

# INPUT FROM WEB SURVEY, THROUGH 8 SEPTEMBER 2008

In what neighborhood do you live? (Click for map)		What kinds of improvements in the Minnehaha-Hiawatha corridor do you think would create a more vibrant community and increase your quality of life?	What do you especially like about your neighborhood or community?	What concerns do you have about your neighborhood or community?
Corcoran		improved housing stock. There are some vacant dumpy duplexes on my block I would like to see some investment put into them and maybe convert them into homesteaded single family homes. I'd like to see somebody invest in the vacant dumpy 4 plex apartment building on Cedar and 32nd. That property needs to be well maintained and managed. There are alot of vacant comercial areas where I'd like to see local non chain businesses.	proximity to the university of minnesota, the light rail, the midtown farmer's market, the global market, the lakes, the mississippi river, powderhorn park, lake nokomis, minnehaha park, mexican businesses on lake street, etc. I like having alot of neighbors who are involved and genuinely care about their neighborhood	foreclosures, decay of housing stock, contaminated soil.
Corcoran		We could do a lot to improve pedestrian/bike traffic flow (my particular complaint is trying to cross Lake going along the Hiawatha bike path; it's awkward and doesn't feel very safe). I would also like to see a more humanized scale in that area along Lake between Hiawatha and Minnehaha (particularly the shopping center). It doesn't feel pedestrian/bike friendly. Farther north, between Hiawatha and Minnehaha feels desolate and industrial.	Fair amount of walkability, people are out, neighbors talk to each other	bike/pedestrian safety

Hiawatha		Better pedestrian environment. Minnehaha Ave. looks so rundown and lacks vibrancy. The rundown buildings, the empty lots, the dilapidated and shabby storefronts, all the convenience stores with drive entrances opening up onto Minnehaha Ave, and the poor lighting all make an unpleasant experience. Things get worse and worse as you head north towards Lake St. 46th and Minnehaha, is so unattractive.	Minnehaha Park, the River, and the LRT are the highlights. My neighbors are good people who are committed to the neighborhood.	The lack of grocery stores and abundance of convenience stores instead. Traffic is too aggressive and dominates the entire area. It is a drive-by area. With the exception of the park, there is nothing to entice you to get off of the LRT or stop and get out of the car to explore or enjoy. In fact, the Minnehaha-Hiawatha Corridor and 46th St. are experiences that encourage people to get through quickly. Also, graffiti and crime.
Hiawatha		Please put a cycle track on Minnehaha Ave. The bike lanes right now are in disrepair and drivers frequently use the bike lane to pass on the right, or to double park. Unlike anywhere else in the city, the bike lane is misused by cars on Minnehaha Ave.	The location. Minnehaha Park, W. River Road, the mighty Mississippi, the river gorge, the falls, the creek, the Light Rail, the proximity to the Airport and downtown, the quaint period homes, the Riverview theater, the old schools, and some of the old business buildings.	The shabby rundown look of Minnehaha Ave., graffiti, the aggressive driving of cars and the abundance of loud vehicles. The lack of a grocery store at the southern end of Longfellow.
Hiawatha		Take apart the abandoned or marginally used structures between Hiawatha and Dight, and allow the building of something.....ANYTHING.....that's more pedestrian-friendly than what exists today.	I enjoy the public transportation options.	There is no community.....at least in the Mhaha/Hiawatha Corridor. It's just an abandoned and ignored backwater, that happens to have a bunch of old houses in it.
Longfellow		more greenery & flowers fill store fronts	Conveniency	not enough lighting on street
Longfellow		Greater range of local businesses, less trash in the neighborhood, greater sense of safety on the streets/sidewalks, better walking path options for connecting with greenways/parkways, etc.	Proximity to St. Paul and Mpls downtowns (and airport). Nearness of river and parkways/greenways. Modest but high quality housing stock--not too expensive. Beautiful gardens.	Property and personal crimes. The health of businesses on Lake Street and Minnehaha. The refuse/garbage, especially around 27th & Minnehaha.

