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# FOCUS KANSAS CITY

## AND

# NEIGHBORHOOD

# ASSESSMENTS

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**FOCUS Kansas City**, Kansas City's strategic and comprehensive plan, recognizes that neighborhoods understand best how to direct their own futures. The first initiative in the *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan* is a strategic assessment / evaluation that enables a neighborhood to evaluate its strengths and needs. Through the assessment process, a neighborhood can direct its assets towards its most critical needs. The *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan* identifies the assessment format.

There were two objectives for this neighborhood during the self-evaluation:

1. To self-identify its **neighborhood type** from the *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan*.
2. To develop **improvement strategies** that will direct neighborhood improvement, a "To Do" list/Action Steps incorporating participation by the neighborhood, community partners, and the City.

This community conducted their Neighborhood Assessment Workshop with assistance from City staff. Residents, business people and people who work in local institutions provided input. These members mapped their community, and identified assets and priority issues in their neighborhood.



Residents listen as facilitators discuss the agenda for the Saturday morning workshop.

# NEIGHBORHOOD TYPE

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The FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan recognizes that not all neighborhoods in Kansas City are the same. The character and condition of where we live varies according to age, history, type of housing and other factors. Each community has different strengths and opportunities. Each has different assets and priorities that drive unique strategies for improvement. FOCUS developed four unique Neighborhood Types that generally describe Kansas City neighborhoods. These four Types (assigned the colors Blue, Orange, Purple and Green in the Neighborhood Assessment workshop) are:

## Developing      Conservation      Stabilization      Redeveloping

Each Neighborhood Type suggests what actions are required for an area to become or stay healthy. The Assessment is a beginning point from which the community can move forward and achieve quality living environments through a commitment to continuous improvement. The descriptions for these four Neighborhood Types are contained in the *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan, Appendix A, "General Neighborhood Description / Types."*

In the workshop, participants defined the tools, actions and strategies for improving their community. They will use this information to strategically apply public and private resources in a way that is based on existing conditions, trends, opportunities, strengths and needs. Once other neighborhoods identify their Type, then similarly "typed" Kansas City communities can connect and partner around common issues and projects while assisting each other in developing their organizations.



A resident finds her home on the "heart map" before the FOCUS workshop.

# **THE DAVIDSON, LITTLE VILLAGE, SOUTH OAKWOOD AND BEVERLY MANOR NEIGHBORHOODS PERSPECTIVE**

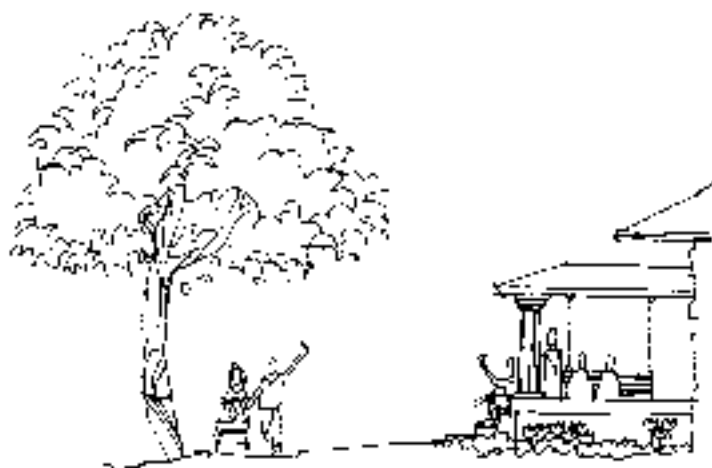
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As the basement of St. James Lutheran Church began to crowd with residents, the feeling of excitement filled the air. As 9:00 AM grew closer on Saturday, March 24, 2001, residents of Davidson, Little Village, South Oakwood, and Beverly Manor finished their refreshments and perused through their Neighborhood Assessment workbooks as facilitators started the meeting. Many were enthusiastic about this opportunity to bring people together in an important community building discussion.

Inside the boundaries of this large area lie four neighborhood associations: Davidson Neighborhood Association, Little Village Neighborhood Association, South Oakwood Homes Association, and Beverly Manor Neighborhood Association. Those present discussed valuable aspects of their neighborhood and developed ways to increase their responsibility for making where they live a more viable place. The group created ideas about how to work more as an interconnected community sharing common concerns as well. Their solution for success: Work with the other neighborhood associations to achieve common goals.

Some residents talked about ways to better educate renters and homeowners in the responsibility of maintaining their respective properties. Neighbors would like to explore ways of decreasing the number of rental homes by rehabbing them and offering them to first time homeowners. They also brainstormed ideas to improve the cooperation from Terry Flood Realtors and Curry Management Company in maintaining their rental properties.





