

Appendix H – Exchange District residents’ workshop notes

What would make Downtown Winnipeg better? Select your top three choices.

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Dots

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More types of housing/rent	7
More affordable housing/rent	9
Better/more parks	8
More recreation facilities	3
More restaurants and bars	0
More retail and grocery stores	14
More arts, culture, and entertainment options	0
Better/easier to get around Downtown (walk, bike, or bus)	11
Improved community safety and well-being	21

Sticky notes

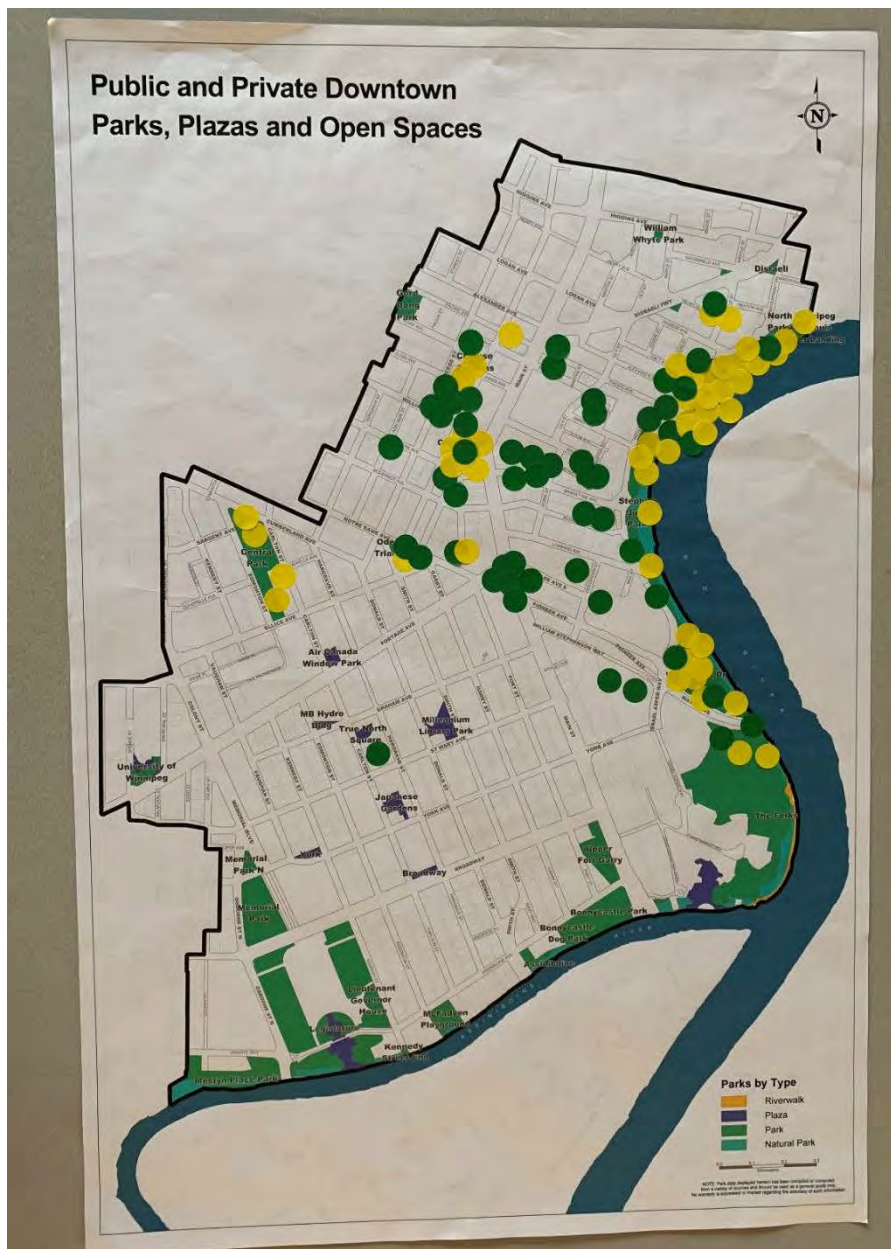
Theme	Sticky notes
Parking	• Building size and parking Parking
Cleanliness & maintenance	• Litter collection, street cleaning • Graffiti/Litter needs to be addressed Garbage must be cleaned up; not rely on volunteers
Community safety & well-being	• Community police, foot patrols, bicycle police • Less money for WPS! ◦ Social services ◦ Community (beat cops) police • Mental health and social safety services • Safety: ◦ More foot patrols ◦ Better lighting ◦ House the homeless ◦ "Downtown has a bad perception" • Must be a safe, clean, healthy space! • Fix societal issues ◦ Pan handling ◦ Vagrancy • Those with mental health and addiction needs must be assisted/long term Beat cops (walking around) are a more use user friendly...bicycle cops, community policing
Character / design considerations	• Keep low scare neighbourhood for historic district • Historical aesthetic complimentary • Building size and parking • Historical conservation • Take advantage of the jewel historic. New development should compliment • Store fronts

Theme	Sticky notes
Policy	Stronger design control by professional design community as part of approval process
Amenities	Tennis, pickleball, bocce ball
Housing	Transitional housing with wrap around supports

Greening Downtown

Put a green dot where a new park could go. They don't have to be existing green spaces. They could be surface parking lots, derelict buildings, or other places.

