

University Hill Farms Neighborhood Plan

Open House Results



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER, 26TH 2013

UHF Open House



- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2013**
- **7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**
- **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
- **40 ATTENDEES SIGNED IN**
- **60 CHAIRS PROVIDED, ALL WERE OCCUPIED**

Attendees' Places of Residence



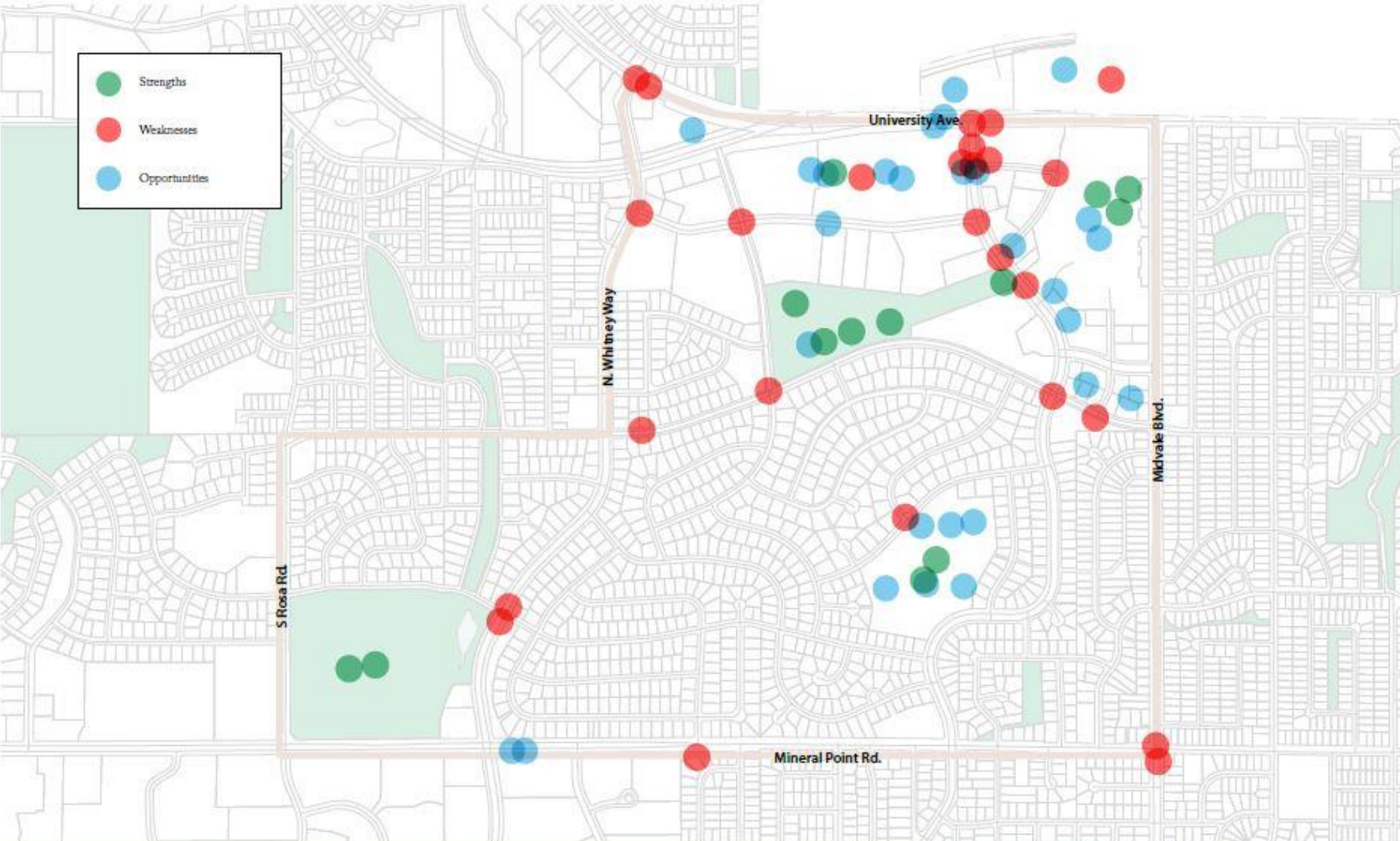
29 attendees indicated where they live

- One lives west of Whitney Way
- Two live outside of the neighborhood boundaries
- Four live north of Regent St. and West of N. Eau Claire Ave.
- Seven live east of Segoe Rd.
- 15 live south of Regent St. between Segoe Rd. and Whitney Way