Residents recognized there are physical, economic and social trends affecting the area. They acknowledged the perception of the lack of routine maintenance for some houses and businesses. Residents feel that with encouragement and education about property maintenance, their community will be more attractive and livable. Overall, the majority of participants identified their area as a Conservation neighborhood. According to the FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan, a Conservation neighborhood is well established with places of worship, schools, and recreational and entertainment facilities. Tree-lined streets, historic structures or qualities, public art and/or other amenities characterize their neighborhood. Problems that come up are usually addressed by a call to their neighborhood association or by a call to the City.

During the workshop, residents said they would like the City of Kansas City to improve their delivery of basic services to the neighborhood. Specifically, the group recommended improvements in the removal of storm debris, installation of curbs and sidewalks, replacement of the storm drains, increasing police patrol, and enforcement of property/building codes. Among their priorities, they would like to see traffic safety and calming measures to reduce speeding traffic. Residents were also very concerned about the amount of flooding that occurs in their neighborhood due to a lack of sufficient drainage.

Residents were enthusiastic about the new neighbors and friends they met. They look upon this workshop as an opportunity to start the year with plenty of involvement from the community. This final report serves as a basis for future discussions, and identifies things the City, neighbors themselves, and partners can do to achieve that goal.



# PRIORITIES

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The following are themes resulting from workshop participants' ideas concerning ways to improve their neighborhood:

## Improve Basic Infrastructure

Residents mentioned flooding as a problem whenever it rains because the sewer system is inadequate. They would like to see the following:

- Clean out the catch basins on a regular basis, especially at N 46<sup>th</sup> and N 48<sup>th</sup> Terrace on NE Davidson Road
- Repave the 5000 block of N Tarkio Avenue, it has been graded but not asphalted
- Repair the broken water mains on NE Vivion Road and N Oak Trafficway
- Improve the streets with curbs and sidewalks to alleviate the inadequate drainage system and to provide a safe space in which to walk (currently, the children walk in the streets)

## Neighborhood Enhancements

Workshop participants enjoy the green spaces in their neighborhood. They notice that there are simple improvements needed to enhance the recreational and living desirability of the neighborhood. They like the idea that they can take their children to neighborhood parks that are within walking distance. Residents would like to see the following:

- Install recreational trails, bike paths, and lighting in Anita Gorman Park and Englewood Park
- Drain and clean the lake in Englewood Park
- Improve maintenance of the greenway by cutting the overgrown trees and brush (This action should be taken by the Parks and Recreation Department.)

## Property Maintenance

Workshop participants expressed the need for the City to maintain several private and public properties that are an eyesore in the community. They said that in order to improve their quality of life, they would like to see the following take place:

- Enforce property maintenance codes designated for rental properties
- Limit the number of check cashing stores and pawn shops
- Upgrade the businesses' exteriors on the southeast corner of NE Antioch and NE Vivion Road
- Decrease the number of rental properties by rehabbing them and putting them on the market for new homeowners



## Traffic Control

Workshop participants were concerned about the increasing amount of traffic in the neighborhood. They suggest the following to help deal with the increase:

- Reduce the number of automobiles on N Troost Street
- Conduct a traffic study at the intersection of N Troost and NE Davidson Road
- Install a stop sign at N Flora and N Englewood Road
- Enforce the speed limit on residential streets; the speeding traffic endangers the children walking in the streets
- Post speed limit signs on N Garfield
- Install a left turn signal at the intersection of NE Davidson and NE Vivion Road

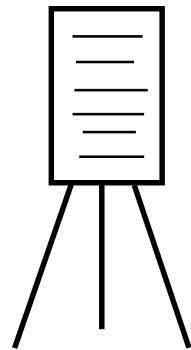


Residents see an increase in the amount of traffic along NE Vivion Road. Currently, there are no curbs or sidewalks. The neighbors would like to see improvements made to make it more pedestrian friendly.



Neighbors would like street repaving to be scheduled less frequently on certain streets and have the City hold contractors responsible to complete the repaving of other streets.

# CHART NOTES



The Davidson, Little Village, South Oakwood, and Beverly Manor Neighborhood Assessment covered the area from I-29 and NE Vivion Road on the South to N Englewood Road on the North; NE Antioch on the East to N Main Street on the West.

