTS TO SURVEY**

**1. Streets**

**2. Parks**

**3. General**



# GENERAL CATEGORY RESULTS

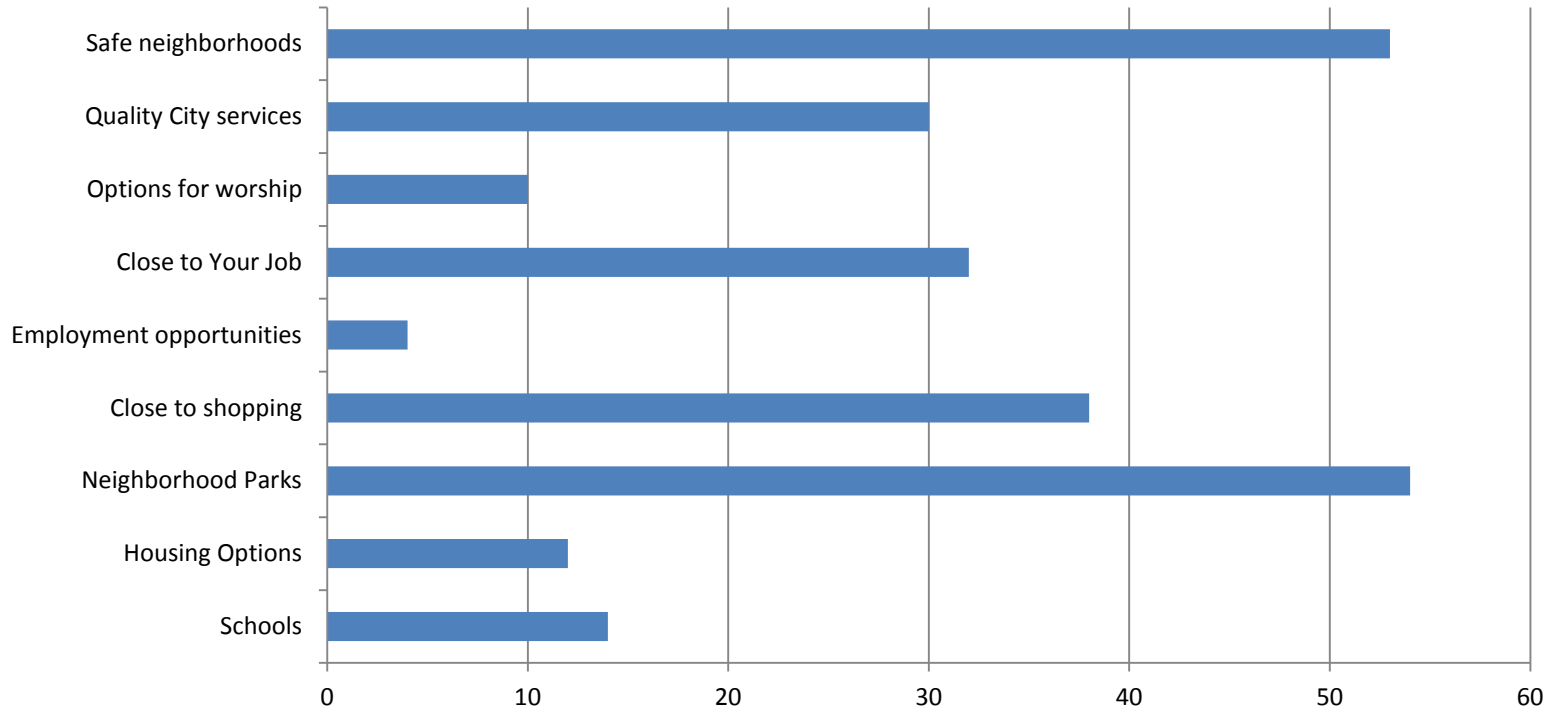
- 97 responses, 90 of which were current Fridley residents
- Results unscientific, but valuable
- Electronic format allowed for candid, write-in, responses

# QUESTION 1

What are your top favorite things about Fridley?