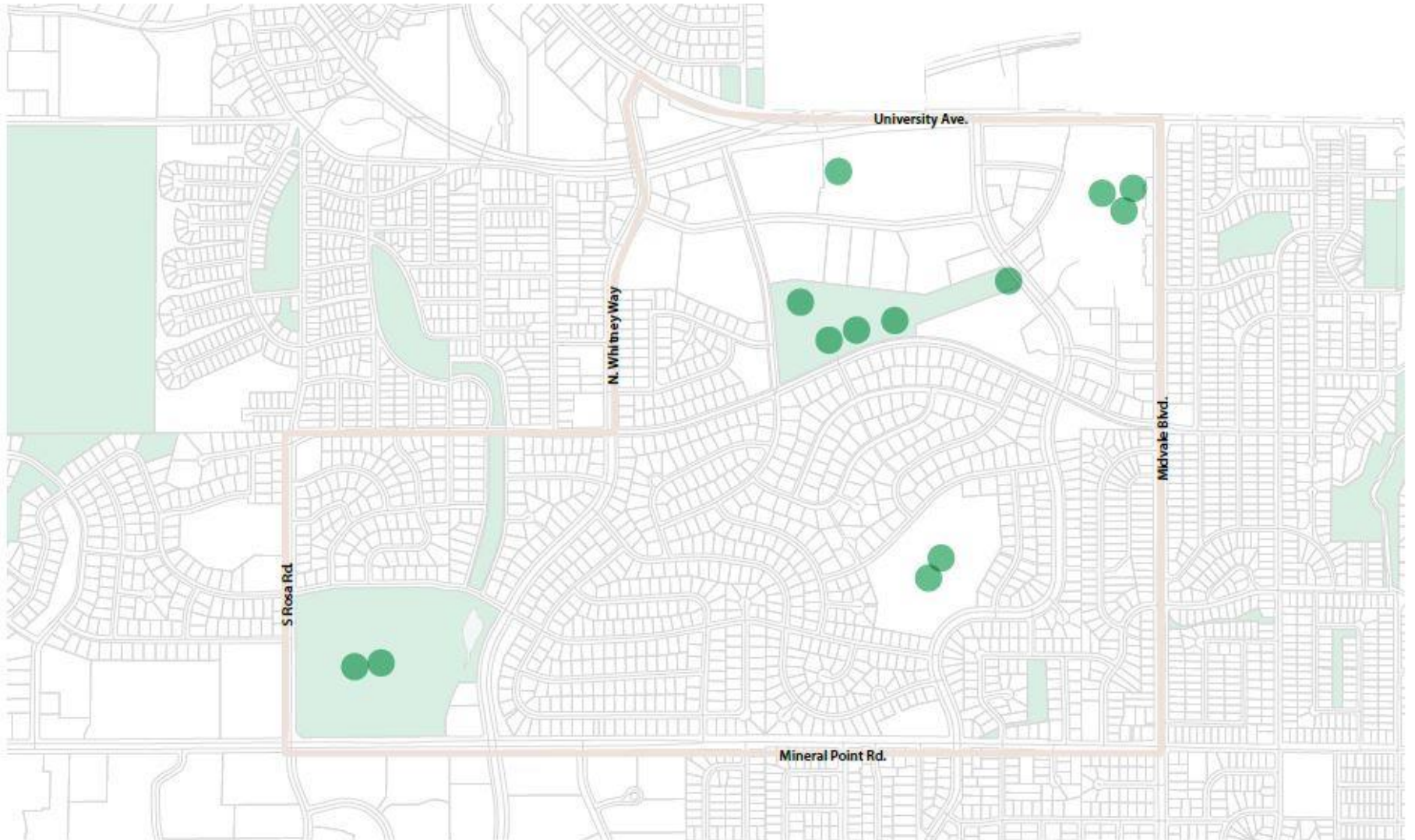
Exercise Results



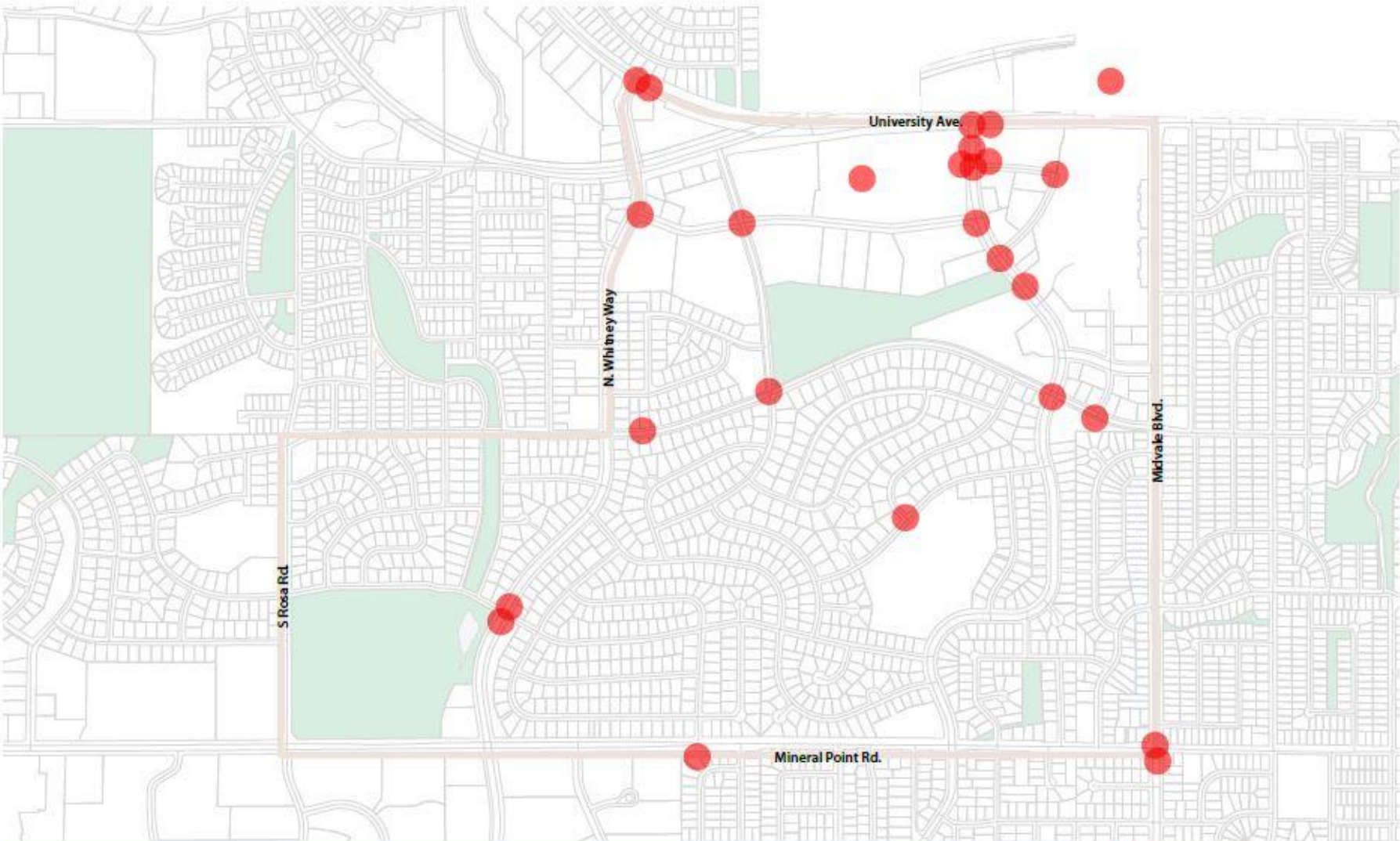
Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities