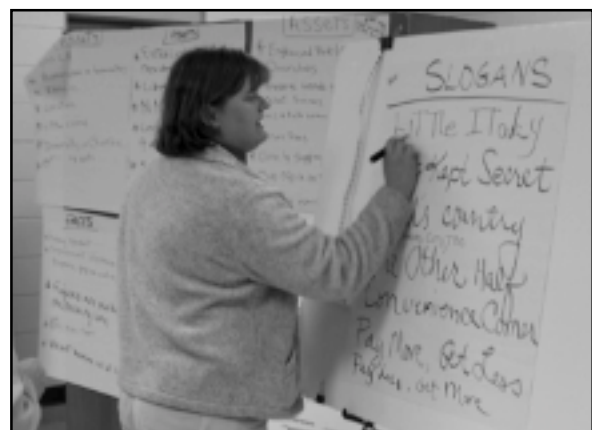
## Neighborhood Slogans

The attendees listed several slogans to describe their neighborhoods. The slogans helped participants identify how they viewed their community. Workshop participants were eager to get started. During the break after the exercise was over, they added more slogans to the list. For this community, residents talked about how much they enjoyed the company of other neighbors. The slogan they chose was:

### Friends & Family

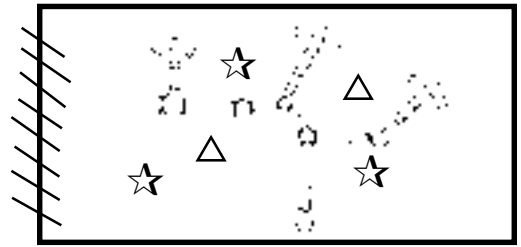
Other suggested slogans:

- Little Italy
- Best Kept Secret
- God's Country
- The Other Half of Kansas City, Too
- Neighborhood of the Originals
- Pay More, Get Less
- Pay Less, Get More
- The Best "Small Town" in the Northland
- Northland of the Originals
- Convenience Corner



A participant writes what she would like as the neighborhood slogan.





## STEP 1: My Neighborhood Is

Workshop participants identified how they experience their neighborhood, and considered those things they want to protect, preserve or enhance in the neighborhood. They thought about the landmarks, paths, activity centers, districts, edges or barriers, and features. These were noted on a wall map.

- △ Landmarks** — significant physical objects, like buildings or signs
- ++ Paths** — routes people use to get places
- Activity Centers** — gathering places to do some activity
- Districts** — areas of recognizable character
- /// Edges or Barriers** — a limit or boundary that prevents people from enjoying the neighborhood or something in it
- ☆ Features** — things people like and would like to preserve or enhance



Residents were enthusiastic about the new friends and neighbors they met.

**Landmarks:**

- A. Northland Fountain
- B. Antioch Shopping Center
- C. St. James Lutheran Church
- D. The wooded area surrounding the  
Midwestern Baptist Seminary
- E. Midwestern Baptist Seminary

**Paths:**

- F. N Troost Avenue
- G. N Garfield Avenue
- H. N Flora Avenue
- I. N 53rd Street
- J. NE Vivion Road
- K. N Oak Trafficway
- L. I-29

**Activity Centers:**

- M. YMCA
- N. Gold's Gym
- O. Northland Neighborhoods Inc.
- P. Englewood Park
- Q. Davidson Park
- R. N Troost jogging course

**Institutions:**

- C. St. James Lutheran Church
- S. Davidson Elementary School
- T. Hillside Christian Church
- U. North Cross United  
Methodist Church