# WHAT PEOPLE LIKE BEST:

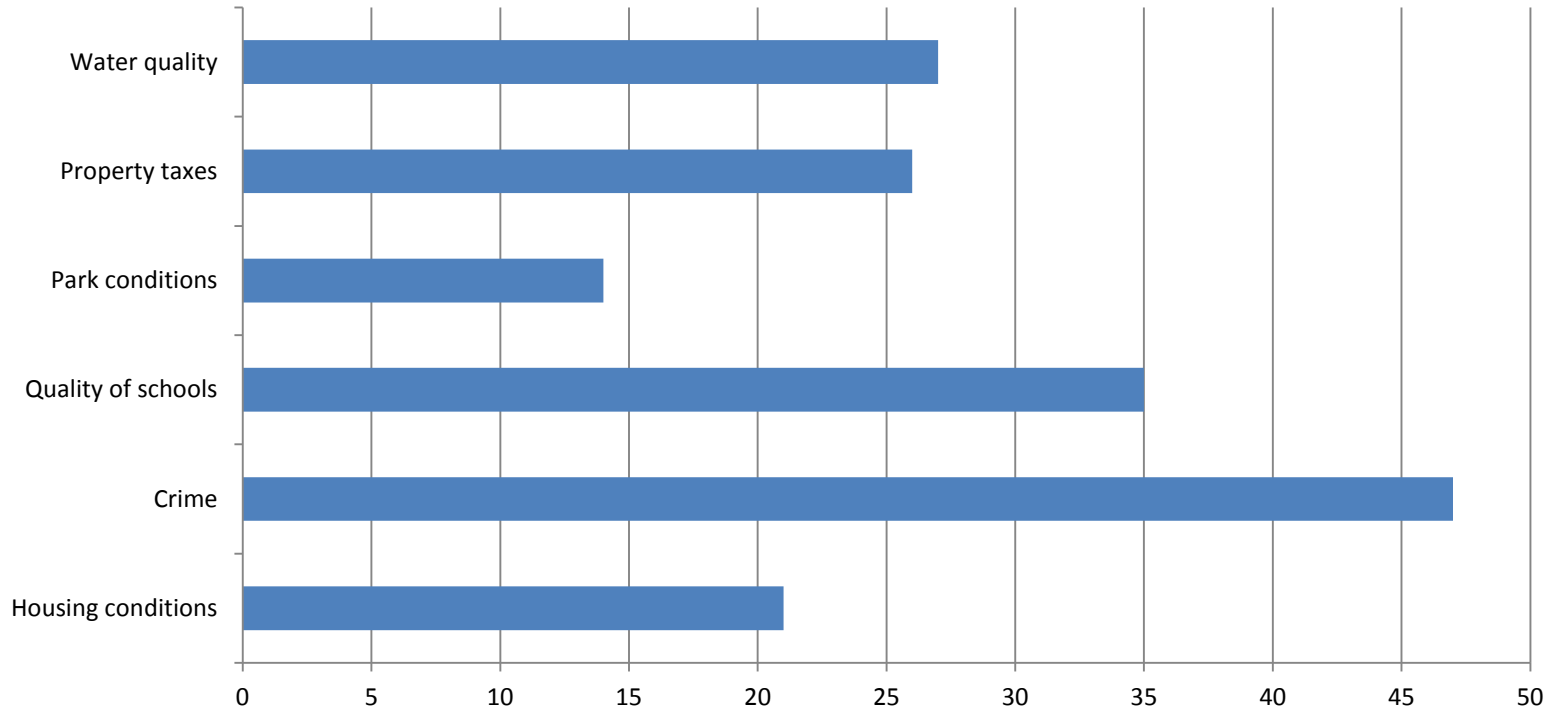


## QUESTION 2

What are your top concerns about Fridley?




# PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT:



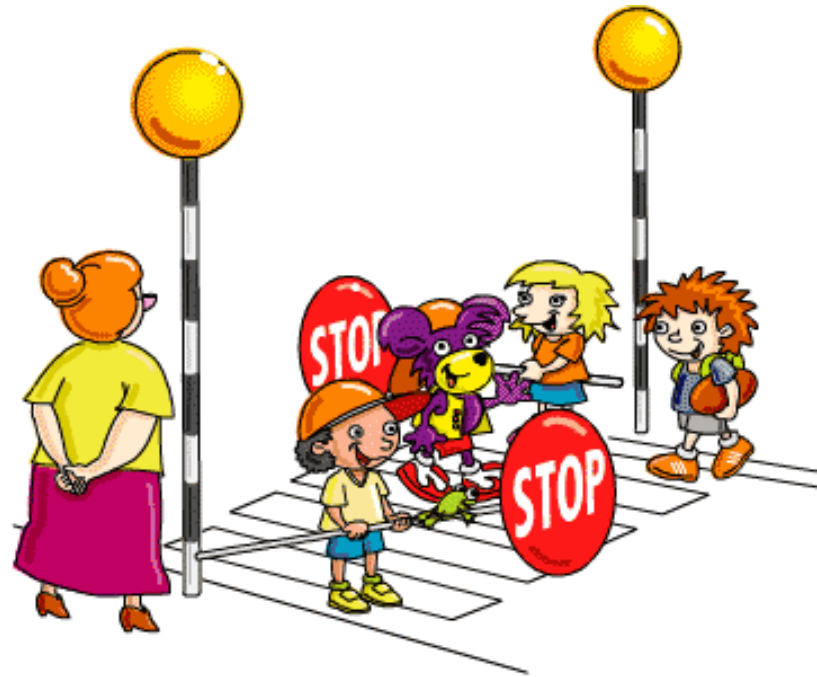


# OTHER CONCERNS WRITTEN IN:

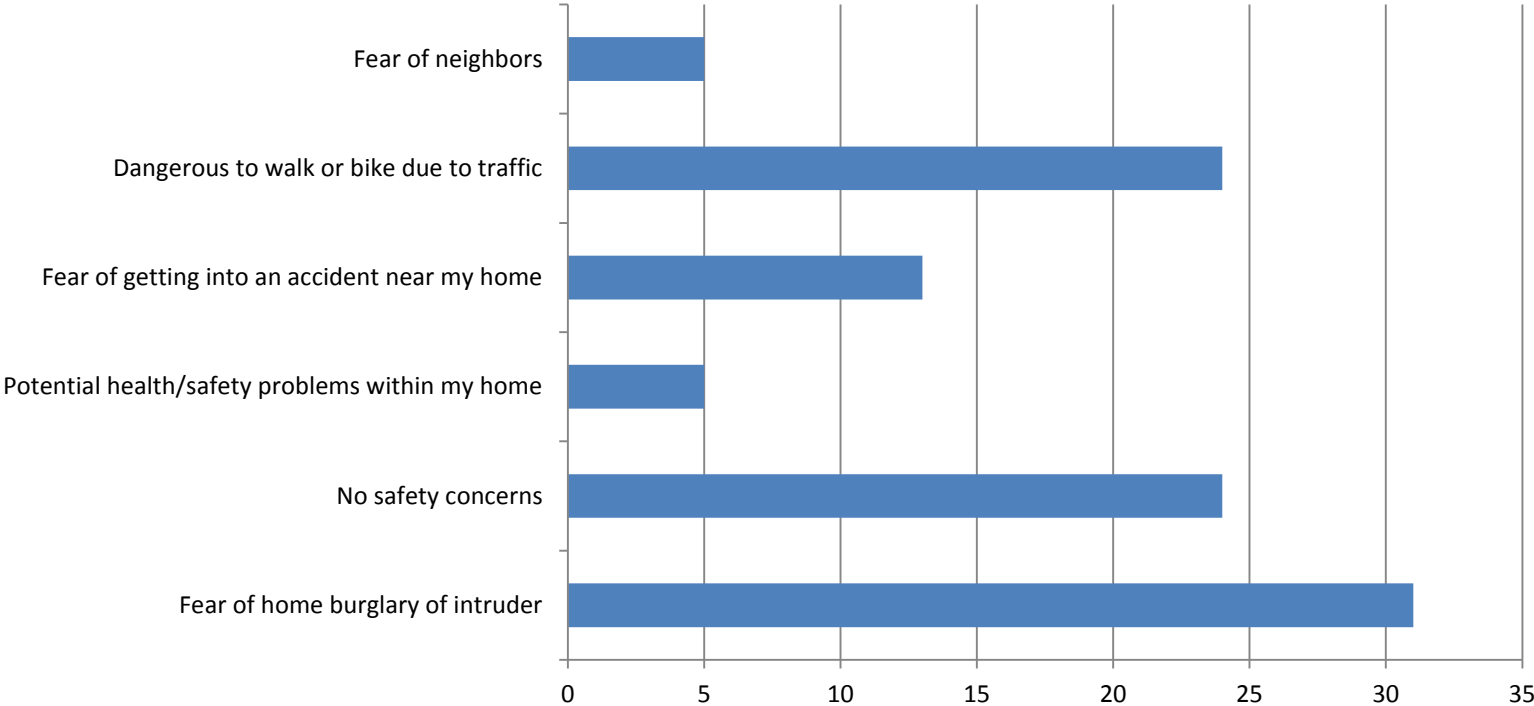
- Osborne Road
  - Transit
  - High water table/basement flooding
  - Too much police presence
  - Several buildings needing updating
  - No retail/space for shops-brewery-library
  - Senior/senior affordable housing options
  - Traffic
  - Lack of walkability
  - Sustainability
  - Loosing street parking when streets are repaved
  - Invitation Homes buying up rentals and not maintaining them
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## QUESTION 3

What is the greatest safety concern where you live?