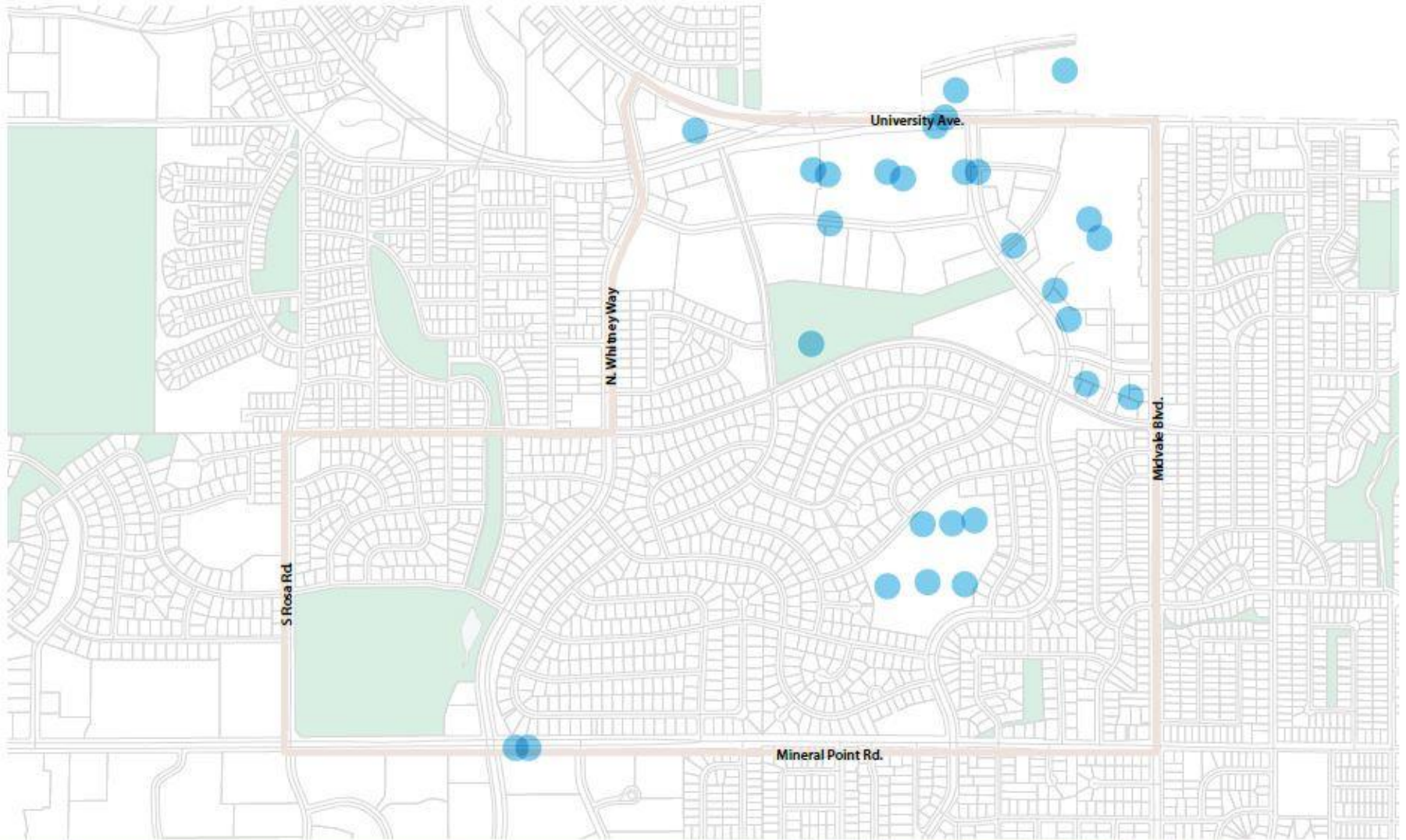
Strengths



Weaknesses



Opportunities



Station Four – Vision

“You are visiting your children living in UHF 15 years from now... describe what you see.”

Themes/Highlights:

- Rehabilitated apartments/offices
- Improved accessibility/connectivity
- More community involvement
- New transit options (light rail, trolley)
- New office/communal building
- Safe streets/calm traffic
- Young families
- Dog park
- More bike paths/traffic
- More shade/benches



Station Four – Vision

Vision for public gatherings and events:

Themes/Highlights:

- **Parks/Park Uses:**
 - Encourage use of open space
 - More benches/shelters at Rennebohm
 - Winter activities in Rennebohm (e.g. skating rink, cross country skiing)
 - Path through Rennebohm

- **Outreach/Events:**
 - Outreach to new families (focus on multi-family)
 - Outreach to Asian population
 - Bike events
 - Day passes to Hill Farms pool for non-members



Station One – Focus Area Opportunities and Design

Buildings/sites that should be included in future redevelopment plans:

Themes:

- Potential redevelopment sites:
 - Along Whitney Way
 - Post Office corner/block
 - Segoe Rd./Regent St.
 - “Triangle” at University Ave./Whitney Way
- Apartment/high rise maintenance



Station One – Focus Area Opportunities and Design



Preference for redevelopment site/building use and design:

Themes/Highlights:

- Senior housing/center
- Commercial/office
- Greenspace
- Food establishments
- Recreational center
- Low density
- Multi-use
- Light rail station