**Districts:**

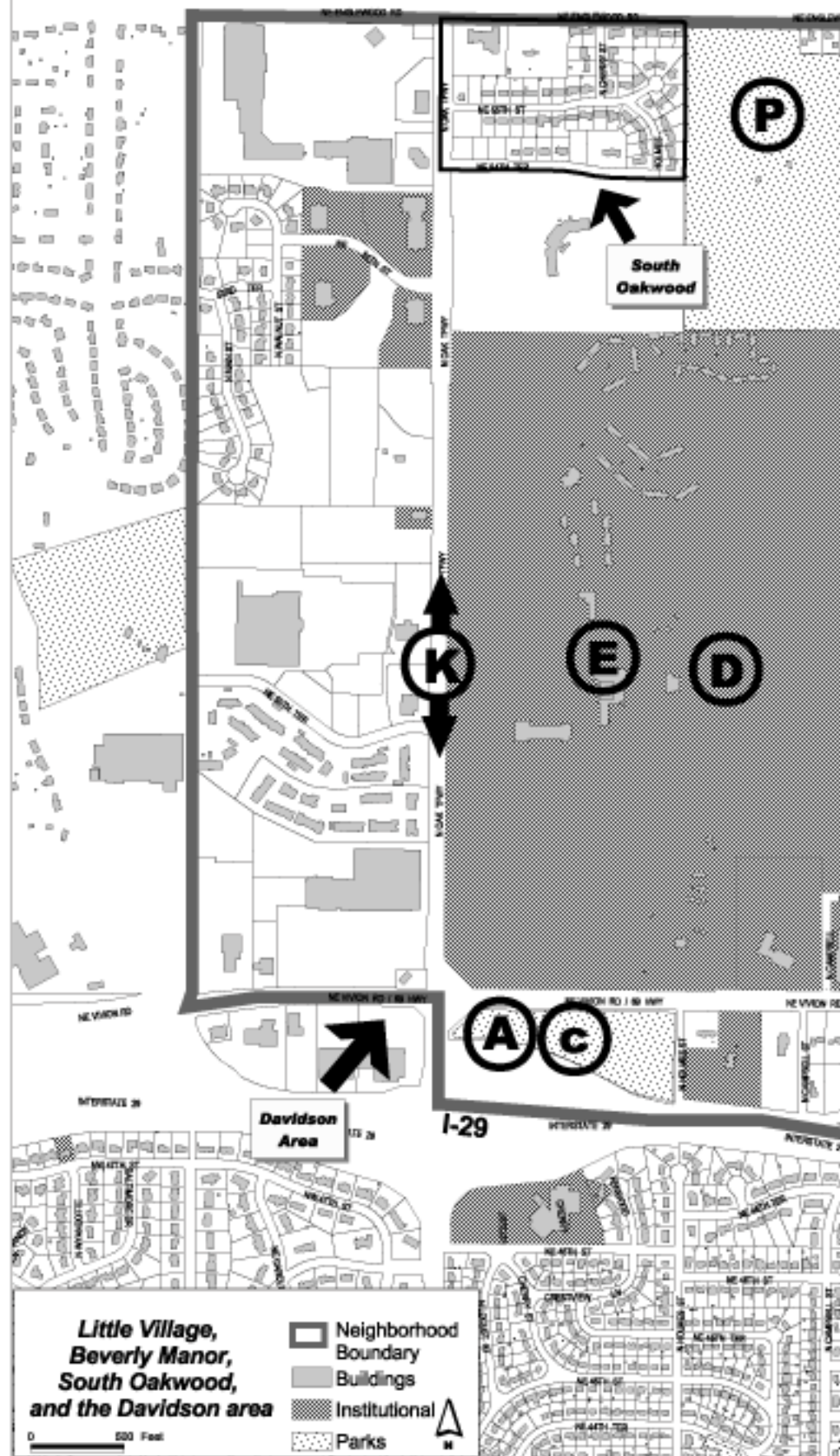
- B. Antioch Shopping Center

**Barriers:**

- J. NE Vivion Road
- V. NE Davidson Road
- W. Pawn shops and check cashing  
businesses along NE Antioch Road  
and NE Vivion Road
- X. Flooding at N 49th and  
N Troost Avenue
- Y. Unfinished improvements to a home  
at the corner of 54th and  
Garfield Avenue
- Z. NE Antioch Road

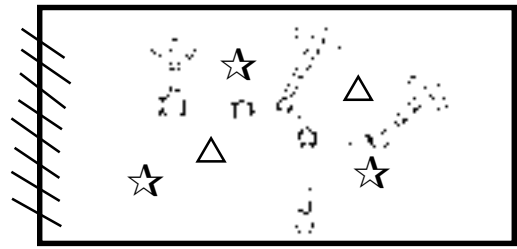
**Features:**

- a. Knollwood Apartments
- b. Little Village neighborhood markers
- c. The walking trail in Gorman Park









## Landmarks

- Northland Fountain
- The Antioch Shopping Center
- St. James Lutheran Church
- The Woods (the area surrounding the Midwestern Baptist Seminary)
- Clay County Annex Building (The Leggo Building)

## Paths

- North Troost Avenue
- North Garfield Avenue
- North Flora
- North 53<sup>rd</sup> Street
- North East Vivion Road
- North Oak Trafficway
- Interstate-29

## Activity Centers

- YMCA
- Gold's Gym
- Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (NNI)
- Englewood Park
- Davidson Park
- North Troost jogging course
- Sun 'N' Surf Club (former Northland Pool)

## Districts

- The Antioch Shopping Center
- The two Big K-Mart Shopping Centers
- Home Depot

## Barriers

- The closed Chouteau Bridge
- Davidson Road
- Vivion and Antioch Roads (no sidewalks, a pedestrian barrier)
- Pawn shops/check cashing businesses on NE Antioch and NE Vivion Road
- Flooding at N 49<sup>th</sup> and N Troost
- The increasing number of rental property as opposed to owner occupied houses
- The unfinished improvements to the house on the corner of N 54<sup>th</sup> Street and N Garfield

## Features

- Knollwood Apartments
- Variety of housing
- Penguin Park (Lakeway Greenway)
- Little Village Neighborhood entry markers
- Walking trail in Anita Gorman Park
- Davidson Elementary School
- Hillside Christian Church
- North Cross United Methodist Church
- St. James Lutheran Church

# DAVIDSON NEIGHBORHOOD IMAGES

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## Landmark:

Residents enjoy the Northland Fountain at the intersection of N Oak and NE Vivion Road.



