

**2010 NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT
GOAL COMMENT SHEETS
URBAN DESIGN**

Goal #1: The neighborhoods of Cincinnati are walkable; residents can walk to neighborhood services.

- Some of us can and that's why we live where we do (3)
- Support pedestrian only areas/districts/parks (3)
- Some are, public steps (5)
- Yes (6)
- Need to encourage people to walk not drive (7)
- Smart code, infill development LEED for neighborhood design (10)
- Also connect neighborhood to neighborhood (12)
- Walkable and bikable w/ appropriate infrastructure (i.e. bike racks; lots of bike access on Metro) (13)
- How do we do this when it is the requirement of the homeowner to maintain them (14)
- Refer to Memphis, TN, different cities (15)
- More walk lights/ crosswalks with countdown timers (17)
- This must be a priority! (18)
- Yes, residents can walk to neighborhood services. The streets are better in Cincinnati. The environment is too. (19)
- Yes there are walkable neighborhoods. (20)
- Pleasant Ridge, okay (21)
- Very important. Make people less car-dependant. Interconnectedness between neighborhoods, create pedestrian continuity. (24)
- City should enact a realistic snow emergency plan including a requirement for shoveling snow off sidewalks. (25)
- Not all neighborhoods! (27)
- Which come first? Walkability or neighborhood services? Both are currently missing. (28)
- Safety. (29)
- Goals are too vague. (30)
- Absolutely important, but to accomplish, we need to revamp our zoning regulations to ensure that we have mixed uses within a walking buffer of one another. Will not work with our current Euclidian zoning. (32)
- Extremely Important: Number 1 goal. Most everything should serve or at least be compatible with this goal. (35)
- Most Cincinnati neighborhoods are not safe to walk at night, some not even during the day. Not enough mixed trade variety offered in each neighborhood. (36)
- True in some cases. Downtown is very walkable. Neighborhoods are not in many cases. (39)
- This is ONLY true in Oakley. No other neighborhood allows you to walk to as many restaurants, bars, grocery, bank, library, church, hardware, post office, etc. Without a doubt, NONE of the other neighborhoods provide this. (41)
- This isn't a goal – it's a reality! (44)

Goal #2: The streets of Cincinnati are designed to support all types of transportation; accessible to all.

- Need more car-free zones, pedestrian only areas in certain BDs, if not permanently, at least seasonal or certain hours (1)
- Emphasis is on automobiles and should be geared to pedestrians and public transportation (3)
- Create separate blue paths (4)
- Bring back streetcars as system (4)
- Public transportation – fair (6)
- This question is too obvious. Ask questions with some substance. (7)
- Bike, pedestrian & transit oriented (10)
- Include bike plan (11)
- All streets cannot support all transportation (12)
- See above. I know it's a challenge given the narrowness of many streets; handicapped (13)
- All reasonable types of transportation (14)
- Smaller buses is great idea – may look like a street car! Bus shelters, schedules, and benches art not ads (16)
- Should but not all transport methods on all streets (18)
- Yes, including vehicles, handicaps and walkers (19)
- No, streets are repaired for cars (20)
- No. Some places do have bike trails. People must have the ability to move around freely and fluidly. (21)
- Make sure different users are safe. Teach people to behave on the street with the different people. (24)
- Build bike lanes, and clarify appropriate vehicular uses for different classes of streets. Annual striping of lanes? (25)
- Not all streets! Not all types! Too expensive. (27)
- Extremely Important. BUT with emphasis on expanding public transit and alternatives to automobiles. (35)
- No! Streets are not pedestrian friendly in neighborhoods. Downtown is good. (39)
- It's too dangerous to ride bicycles in Cincinnati. (41)
- Cincinnati does not need "all" types of transportation. Access what would be best for the long term plan and implement mixed modes. (45)
- Not terribly important if we are developing self-sustained, strong and stable neighborhoods. If all needs are local, most forms of transport are luxury. (46)
- Not all streets need CARS!! (47)
- Streets should be made inconvenient for personal cars. (48)

Goal #3: New construction and redevelopment are compatible with existing development.