- Animal-integrated use



Station One – Focus Area Opportunities and Design



Features that make single-family areas unique/features to retain over time:

Themes/Highlights:

- Parks/greenspace/trees
- Shopping
- Schools
- Walking paths
- Variety of single-family home sizes
- “Graduate students living in higher density areas.”

Station Two – Buses, Lighting, Streets, Signage, Stormwater, and Street Terraces

Places attendees frequent and desire public improvements:

Themes:

- Safety/Traffic Control Measures
 - University Ave./Midvale Blvd.
 - Mineral Point Rd./Whitney Way
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 - S. Eau Claire Ave.
 - Hillcrest Dr.
 - S. Hill Dr.
- Stormwater/Drainage
 - Bayfield Ter./Eau Claire Ave.
 - Buffalo Trail/ Eau Claire Ave.
 - Waukesha St./ Segoe Rd.

Bus, pedestrian, and bike improvements:

Themes/Highlights:

- Increased bike connections
 - Midvale Blvd./University Ave.
 - Regent St./Midvale Blvd.
- “Stop lights too short” at Midvale Blvd. and University Ave.
- More bus shelters at high volume stops
- “Whitney Way too wide” – difficult for pedestrian crossing
- Improved bus access to library

Station Three – Open Space, Walking Paths, Art and Place Making

Types of improvements/uses that can be incorporated into parks and open spaces:

Themes/Highlights:

- General Open Spaces

- Encourage more weekday use
- Beautify edges of the community gardens
- Need open space near condos at Hilldale

- Garner Park

- Restore prairie
- Dogs
 - ✦ “Permit dogs”
 - ✦ “Permit leashed dogs”
 - ✦ “Permit dog walking along paths”