## Activity Center:

Residents are proud to have Englewood Park. It has a baseball field, a lake (with wildlife), shelter houses, and a playground for children.

Residents would like to see improvements made to basic infrastructure. This resident's yard on N. Highland Ave is being washed away by surface runoff piped through this storm drain.



# DAVIDSON AREA AND LITTLE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD IMAGES

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## **Feature:**

The Little Village Neighborhood entry makers next to St. James Lutheran Church are visible to residents along NE Vivion Road.



## **Landmark and Asset:**

One of the many churches named as an asset is the St. James Lutheran Church, site of the Davidson, Little Village, Beverly Manor and South Oakwood Neighborhoods Assessment workshop.



## **Activity Center:**

Neighbors see Gold's Gym as an asset and an activity center. They use the facility to stay in shape.



# DAVIDSON AREA AND BEVERLY MANOR NEIGHBORHOOD IMAGES

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## **Feature:**

Neighborhood entry markers to the Beverly Manor Neighborhood on NE Antioch Road.



## **Asset, Landmark, and District:**

Residents enjoy the convenience of the Antioch Shopping Center, directly across from the Beverly Manor Neighborhood on NE Antioch Road and NE Vivion Road. Residents believe they are fortunate shopping is close and convenient.

## **Asset and Activity Center:**

Residents are proud to have Northland Neighborhoods Inc. as a partner when addressing neighborhood issues. Northland Neighborhoods Inc. offers many services throughout the year for residents.





## STEP 2: If I Could Fix One Thing

In every neighborhood there are some things that need to be changed. These issues can inhibit residents from enjoying their neighborhood and from doing the things they like to do. Below is the list of "fixes" that workshop participants said they would like to see in the Davidson, Little Village, South Oakwood, and Beverly Manor areas.

- Identify funding sources and a way in which to improve the unimproved streets with shoulders, curbs, sidewalks; it is dangerous for children to walk in the streets with the increase in the amount of speeding traffic in the neighborhood
- Grate and resurface Tarkio Street in Little Village neighborhood
- Maintain and improve Englewood Park by cleaning it, draining the lake and installing better lighting
- Conduct a traffic study at the intersection of N Troost and NE Davidson. The intersection is dangerous and possibly needs a 4-way stop sign.
- Install a left turn signal at Davidson and Vivion Road
- Post speed limit signs on N Garfield
- Improve N Troost Street; N Troost between N Englewood and NE Vivion Road is used as a short-cut for speeding traffic
- Clean up the wooded areas surrounding the neighborhoods; residents use the woods to walk in
- Improve the drainage system at N Oak Trafficway and NE Vivion Road; the water from the fountain freezes in the winter and creates a traffic hazard
- Enforce the speed limit on residential streets
- Repair the catch basins at N 48<sup>th</sup> Terrace and N 46<sup>th</sup> Terrace on NE Davidson



Residents reported these catch basins in need of repair along NE Davidson Road at N 48<sup>th</sup> Terrace and N 46<sup>th</sup> Terrace.





- Install a stop light at N Flora and N Englewood Road
- Decrease the number of rental homes by rehabilitating them and marketing them to new homeowners
- Enforce the property maintenance codes for the rental properties in the area. Terry Flood Realtors and Curry Management Company own several properties. Residents expressed concern with the uncut grass, the amount of trash and disabled vehicles on the properties, and the poor structural condition of the houses
- Limit the number of check cashing and pawn store businesses in the area and upgrade the business's exteriors on the southeast corner of Antioch and Vivion Road
- Identify programs to assist senior citizens with property maintenance concerns
- Increase police patrol in Kansas City, North



Residents would like to see this property owner complete his home improvement project that has been in process for five years. Neighbors say it is an eyesore in the neighborhood.



Residents would like to see this fence repaired along N 48<sup>th</sup> Terrace. It is hazardous because small children can climb into the ditch through the fence.



## STEP 3: My Neighborhood's Assets

Workshop participants identified assets that enhance their neighborhood. The assets include places, groups, organizations, equipment, skills, abilities and any other features that add value to the neighborhood.

