

INPUT SUMMARY - TRIANGLE MONONA BAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSETS, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

(United States Environmental Protection Agency Greening America's Capitals Brittingham-Triangle Project, April 2015; MBNA Meeting, March 9th, 2017; Neighborhood Kick-Off – September 2017; Boards placed in Karabis, Brittingham, Bayview and Parkside; Elders Meeting at Bayview – November 2017)

Land Use, Housing and Urban Design

Assets

- Like Bayview housing layout
- Tables and chairs as urban furniture

Issues and Opportunities

Accessible

- Need accessible apartments for seniors
- Want bedrooms to be on the main level
- Need more garbage and recycling receptacles
- Currently prohibited from usage of propane on sidewalk or in basements
- Respect for privacy

Building

- CDA allows cats and dogs so think about receptacles/containers for dog disposal and other features
- CDA and Bayview housing needs updating
- Need two and three bedroom apartments
- Would like single-family townhomes and other types of owner-occupied housing
- Do not build anymore apartment buildings
- Bayview—Current buildings need new roofs and gutters as they are old (built in 1971)
- Improve pest control (mice, cockroaches, bed bugs, etc.)
- Include air conditioning in all buildings
- Utilize step backs and be sensitive about heights
- Increase affordability and include mixed income housing

Design

- Monona Bay Area neighbors would like to participate early in discussions about development proposals for vacant lot at W. Washington/Proudfit; neighborhood input on height, density, massing, architecture and more will be very important
- MBNA would like to retain its neighborhood character; concerned about potential lot combination and redevelopment to larger, multi-family structures
- Pay attention to long-term environmental sustainability



- Better historical signage about "Historic Greenbush" sites of interest
- More visually appealing aesthetic cohesion with design and landscaping
- [Add] wayfinding signage
- **Leverage the amenities to make more affordable housing available**

Outdoor

- CDA residents want to be able to plant flowers in the front of their buildings
- More vegetable garden plots on Triangle. If family is done with their plot, please give it up so others may use it
- More edible plants – Asian pear, peach and apple trees
- Rooftop gardens
- Large greenhouse to store produce over winter
- Smoother sidewalks on Triangle (better salting during winter for ice and snow)
- More color around neighborhood (specifically at playground)
- [Public Comment] City Streets should plow the bike lanes on time. They are sometimes inaccessible during winter
- [Public Comment] Sign at front door of Parkside Apartments indicates that residents must accompany their guests when they are leaving the building - this seems like an overreach
- Need more bike racks

Other

- Need no smoking policy (CDA is now implementing policy and Bayview will next year)
- [Public Comment] Need suitable space to smoke
- Do not displace current residents

Community Health and Wellness

Assets

Community Cohesion

- People know their neighbors, think this is a good place to raise a family, feel safe when outside in the neighborhood, and plan to stay in this neighborhood for a long time
- Close knit community for all
- [Former] Farmers market in Brittingham Park

Safety

- Police have strong partnerships with CDA and Bayview staff, and mental health care staff

Programming



- Like Freedom Inc. programs and services
- Service coordinators and Edgewood College students help residents to get through independent living
- Edgewood College nursing students stationed at Triangle 2 days per week
- Police help with programming offered onsite to residents – Cybersafety, smoking cessation, CPR; help with advocacy for residents e.g. go with to health appointments and make sure they are seen by doctors
- Community center at Bayview provides many services for everyone in the area

Other

- Like the people, location, bay, friendliness, park
- Like the mix of people: families, all ages, elderly, people with disabilities, different incomes, cultures and ethnicities
- Great location - close to the capitol and downtown area, U.W. campus, bus stops, parks, health care (physical and mental health), bank
- Brittingham boats is a great asset for the neighborhood
- Post meeting materials and other plan info on webpage and ask kids to share with parents
- Make sure you have translated materials at meetings

Issues and Opportunities

Community Cohesion

- Reduce compartmentalization of cultural groups
- Improve collaboration between CDA and Bayview
- Improve the link between the Triangle area and the Monona Bay Area Neighborhood
- Feelings of isolation due to cultural and language differences, and mental health problems (More walkable, bikeable areas to stop the isolation perception)

Safety

- Increase security on Triangle
- Usually biggest problems on Triangle are caused by/from people coming in from the outside

Programming

- Revive the Triangle Ethnic Fest
- Setup an independent resident association with 501 C3 status on the Triangle
- Organized sports for the greenspace along Brittingham Tower parking lot (ice rink in winter)
- More programs for the elderly
- Need dancing and the arts
- English classes
- More activities for children – sports in afterschool programs, trips, computers, homework help
- There is a huge need for more technology (e.g. free Wi-Fi). Most of residents don't even have a decent phone to make calls