# SAFETY CONCERNS



# FEARS PEOPLE WROTE IN:


- Unsafe buildings or property in my neighborhood
- No basement or safe room during a tornado
- Intense traffic on garbage days
- Osborne Rd
- Unsafe University Ave crossings, especially 61st
- Fear of petty crime, robbery, theft, vandalism
- Residential rental activity & upkeep
- Housing on ERR & other corridors looks bad
- Loud fireworks by people in area scares dog
- Illegal U-turns/congestion
- Snowbird discount on utility bill
- Rundown houses and unkempt yards
- People walking/biking on wrong side of road
- Walking the Rice Creek Trail alone
- Losing traffic lanes & street parking for bike lanes as is happening in Minneapolis

## QUESTION 4


What services  
would you like  
the City to  
provide or  
discontinue?



# SERVICES PEOPLE WANT:

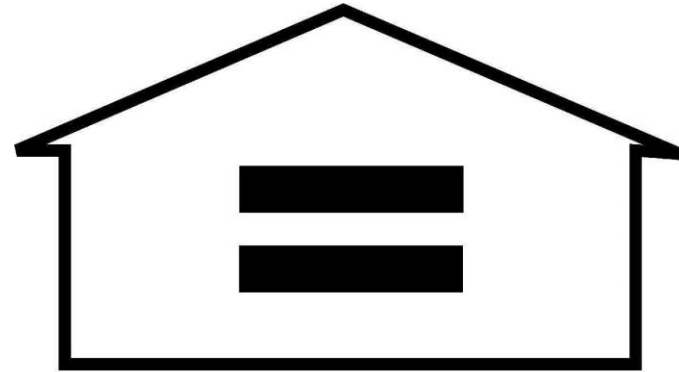
- Composting organics waste (sustainable lifestyle education) (6)
  - Provide organized garbage hauling reduced noise & wear on streets (5)
  - More bike paths/sidewalks (4)
  - Increased recycling services (weekly) (3)
  - Recycling day at Green Lights was great- no long lines
  - More transit options
  - Job fairs for high schoolers and college students
  - Plow sidewalks/trails better
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# SERVICES PEOPLE WANT CONTINUED:

- Provide online text reporting to PD
  - Closely monitor rental housing maintenance
  - Establish a "Little Free Pantry" program
  - Dog park/run at Briardale Park
  - Continue with Community Center & provide more funding to afterschool programs
  - Traffic control on 57<sup>th</sup> (between Main St & University)
  - Provide more low income housing/important diverse population
  - Want the City to do more for the environment
  - Need more recreational activities not just geared towards kids & team sports
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# WHAT SERVICES SHOULD CITY DISCONTINUE?

- Discontinue Section 8; too many low income rental housing units



Equal Housing  
Opportunity



## QUESTION 5

Do you prefer  
quarterly or  
monthly utility  
billing?

75% Quarterly

25% Monthly



## QUESTION 6

When it comes to recycling bulky items, what do you prefer?

49% prefer to save some money in trade for waiting in long lines

51% would opt to pay more for a permanent facility that's available more hours



## QUESTION 7

Are you interested  
in curbside  
organics  
collection to  
reduce your  
amount of  
garbage?