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.  
(NNI), a FOCUS center

The four surrounding neighborhood associations, (Little Village, Davidson, South Oakwood, and Beverly Manor )

Neighborhood leaders like John Fleshman, Jack DeSelms, and David Garrett who don't give up  
Intergenerational families and neighborhoods

Active residents

Homeowners outnumber renters

Growing ethnicity and diversity visible in the churches, shopping centers, etc.

Low crime rate

The library

The Little Village and South Oakwood Entry markers

Englewood Park and Lake

The Anita Gorman Park and walking trail

Proximity to Highways I-35 and I-29

The "woods" surrounding the Midwest Baptist Theological Seminary

Mature trees on the residential streets

The Sun 'n Surf Club/Northland Swimming Pool

The YMCA on Vivion Road

The churches and congregations along Vivion Road and Englewood Road

Convenience to the KCI Airport

The ATA public transportation and bus stops in Antioch Shopping Center

The proposed light rail

The Maplewoods Community College

Park College in Parkville

William Jewell College in Liberty

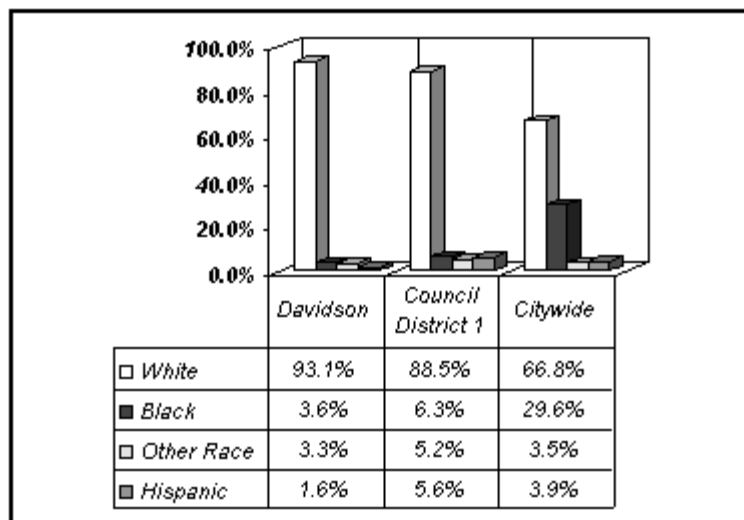
The Davidson Elementary School



## STEP 4: Facts About My Neighborhood

The data presented at the Davidson, Little Village, South Oakwood, and Beverly Manor Neighborhood Assessment was from the 1990 U.S. Census, and from 1999 information from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Kansas City, Missouri City Planning and Development Department. Below are the facts the participants said were surprising or noteworthy. (See the Neighborhood Assessment workbook for more detail.)

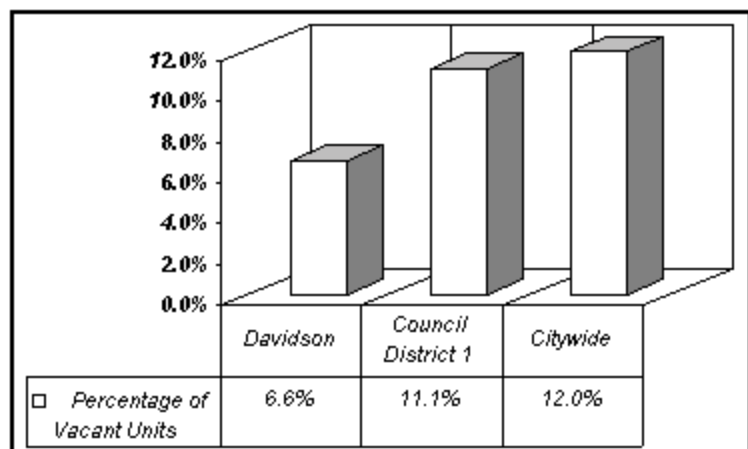
### Racial and Ethnic Composition



Residents say that the Hispanic population has increased more than what the data shows for the area. They also believe that other ethnicities have increased in the area as well. Residents notice the increase in diversity among school-aged children.