Put a yellow dot on parks that need improvement.



Which amenities do you think Downtown parks needs most? Put a dot beside your top three choices. Leave us a sticky note.



Dots

Amenity	Dots
Bicycle racks	1
Fitness equipment	0
Off leash dog areas	1
Picnic area/benches	2
Playground equipment	0
Sport courts (e.g. Basketball, soccer, tennis, pickleball)	0
Washrooms/drinking fountains	4
Winter amenities (e.g. skating or curling rinks)	0

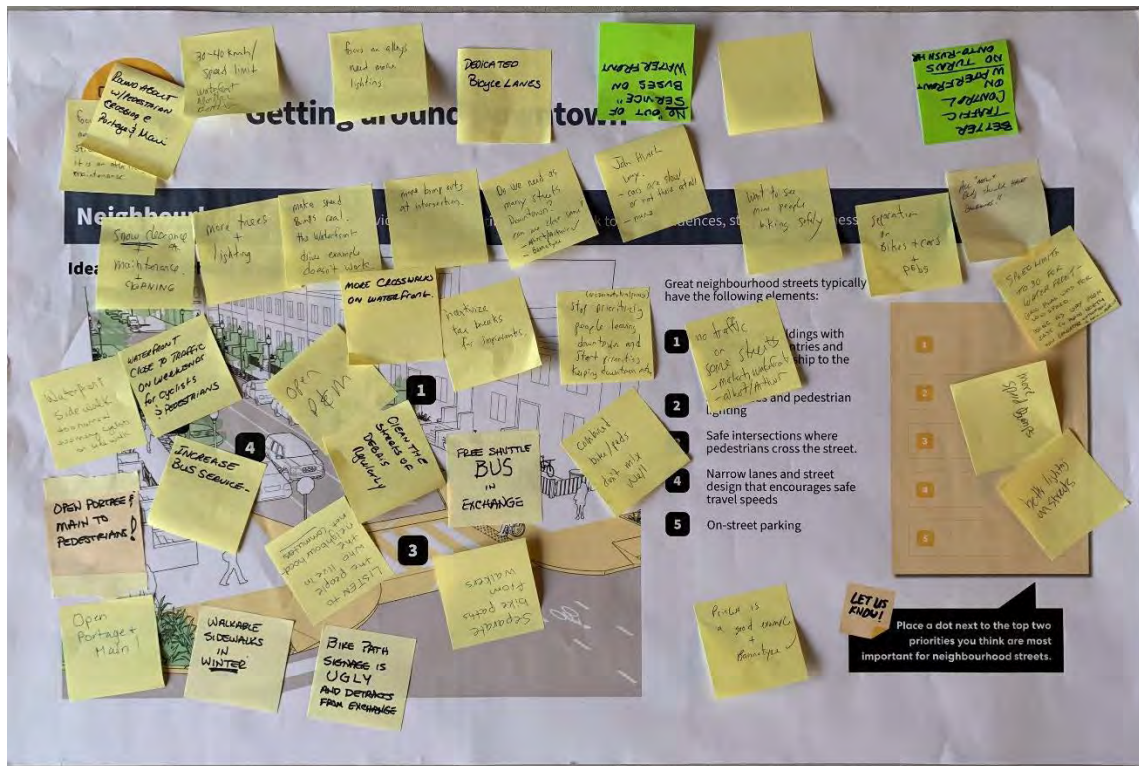
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Amenities	
Bicycle racks	• More bicycle racks to secure bikes • Secure bike parking
Off leash dog areas	• Off lease dog park - fenced
Picnic area/benches	• Stephen Juba Park – picnic tables and each way from • More picnic table areas
Playground equipment	• More playground equipment. Brings families (high priority)
Sport courts (e.g. Basketball, soccer, tennis, pickleball)	• Pickle ball courts (high priority)
Washrooms/drinking fountains	• Without washrooms people pee/defecate in our backyards. High priority • High priority to keep alleys clean (washrooms) • Public restrooms are needed
Winter amenities (e.g. skating or curling rinks)	• Toboggan runs, skating, River - fat biking
Community gardens	• Vegetable gardens • Common garden to grow veggies • Community gardens • Small vegetable gardens •
Trees/greenery	• More planters • More trees please • More pollinator plants and dandelions •
Lighting	• Better lighting and more lighting • Light canopy •
Water amenities	• Rowing club! • Rowing club, watercraft rentals, kayak • Dock for private crafts to come up
Public Art	• Public art • Historic markers of the area
BBQ	• Fire/BBQ pit • Outdoor pizza oven
Park/areas specific feedback	
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	• Pedestrian/bike bridge to St. B @ Alexander Avenue • Bridge over to St. B from Waterfront
Alexander Docks	• Fix/clean up dock area – high priority • Kayak/canoe rental at Alexander dock • Boat access at Alexander Docks • Fix the Alexander Dock area • Start Alexander Docks project: re: *removed*2021-2022 •
Concerns	
Cleanliness & maintenance	• Clean sidewalks in the winter • Get rid of the garbage – high priority • Clean up litter and empty garbages • Clean up garbage • Clean up existing parks before new ones are built • Cleaning of sidewalks from Construction • Clearing of sidewalks in winter • More garbage bins and recycle bins • Need more garbage and recycling containers. There are none on Waterfront (west side) from Lombard to almost Higgins. Need some recycling that includes more than just beverages • More bins for garbage, frequently emptied • Clean up garbage in homeless camps! • More clean-up • Cleaning snow and ice from sidewalks in Exchange • More frequent garbage pick up • Clean and safe sidewalks (winter) • Hundreds of hours (volunteer are given to make the parks useable/clean) • Cleaning snow and ice from sidewalks in Exchange • Clean up the Repan'an Forest – of garbage • No more chemicals on grass •
Other	• More “pocket parks”, benches, small green areas with picnic tables • Keep it weird