39% Yes

33% Depends on  
cost

28% No



# PARKS RELATED QUESTION RESULTS

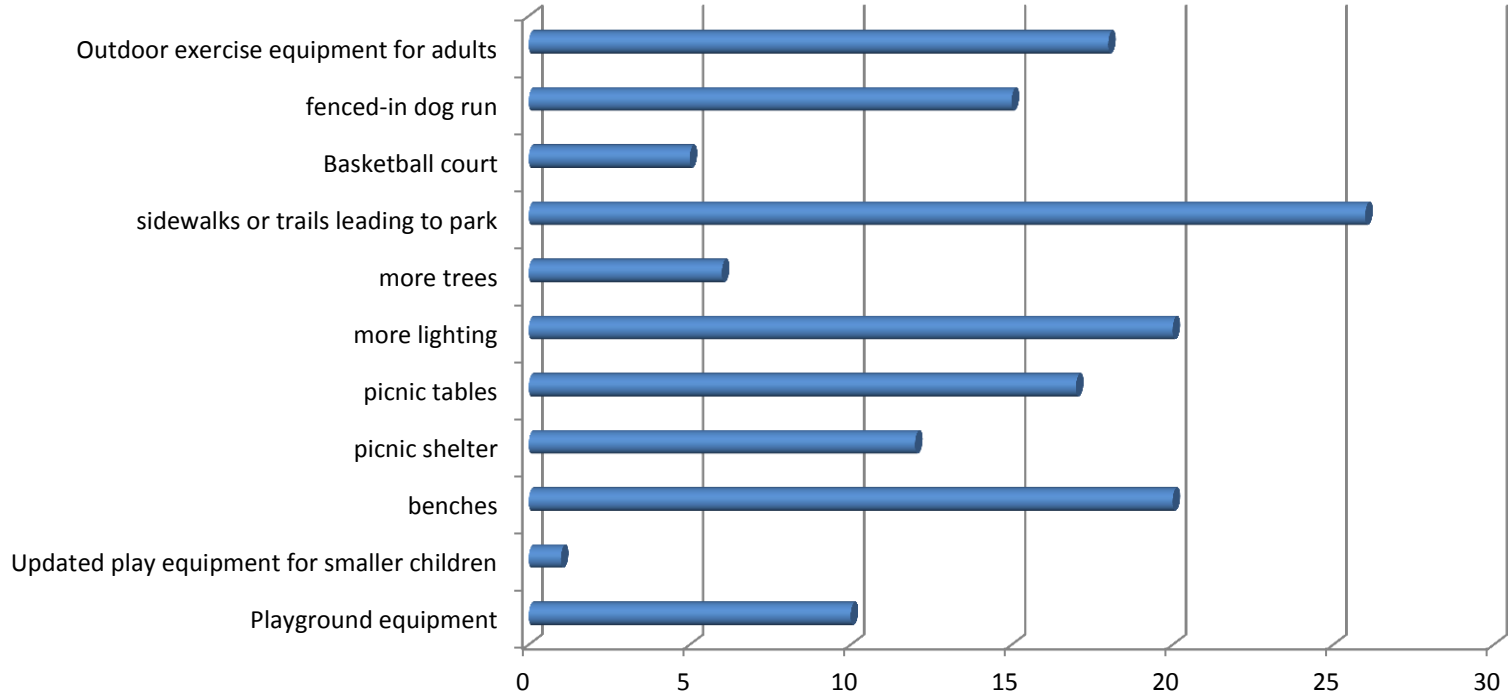
- 81 Responses, 75 of which were Fridley residents
  - No breakdown by age
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# QUESTION 1


If you could change your neighborhood park, what new amenity would you like to see added?



# AMENITIES PEOPLE WANT TO SEE ADDED



# ADDITIONAL DESIRED AMENITIES ADDED

- Splash pad
  - Open/available bathrooms/toilet
  - Drinking Fountains
  - Wading pool
  - Garbage cans
  - Bridge over RR tracks to access Community Park
  - Landscape for winter beauty
  - Canoe/kayak rental
  - Multi-sport game court
  - Tennis courts
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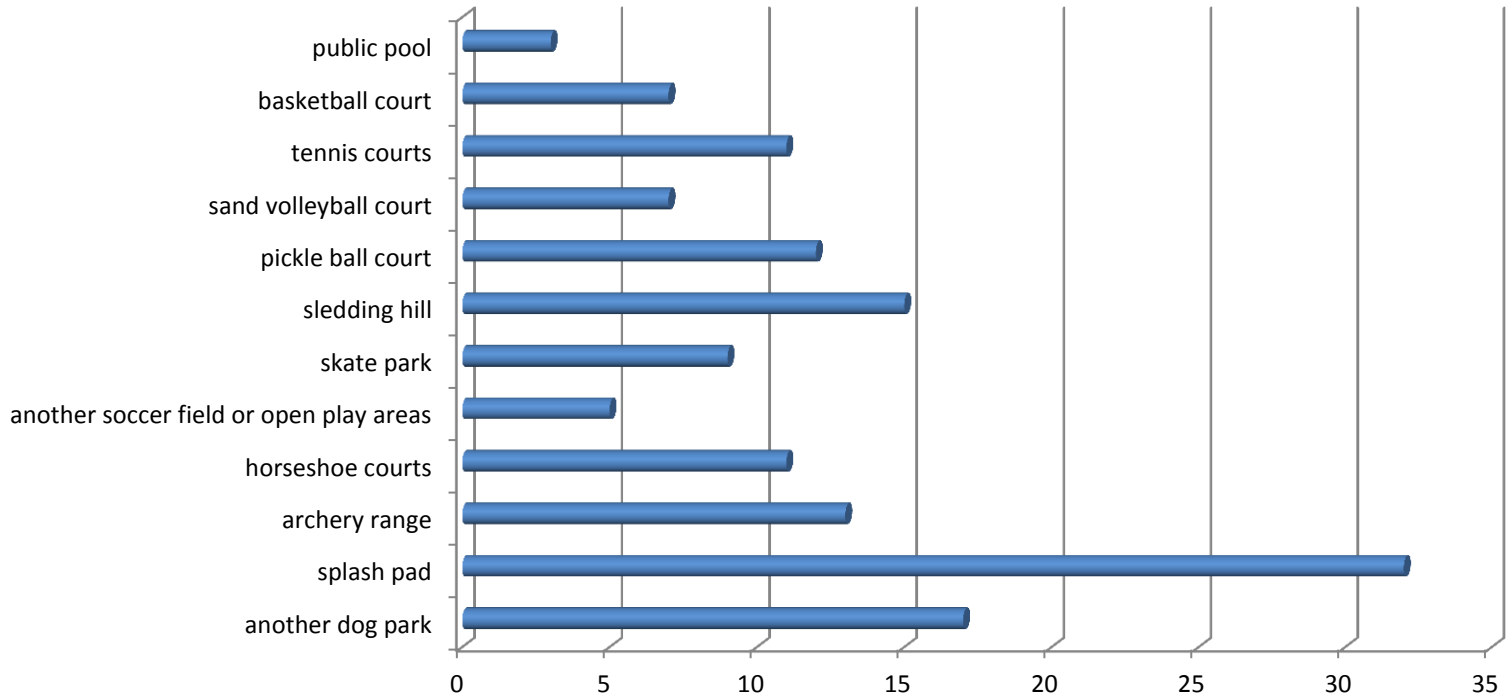
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Are there any special use recreational facilities you might like to see in Fridley parks?