- Rennebohm Park

- Improved restroom accessibility
- Path lighting
- Incorporate activities
 - ✦ “Cultural festival”
 - ✦ “Circus performances”
 - ✦ “Community theater”

Station Three – Open Space, Walking Paths, Art and Place Making



Areas that could provide public art/place making opportunities:

Highlights:

- Install small gallery
- Family-friendly art
- Art at West Side Community Center



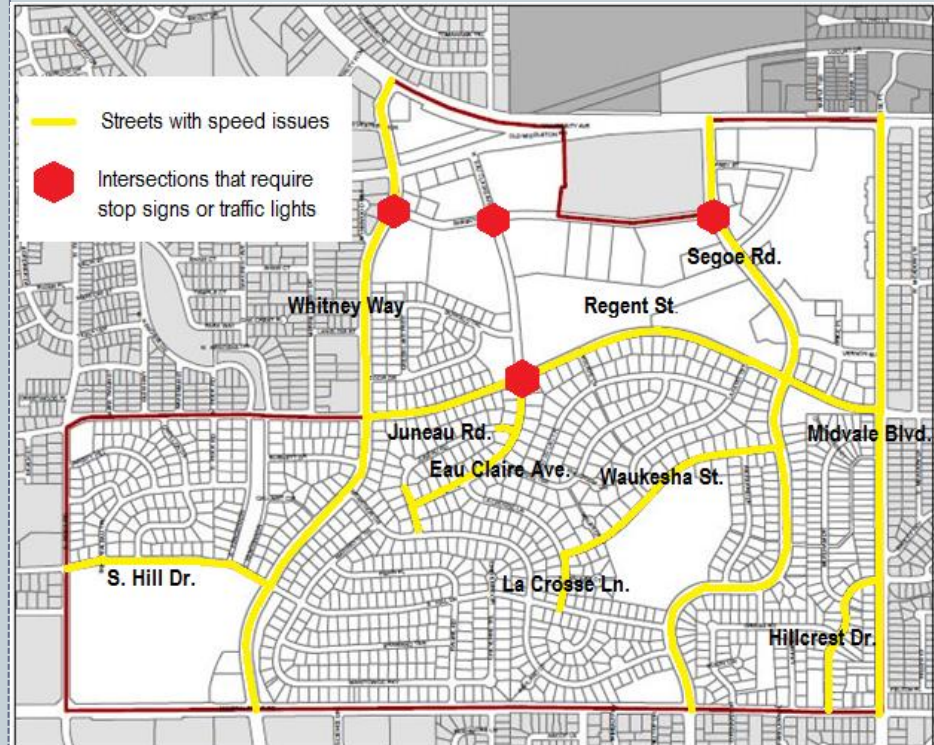
Station Five - Safety

Major Theme:

- Traffic
 - Speed issues - see map
 - Turning/stopping issues
 - Dangerous for pedestrians/playing children
 - Commuter cars and school buses parked on residential streets

Minor Themes/Highlights:

- Need for more lights on neighborhood paths, in Rennebohm
- More bike lanes
- Car break-ins
- Allow dogs in parks



Station Five – Safety



Exercise Summary



- **Vision**

- Young families
- Controlled traffic
- More park/outdoor activities/uses

- **Traffic – an important issue**

- Discussed at multiple stations
- Primarily on local connector streets

- **Redevelopment opportunities**

- Primarily on neighborhood peripheries

- **Increase connections**

- Primarily bus, bike connections
- To other neighborhoods, shopping, services

- **Physical improvements**

- Primarily apartment, some single-family home rehabilitation
- Street/infrastructure improvements
- Property maintenance

- **Dogs in parks – a contentious issue**

- **Issues with commuter parking**

- ✦ “Yes” to park and ride
- ✦ “No” to park and ride

- **Van Hise/Hamilton**

- Parking/traffic control issues
- Desire for new playground
- Overcrowding