Getting around Downtown – Neighbourhood Streets

What are the top priorities you think are most important for neighbourhood streets.



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Biking	- Dedicated bicycle lanes - Bike path signage is ugly and detracts from Exchange - Separate bike paths from walkers - Combined bike/peds doesn't mix well - Separation of bikes and cars and peds - Want to see more people biking safely
Walking	- Open Portage & Main - Open Portage & Main - Open Portage & Main to pedestrians - Roundabout with pedestrian crossing at Portage & Main - More crosswalks on Waterfront - Waterfront sidewalk too narrow, too many cyclists on sidewalks - Waterfront close to traffic on weekends for cyclists and pedestrians
Transit	- Increase bus service - Free shuttle bus in Exchange - No "out of service" buses on Waterfront
Traffic calming	- More bump outs at intersection 30-40 km/hr speed limit

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	- o Waterfront - o Martha - o Bertha • Make speed bumps real. The Waterfront drive example doesn't work • No traffic on some streets - o Market, Waterfront - o Albert/Arthur • Speed limit to 30km for Waterfront (original plan was for low speed). Using as a way from East to Main North. Now Bannatyne Waterfront to Main is a freeway. • More speed bumps • Waterfront close to traffic on weekends for cyclists and pedestrians • John Hirsch Way - o Cars are slow or not there at all - o More • Better traffic control on Waterfront - o No turns on to during rush hour • Do we need as many streets Downtown? Can we close some? - o Albert/Arthur - o Bannatyne
Cleanliness & maintenance	• Snow clearance and maintenance and cleaning • Clean the streets of debris regularly • Walkable sidewalks in winter
Lighting	• Better lighting on streets • Focus on alleys. Need more lighting • More trees and lighting
Trees/greenery	• More trees and lighting
Policy	• Incentivize tax breaks for improvements
Prioritize residents	• Stop prioritizing people leaving downtown and start prioritizing keeping downtown active (McDermot, King/Princess) • Listen to the people who live in the neighbourhood – not commuters
Design considerations	• All “new” buildings should have balconies!! • Focus on aesthetics to street design. It is an afterthought and maintenance
Other	• Princess is a good example and Bannatyne • Do we need as many streets Downtown? Can we close some? - o Albert/Arthur - o Bannatyne
Location specific	
Waterfront Drive	• More crosswalks on Waterfront • Waterfront sidewalk too narrow, too many cyclists on sidewalks

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Theme: Building Downtown – Heritage Buildings

Provide comments relating to Heritage Buildings in the Exchange District (as well as other areas of Downtown).



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Heritage conservation	• Need Heritage conservation district (HCD) for the Exchange • Keep heritage heritage • Exchange should be a historic district
Promotion	• Need more promotion of heritage buildings • Signage showing boundary of historic site • Promote heritage buildings like Chicago/Fargo
Design considerations	• Materials should be sympathetic to neighbourhoods • Scale is important ◦ Accessible ◦ Human scale • New buildings need to respect existing residents • First two floors of new builds should have design elements to match the historic nature of the area (e.g. brick, limestone) • New: ◦ Scale with neighbours ◦ Visually compatible • Connect buildings as would have been historically • Need to look cohesive • Remove gaps between buildings • Stay below 100 ft!! • Building materials do matter i.e. no black metal • Berlin – big mix of architectural types build building heights are honoured
Enforcement	• Follow guidelines and rules. • Follow rules and bylaws • Everyone should abide by the rules, guidelines • Fine people that don't maintain heritage buildings "St. Charles" • Increase fines for developers who don't follow original design plans •
Community engagement	• Public consultation • Need community input on heritage • Need to go public with changes - what ends up getting built. • More community involvement in UDAC. Feedback •
Policy	• Maintenance dollars for buildings – grants • Tax incentives for maintaining heritage buildings • City Council shouldn't be able to override staff/UDAC
Cleanliness & maintenance	• Garbage collection areas in otherwise nice back lanes
Other	• Portage and Main should be included