# ADDITIONAL FACILITIES DESIRED



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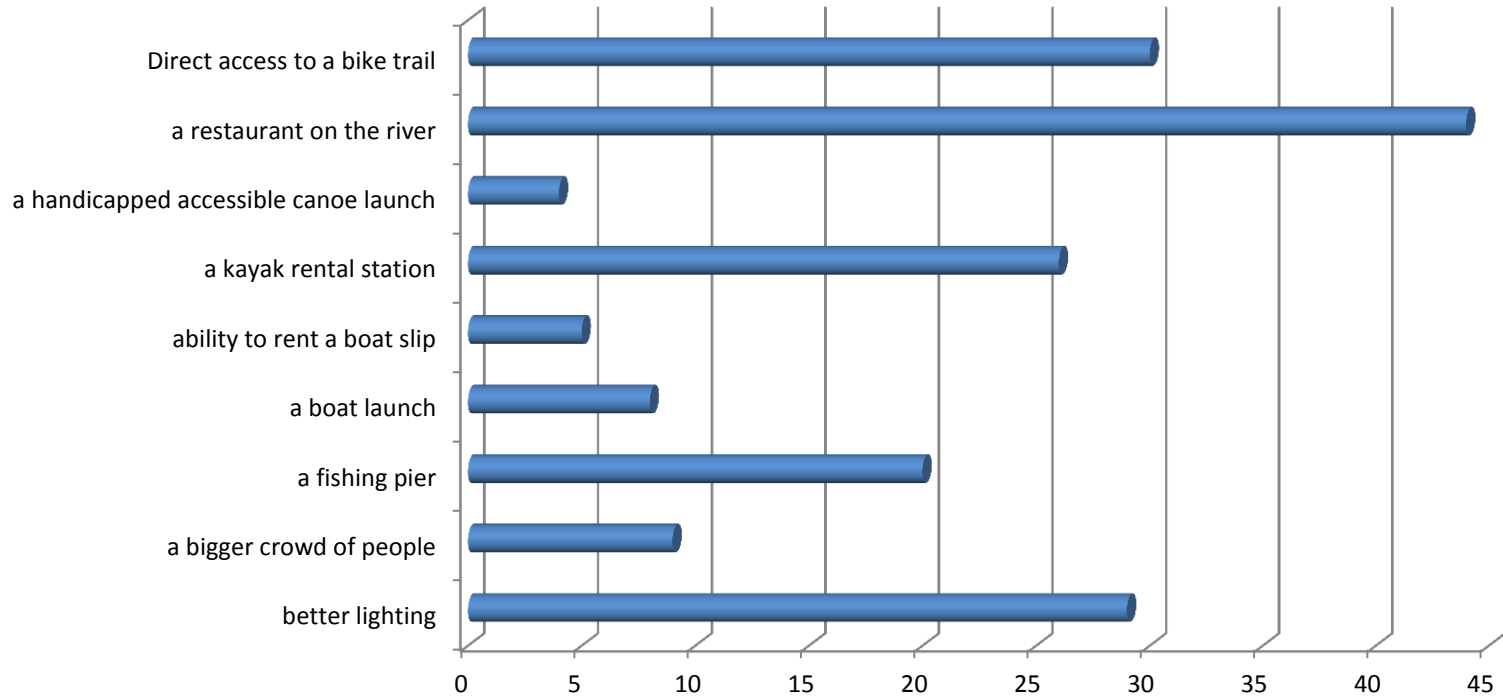
- Nothing new, just take care of existing parks
  - Weight equipment facility
  - More bike trails
  - Warming houses
  - Waterpark
  - Open, covered spot for senior activities
  - Disk golf
  - Charge non-residents for park use
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# QUESTION 3

Riverfront, Islands of Peace, Manomin, & Riverview Heights Park, Fridley's 4 City parks on the River, are not heavily used. What would entice you to use one of these parks more often?