- Need for meaningful activities that sustain themselves and offer more interaction among residents so they don't feel depressed and end up going to ER next door. E.g. arts and crafts, computer games, cooking classes, place for a coffee hour, etc. Meriter had a nurse before but around a year ago the person left
- Need for affordable childcare
- Want more ways to celebrate history of area through public art and other permanent features
- Want Early Childhood Program (Pre-K) for all of Triangle's children
- Need a multi-faceted outreach approach – leaflet, door-to-door outreach and engagement, invite participation by volunteer groups (e.g. church groups), poster boards in CDA lobby (people who won't participate in meetings), email and Internet might be okay since have observed that technology access up over past four years
- Activities for the winter that are both outside and inside
- Parkside provides a ministry program (Triangle Ministry) with a food pantry that helps brings people together and helps the community

Facilities

- Bring back neighborhood schools
- Add a community center for all Triangle residents (include fitness center and gym)
- Add a pool
- Need for more indoor meeting spaces/more gathering spaces, particularly a large indoor space for Monona Bay
- Need for a joint community building/facility for all of the Triangle
- Incorporate programming and places for teenagers such as basketball courts, a soccer field, and teen center
- Computer labs are in high demand and needed along with classes

Healthcare

- Need for someone who can explain to people how to navigate into the healthcare system
- Need more support for people with mental health issues

Food

- Food pantry only available monthly (CDA)/ Food security issue is huge
- Continue food pantry at Bayview
- Bring prepared meals back to Triangle
 - Senior prepared meals no longer offered at Brittingham cafeteria due to reduction in numbers of seniors (no longer qualify for funding)
 - meals on wheels is serving but this format can be problematic for seniors – causing pressure with knocking on doors – not always ready to receive meals at times scheduled
- Affordable food with a café is needed
- Healthy snack/coffee/fruit machines instead of just sugar snacks
- Continue food pantry at Bayview



Economic Development & Employment Opportunities

Assets

- Asian Midway Foods is a great asset to the neighborhood!

Issues and Opportunities

Develop

- Need more businesses
- Business incubators small business development in the area – juice bar – greenhouse – microenterprise
- More office space
- Retail space where people can work on their craft there and sell work

Grocery/Market

- Would like a grocery store that serves all cultures, offers prepared food, and basic necessities – need grocery delivery services for elderly neighbors
- Would like to have Pop-Up Market to sell handmade things
- Asian Foods – need store that offers more prepared foods at the right price point

Parks and Open Space

Assets

- Access to lots of greenspace
- Brittingham Park

Issues and Opportunities

Kid/Youth

- Need more places for kids to play and neighbors to gather
- Need security at the playground
- More supervision of kids
- Create more play spaces for toddlers

Structural

- Add amenities for both residents and visitors to improve the experience of all
- Need more parking for residents (many cannot afford \$20 for the second parking sticker) – consider joint parking lot for all residents
- Bathrooms at the Park shelter don't work well so forced to have to use portable potties
- Increase number of picnic tables and other seating



Safety

- Increase lighting
- Fix Braxton Boulevard, worst road surface in the city; also improve snow and ice removal
- Make it apparent that Brittingham is an alcohol free park
- Visual barrier in the Park shelter-hard to see the kids playing as the wall blocks the visual to the green space and the lake

Green

- Larger area to plant vegetables; more opportunities for residents to plant flowers and other landscaping
- More greenspace
- Remove weeds from sign landscaping
- Gardens take up too much space — need more space for other uses
- Add water gardens and rain gardens

Transportation Connectivity & Access**Assets**

- Easy walking distance to hospitals, grocery store, parks
- Pedestrian bridge over of W. Washington Ave. is romantic, it represents the community, use it to watch Shake the Lake, peaceful to be at top during snow; don't remove it

Issues and Opportunities*Crossings*

- At grade crosswalk on W. Washington Ave. is not working; intimidating to cross there; kids feel more confident going over bridge
- Rebuild bridge ramps (too steep for people in wheelchairs)
- Better connections from Triangle to adjacent neighborhoods and beyond
- Improve safety of W. Washington Ave. crossings, especially paying attention to needs of elderly, people with disabilities, and young kids

Bus

- Add bus shelter to stop on south side of W. Washington Ave. adjacent to Brittingham Park
- Need bus shelter on Regent for high schools and people going to jobs; safe crosswalk on Regent to bus stop

Bike

- Need bike paths to deter bikes riding on sidewalks
- Improve bike access between U.W. and Monona Bay, and from the Triangle to U.W. and East Campus Mall



- Add bike paths to link Bayview to CDA, crossing Park St. & W. Washington Ave

Other

- Enforce "no parking" in parking lots on game and special event days — Stop traffic from going through to short cut W. Washington Ave to Park St
- Car-share programs could be a possibility for those who don't have transportation — previously done before by Asian families — around 6-8 families had a van