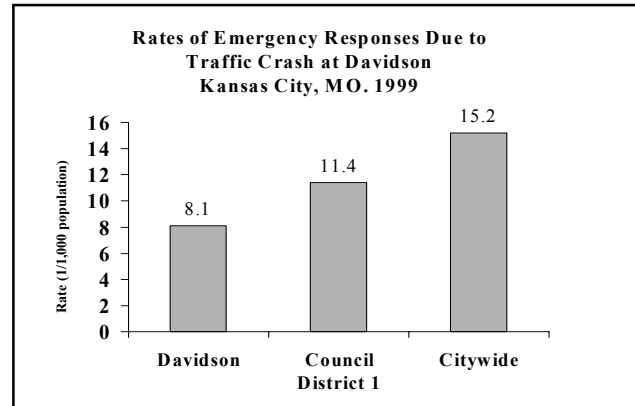
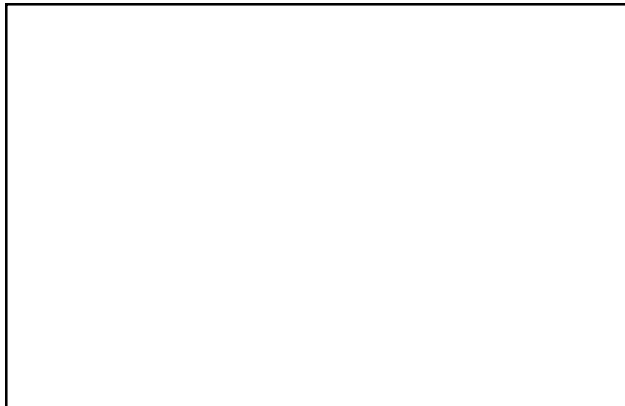
### Vacant Housing Units

Workshop participants perceive that the high number of vacant housing is due largely to the large portion of unoccupied rental housing in the neighborhood. They feel that vacant housing is less than what the census information shows.





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According to the 1999 data provided the Kansas City, Missouri Health Department and MAST, one of the leading causes for emergency calls is traffic crashes. During the workshop, residents note the large increase in the number of automobiles driving through their neighborhood. They are concerned for the safety of their children walking in the streets. Participants are also aware of an increase in the number of speeding cars in the area.



## STEP 5: Describing My Neighborhood

Those who attended the workshop were asked to vote on the Neighborhood Type that best described their neighborhood. Their choice was:

### Conservation

My neighborhood has been developed for some time. Established businesses and institutions are located in the neighborhood. Places of worship, schools, recreational and entertainment facilities, and businesses provide many opportunities near my home.

Tree-lined streets, historic structures or qualities, public art and/or other amenities characterize the neighborhood and give it a sense of place. Most of the houses are occupied. Little demolition has occurred here and vacant land is scarce.

It appears that both public and private areas are well-maintained, although a house or business periodically falls into disrepair from a lack of routine maintenance (painting, yard upkeep, awning repair, etc.). Some infrastructure repairs may be needed to keep the neighborhood attractive. Generally the problems that do come up can be addressed by our neighborhood association, by a call to the City, or through neighbors getting together to help one another.



A resident contemplates which Neighborhood Type to vote for.



## STEP 6: Making My Neighborhood Better

Neighbors talked about specific actions their community can take to address the issues and challenges identified earlier in the assessment. They brainstormed ideas, concentrating on those actions that can be performed by the community to improve the neighborhood. Below is a list of all the ideas mentioned by workshop participants. They voted on the ideas that they most want implemented to make their neighborhood better.

### Things we can do **Ourselves:**

- Utilize the Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (NNI) FOCUS Center as a resource to work on neighborhood concerns involving City services, such as how to contact Michael Coddington, the property codes officer, for guidelines and specifications on property maintenance
- Attend the monthly neighborhood meeting at NNI, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month
- Attend the monthly KC Police Commissioners meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, at 1125 Locust, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 9:00 AM to voice concerns about police service in the Northland (insufficient number of officers for the Northland for the population)
- Utilize the meeting space and printing equipment at St. James Lutheran Church, contact Pastor John Backus
- Attend the PIAC (Public Improvement Advisory Committee) meeting regarding capital improvements in the area
- Attend upcoming Light Rail and Vivion Road improvement meetings
- Put pressure on realtors/landlords, Terry Flood, Curry Management Company and Randy Robb to maintain their rental property who are not responsible for the structural conditions of the houses, such as replacing siding, repairing foundations, garage doors, etc.
- Meet with KCPL and/or the Missouri Public Service regulators pertaining to frequent electrical power outages; the outages last for days and lead to spoiled food and other major inconveniences to residents
- Encourage more people to become involved in the neighborhood association, write letters, faxes, e-mails to pressure City government to respond to neighborhood concerns



Things we can do with a **Partner:**

- Continue to work with Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. to improve City services for neighborhoods, such as street improvements and maintenance
- Encourage area retailers (Home Depot, Payless Cashways, Sams' Club, Casinos etc.) to become involved in neighborhood activities such as donating merchandise for neighborhood events
- Work with St. James Lutheran Church on its proposal to enhance its signage and new signage for the neighborhoods
- Partner with Midwestern Baptist Seminary on concerns in maintaining the wooded area ; residents do not want the seminary to move or sell the building and the land to a developer
- Take advantage of the services offered at St. James Lutheran Church



A resident speaks out about the insufficient number of police officers serving their community.