# CHANGES PROPOSED



# WRITTEN-IN RESPONSES

- More information about them/never hear of them/didn't know they were there/more roadside signs (4)
- If men "hooking up" weren't there; used condoms/clean & get rid of inappropriate acts (2)
- They're really buggy
- Have a "Riverfest" event, because people don't know the parks are there
- Enjoy the quietness of these parks; no one is there
- Cut down trees to clear a view of River & install landscaping
- Stronger police/security presence
- Trail map at all trailheads
- A place to keep/lock up your canoe
- coffee shop/retail
- Prefer to use a park closer to home
- Connectivity of trails (a runner)
- 24/7 access with solar LED lighting
- more activities to draw people in/advertise

## QUESTION 4


Do you shop locally  
in Fridley?

91% Yes

9% No



# IF NO, WHAT IS MISSING?

- Nice antique/secondhand shops, bakery, small restaurant
  - Variety
  - Fridley doesn't have stores I frequent
  - Fridley Target & Cub in areas I prefer not to go
  - Clothing, specialty shops, boutiques
  - Dedicated retail options (less fast food, tattoo shops & salons)
  - There are bigger, better stores 10-15 minutes away
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## QUESTION 5

If the Holly Shopping Center and/or Moon Plaza were redeveloped, would you favor allowing buildings to be closer to University Ave (similar to Cielo Apts) in order to give new retail easier walking access to transit?

65% Yes

45% No





# STREET RELATED QUESTION RESULTS

- 83 responses, 78 of which were Fridley residents

## QUESTION 1

Do you often walk  
or bike around  
your  
neighborhood?

83% Yes

17% No



## QUESTION 2

**When/where  
do you  
walk or  
bike?**

39% For fun & recreation

30% To access neighborhood parks & trails

13% To get to stores

9% To access public transit

6% To get to work

3% Physically unable to walk



## QUESTION 2, CONTINUED

**Are there concerns that keep you from biking or walking in Fridley?**

- 4 said, *No, I have no interest in walking/biking*
- 2 said, *Lack of sidewalks, trail or other safe options*
- 2 said, *Maintenance of sidewalks, trails, etc.*
- 2 said, *Fear of crime*
- 1 said, *Dangerous crossings*
- 1 said, *Fear of bullies*

## QUESTION 3

Do you walk/bike  
across University  
Ave?

- 58% Yes
- 42% No

If answering yes, do  
you feel safe  
crossing  
University Ave?

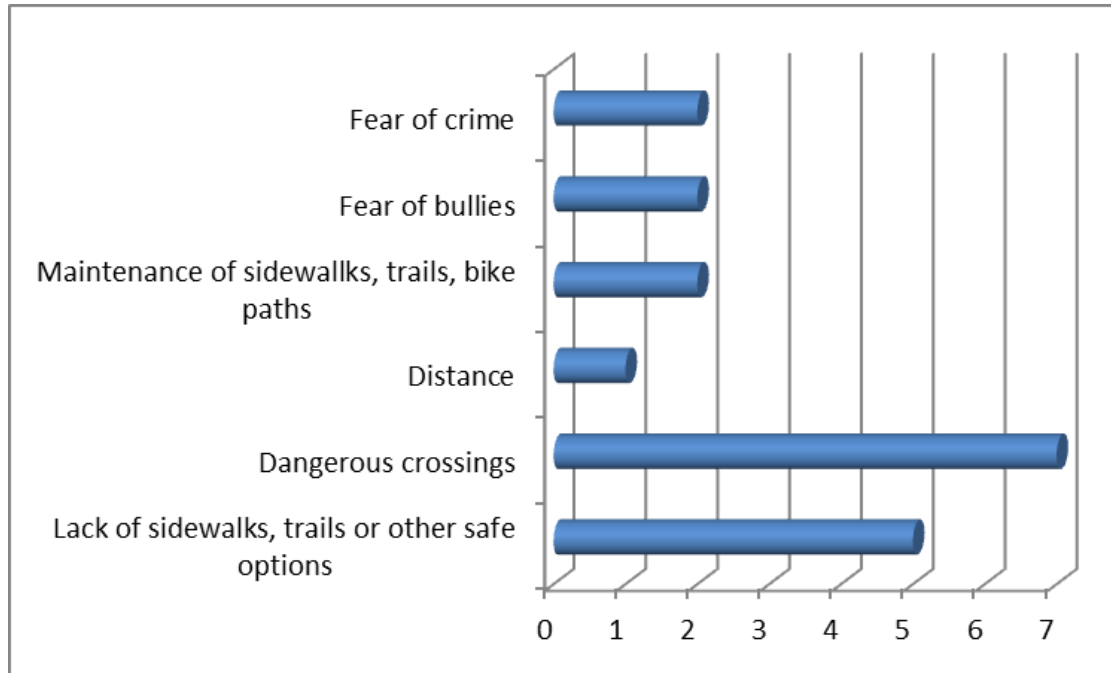
- 76% No
  - 24% Yes
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## QUESTION 4