Other (please specify)	Powderhorn	It is almost futile to attempt to create a more vibrant community in the Hiawatha Corridor unless we're willing to reduce the automobile capacity of Hiawatha Avenue. Remove grade separation of Lake & Hiawatha and reduce width of Hiawatha Avenue. Allow and encourage businesses to front directly onto Hiawatha Avenue. Increase the residential density along the entire corridor.	I like the diverse mix of independent businesses along the corridor.	I am concerned about crime. I am concerned that this planning effort will fail to realize that the construction of Hiawatha Avenue in its current configuration was a mistake. Hiawatha Avenue as it currently exists (especially the grade separation at Lake Street) is the biggest challenge to creating a vibrant neighborhood. Hiawatha Avenue is a major barrier to pedestrians, bikes, and cars.
Standish-Ericsson		Making 38th more friendly, more inviting, less menacing after dark. Making safety around 38th St. station a priority. Doing something about Hiawatha. It is an ugly barrier.	The history. Being part of the fabric of an urban middle and working class neighborhood. Enjoying the proximity to Minnehaha Park, Lakes Nokomis and Hiawatha, the creek, river, and downtown. I love that my kids are (hopefully) growing up with a sense of place, citizens of this city.	Crime. Safety on 38th St. Lack of police patrols in neighborhoods. Also, very concerned about maintaining aging housing stock. Most of my neighbors (myself included) cannot afford the necessary repairs and maintenance that our 80, 90, 100 year old homes require. This will become an insurmountable issue for all of Minneapolis' older middle class neighborhoods if we don't develop some programs and creative solutions.

<b>What other community issues or topics have motivated you to get involved in the past?</b>	<b>How could the Community Advisory Committee get even more people involved in this Minnehaha-Hiawatha corridor project?</b>	<b>Is there anything else you would like the Community Advisory Committee to know?</b>
graffiti, prostitution, the midtown burner	increased investment	nope
	go to the farmer's market? (unless you already have been and i just wasn't paying attention which is entirely possible)	

<p>Transit funding, share the road issues.</p>	<p>Bring surveys to or community input at LCC meetings.</p>	<p>Advertise your meetings, so interested neighbors can attend.</p>
<p>Aggression towards bike riders by vehicles. Feeling unsafe as a pedestrian. The pedestrian UNFRIENDLINESS of the ENTIRE Minnehaha-Hiawatha corridor. Also, the proposal of the DQ owner near Minnehaha Park to put a drive-thru. That must never happen.</p>	<p>Give surveys to people at the 46th St., 38th St, and Lake St. stations.</p>	<p>Because of the Light Rail, the Minnehaha-Hiawatha corridor needs to be among the most pedestrian friendly areas in the city and and it is not. In fact, it is far from it.</p>
<p>Capital Growth Development @ 38th &amp; Hiawatha, Midtown Eco-Energy. Both failed.</p>	<p>By actually wanting new faces, instead of celebrating the typical cast of characters to always run the show.</p>	
<p>Development</p>	<p>connect with businesses on both the Avenues and surrounding corridor</p>	<p>take a look at past reconstructions processes of what did work and what didn't.</p>
<p>Community planning</p>		

<p>I have always taken an interest in community design issues.</p>	<p>There needs to be better advertising. I found out about this planning initiative through a very round-about communication chain.</p>	<p>I am terrified by the prospect of losing more access points to Hiawatha Avenue. I assume it is only a matter of time before access points like 28th Street, 32nd Street, and 26th street are closed entirely to improve traffic operations on Hiawatha Avenue. I do not consider Hiawatha Avenue an asset to the neighborhood, I consider it the biggest threat to my quality of life. At the same time, I view Hiawatha avenue as a wonderful opportunity to re-shape our neighborhood. I hope the planning team shares my vision for Hiawatha to become more of a community corridor and less of an expressway.</p>
<p>Crime, graffiti, children's issues/schools</p>		