

Broadview, Bitter Lake, and Haller Lake Neighborhood Plan Update Workshop with Members of the BBH Seniors-Four Freedoms

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**General Interests and Considerations:**

- They were very interested in Lind Ave. North project
- Pleased to hear it would include pedestrian crossing near Bitter Lake Community Center
- Many commented that it was difficult to walk (or wheel) to the community center from the north because of the steep hill down to the north entrance.
- Finally had concerns about N. 135<sup>th</sup> between Linden Ave. N. and Aurora. They use this street to walk to the store on Aurora and complained that the streets are in poor condition.

**Question on Connections: "Complete Streets" Roles and Priorities?**

NW 130<sup>th</sup> St.-

**Role**

- We use this street to walk to shopping, bust stop, grocery store, library, and for exercise.

**Priorities/issues**

- There is a ledge/uneven spot on sidewalk (north side of street) between Bitter Lake Playfield and Greenwood Ave. NW.
- Many people cannot use the pedestrian overpass at Aurora because they are in wheelchairs/scooters, use a walker, and simply cannot climb that many steps.

NW 143<sup>rd</sup> St.

**Roles**

- We use this street to walk for exercise

**Priorities/issues**

- Sidewalks needed b/t Linden Ave. N. and Greenwood Ave. N.

NW 135<sup>th</sup> St. –

**Role**

- This is the main route used for walking to the stores.

**Priorities/issues**

- Street is in poor condition
- Needs pedestrian overpass at Aurora

Misc.

- Driveway on north side of Cambridge Apts. (13030 Linden Ave N.) is a private driveway but functions as pedestrian access to the Grocery Outlet and other nearby stores.
- Pedestrian safety is a concern here

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- Suggesting the city require pedestrian safety measures when permitting for this type of driveway.

**Top Complete Streets Priorities:**

- Improvements on NW 130th are the top priority. Pedestrian safety (sidewalks, crossings, etc.) is very important.

**Opportunities to Meet Park and Recreation Needs**

- Need a gathering place on Linden between NW 130th and NW 135th, maybe outside an espresso shop.
- Want a farmer's market
- Neighborhood police center and City information center in the mall or retail area as a deterrent to crime.
- Arts and crafts space-people could bring their knitting, etc. and work companionably. This has partnership potential if located in a retail establishment.

**Stronger Social Network**

- Shuttle service would help seniors and the disabled to attend community events especially at Bitter Lake Community Center as the hill down as the hill is too steep for many to walk down.
- Farmer's Market with picnic food from Farmers' Market vendors
- Community Picnic—Potential partnerships with a business to donate something like ice cream?
- Arts and crafts festival once a year
- Musical performance/band concert-parks department sometimes does this in other parts of the city. Would require bringing a community band such as, The Eagles Band, a high school band, Postal Workers band.

**Environmental Health**

- Need a new organization of local merchants and residents to address issues such as crime, etc.
- Police and City information store front in the mall/retail space-this would deter crime, allow police to respond more quickly, and help people feel safer. People could purchase pet licenses and pay utility bills.
- Would like to see issue with panhandling addressed-potentially partnership b/t local merchants, residents, and police could work on a solution.