Do your kids  
have a safe  
route to  
school?

- 59% No kids in school
- 16% No
- 10% Take the bus
- 9% Kids attend school out of area
- 6% Yes

# SAFETY CONCERNS FOR KIDS WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL



## QUESTION 6

When you walk  
or bike in your  
neighborhood,  
do you use the  
streets?

61% Yes, often

36% Sometimes. I use a  
combination of streets,  
paths, trails, and  
sidewalks

3% No, I don't usually  
walk on the street





## QUESTION 7


Do you feel safe  
when walking or  
biking on the  
street?

56% Yes

44% No

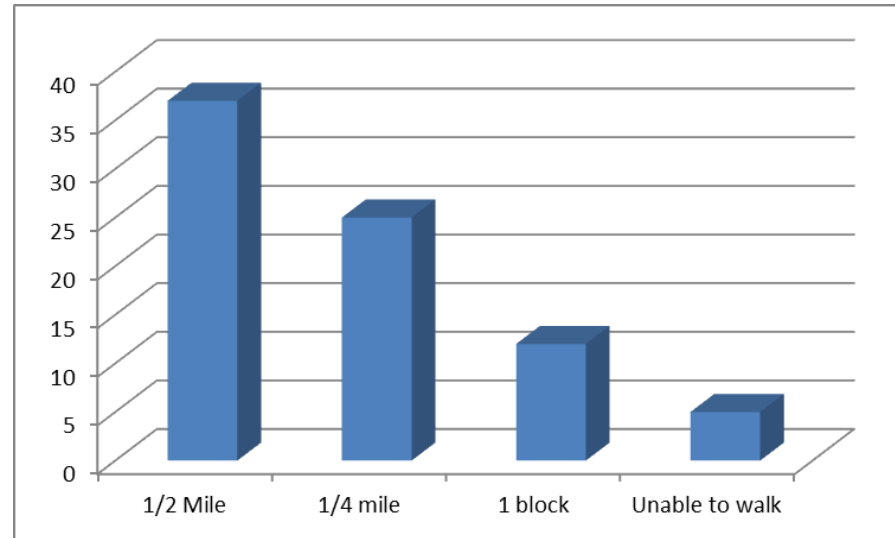


# QUESTION 8: IS THERE A SPECIFIC STREET WHERE YOU FEEL UNSAFE?

- People following
  - East River Road
  - All of them; people are distracted
  - Carol St during school start/release times
  - Central & University & Rice Creek
  - University and 61st Avenue
  - All streets in Hyde Park Neighborhood
  - Crossing University to Locke Park
  - Rice Creek Road
  - Central Avenue
  - Hwy 65
  - Biking unsafe on Mississippi - no shoulder
  - Mississippi due to algae on sidewalk
  - 57th Avenue
  - Benjamin Street
  - 7th Street
  - East Moore Lake Drive
  - University Avenue
  - Lucia Lane
  - People speeding on city streets
  - West Moore Lake Rd
  - Baker and Osborne Rd
  - Crossing 73rd Avenue at Symphony St
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## QUESTION 9

How far are you willing to walk to buy food?



## QUESTION 10

Would you support removing parking from one side of your street to make room for a sidewalk, path, or trail?

62% Yes

38% No



## **QUESTION 11**

**Would you support removing parking from one side of your street if it resulted in more green space and reduced storm water runoff?**

**65% Yes**

**35% No**



## QUESTION 12

Many Fridley streets have wider drive lanes than required. If it could reduce traffic speeds in your neighborhood, do you favor reducing street drive lane widths?

51% No

49% Yes



# DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

- Dec. 20 public hearing at PC
- If necessary, continued hearing at January 2018 PC meeting
- Review by City Council Feb. 26