Workshop participants engage in conversation with a new mother about neighborhood issues.



Neighbors engage in discussion about plans for their neighborhood.



Things the **City** should do:

- Clean and repair the catch basins at N 48<sup>th</sup> Terrace, N 46<sup>th</sup> Terrace and NE Davidson Road
- Repair (not patch) the broken water mains on NE Vivion Road and N Oak Trafficway; water mains are constantly breaking causing flooding and interrupting water service to homes and businesses
- Preserve the wooded area on the Midwestern Baptist Seminary property; it serves as a buffer and recreation area between the neighbors and the seminary
- Improve all streets throughout the neighborhoods with curbs and sidewalks; it is a safety concern because currently, pedestrians must share the roads with automobiles
- Enforce the speed limit through the residential streets, especially N Garfield and N 53<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Post "Caution Children Playing" signs at N 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, N 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, N Park and N Garfield; children ride bicycles and play in the streets



Neighborhood Preservation Department staff, Michael Coddington, explains the process of reporting nuisance and property violations.





- Conduct a traffic study at the intersection of N Davidson and N.Troost; possibly need a 4-way stop sign and a left turn traffic light at Highland and Vivion Road
- Bulldoze and replace the N Garfield school crossing
- Design traffic calming measures for N Troost, N Davidson, N Garfield and N 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, such as a walking path/trail parallel to the street
- Enhance Englewood Park with a walking, jogging, biking trail/path
- Repave the street in the 5000 block of N Tarkio Avenue
- Update the neighbors about the proposed use of the 14-acre Sun n' Surf pool and club; residents would like to see a youth activity center with gym, tennis courts, soccer fields, etc.



A resident contemplates which are her priority issues.



Residents want to see the businesses at the intersection of Antioch and Vivion Road improve their exteriors. They would like less check cashing stores and pawn shops in the area.



Pastor John Backus shares information about the many social services available at St. James Lutheran Church.



## The Future of Vivion Road

The Vivion Road Corridor is located in a traditional suburban area and the majority of the commercial areas are tailored to the needs of the automobile: car lots, gas stations, convenience stores, strip malls, and shopping malls make up the landscape. The goal of the Vivion Road Corridor Study is to promote different types of public amenities along the corridor, to help promote and facilitate new development and redevelopment, and to strengthen and enhance the viability of businesses and neighborhoods. In simpler terms: to improve and upgrade Vivion Road from a state highway to a road with the look and feel of a parkway or boulevard.

As it exists today, Vivion Road lacks the basic amenities of the most basic urban arterial streets; utility poles are exposed above ground and close to the roadway; there are no curbs or gutters; and most of the Corridor lacks sidewalks and basic landscaping. Vivion Road was annexed to Kansas City in the 1950's and existed solely to move traffic from point "A" to point "B" as quickly as possible. Today, despite the lack of basic roadway and infrastructure improvements that many sections of the metro enjoy, the area has developed and prospered.



The study suggests relocating the North Oak Trafficway intersection to the north. Constructed at a lower elevation, the new intersection would provide gateway features on all corners and a pedestrian bridge to the Northland Fountain. It would also allow traffic exiting I-29 to merge and continue west on Vivion Road.



Residents are excited about the future of Vivion Road and how it might impact their community. They welcome discussions and are hopeful that the changes will positively benefit everyone who lives in the Davidson, Little Village, South Oakwood, and Beverly Manor neighborhoods.

On Troost/Davidson Trail Head—The study suggests building a continuous trail system that links various parks and recreational facilities. It also suggests building a bridge culvert over the creek. The bridge will provide connections to the roadway trail and a trail system along the creek on Troost. The trail will be connected to the current trail shown here in the Anita Gorman Park.



Antioch Center—The study suggests ways to help mitigate traffic problems and add aesthetic improvements. Also suggests ways to combine some of the curb cuts to limit stacking problems and at the same time create landscaped medians and improved bicycle and pedestrian access.

## Davidson, Little Village, South Oakwood and Beverly Manor Neighborhood Assessment Participants

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- Little Village Neighborhood Association
- Davidson Neighborhood Association
- Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.

## Getting Involved

To find out more about the Davidson Neighborhood Association, contact Jack DeSelms at (816) 459-9673.

For information about the Little Village Neighborhood Association, contact John Fleshman at (816) 452-7524.

For information about the Beverly Manor Neighborhood Association, contact Maureen Lumby at (816) 454-8360.

For information about training and other services available to neighborhoods, contact Carolyn Vellar of Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. at (816) 452-2000 or call the Neighborhood Assistance Center at City Hall, (816) 513-3200.



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