- Yes – new construction is great if it responds to the character of the neighborhood in scale, style and is not surface parking centered (contemporary is good if done well) (3)
- But do not imitate – compliment (4)
- Somewhat (6)
- Whitewash question (7)

- Develop a process: 1. Review of existing architecture, competing uses, environmental impact, 2. Community input – pre design, post design, 3. funding for above, 4. historic conservation (8)
- City collaborates with the existing community councils (9)
- In scale, not necessarily style or materials i.e. Guggenheim (10)
- Very poor question without context (11)
- Just needs to be good design. “Compatible” can depend. Needs emphasis on green/sustainability. (13)
- Reasonably compatible (15)
- Important, but would rather see the new businesses use empty businesses/buildings (16)
- Actively engaged architecture review board with developers - Quality requirements for any public money used to help the development (17)
- Should (18)
- Yes (19)
- You have to ask the community if it is compatible (20)
- Encouragement of radical, new development. Plenty of existing historical buildings. (22)
- Too broad for urban design. (23)
- Urban Design standards, not clear questions. (24)
- Form based code. (29)
- This should include types of businesses, i.e. chain vs. independent. (34)
- Somewhat Important. (35)
- I don't think we are doing a very good job with this. Need more form-based codes. (39)
- Cincinnati does a poor job of this. Desales corner is the poster child of how bad we are at this. (41)
- I think it would be ok to compromise on this for the sake of sustainability. (45)
- If efficient and effective to community. Improve design before you destroy and build a new. (46)

Goal #4: Streets and development incorporate sustainable and environmentally-friendly design.

- Very important in streetscapes and avoid these discussions of increased expense (1)
- Utilize state and federal subsidies, focus w integration rather than add – ons (4)
- Yes (6)
- Absolutely critical LEED Gold & Platinum for civic buildings (10)
- Against not a good question (11)
- Upset that critical question is about paying more, which feeds the perception that sustainability costs more The question to ask would be, “Do you believe that designing, constructing and operating sustainability costs more long-term”? (12)
- Sustainability and environmentally-friendly design is the future. Over time, due to demand, costs will come down. (13)
- Pocket parks, façade funds, green projects (15)
- We should not have to pay extra for earth preserving designs that are consciously sound. Why is a poor design that is bad for the environment and our health less expensive? This should be the only way to design. (16)
- More green focused lighting on frequently walked streets (17)

- A must (18)
- Yes (19)
- Not in many places. It's going to be important for many reasons. (21)
- All new development should consider this. (22)
- Cincinnati needs to go beyond "all development is good". Need to be selective in good developments. (24)
- Not all streets! Not all developments. (27)
- Somewhat Important. (35)
- All these comments are things our city deserves however it is our City and Government officials are holding us back. (36)
- Include public art as part of streets and developments. (37)
- I don't think they currently do. (39)
- More emphasis should be placed on putting utilities underground. (41)
- Consider development of public art as an integral component of urban design with transit identity, civic engagement. (42)
- The question about paying more for green should have considered more upfront cost relative to long term costs. (43)
- We are very far behind in this area. Lots of innovation and creativity needs to generate ideas that need to be implemented. (45)
- This is extremely important, however, it must be done correctly. The goal should be to aid people's lives. Shrubs by the sidewalk are useless. Urban farming, alternative energy production is the direction we should head. (46)

Goal #5: Cincinnati is a city with inviting and engaging public spaces.

- Key to the entire Plan: make all the elements work. Commons like Fountain Square are key (1)
- I believe it is true- some outstanding examples of public spaces and some that work the more pedestrians, the better (3)
- Not always (6)
- "What makes inviting spaces" would be more interesting. (7)
- Place making AIA project for public spaces NYC (10)
- Important for development of community and commerce. Draws people from suburban areas back to city for green amenities (13)
- If we want visitors and new residents (16)
- More programmed public spaces (17)
- Must do! (18)
- Yes, but need more in the neighborhoods than Downtown (19)
- Yes in some places. People need to be able to feel good and enjoy their city. (21)
- Fosters community interaction, better relations. (24)
- Enforce anti-littering ordinances, especially on vacant property. (25)
- Extremely Important: More emphasis on public realm vs. private realm. (35)
- A couple gems in the city, we have so much more that is being overlooked. Need much more green space. (36)
- Yes generally. Our parks need more money. (39)

- In some cases yes, i.e. Ault Park. New fountain square is disappointing, noisy jumbotron and Victorian fountain looks out of place in ultra modern surroundings...no consideration given to context. (41)
- Include arts and culture. (45)

Goal #6: Cincinnati's NBDs and Downtown are energetic and vibrant with pedestrian activity.

- Very synonymous w/ #1 All of the influences are important, great mixes. Stop accommodating parking (1)
- Add public transit, bike access; and separate downtown from NBDs (2)
- Pedestrians should be the focus in downtown design public transportation, self propelled transportation (3)
- Sometimes (6)
- Transit will help this (10)
- Don't agree with premise (11)
- Vibrant NBDs support neighborhoods and vice versa (13)
- Encourage the creation of new NBDs (14)
- Streetcars connecting neighborhood business districts and downtown (17)
- We need a lot of work! (18)
- Yes, but need more entertainment activities (19)
- At some times and in some places. We could use more family oriented areas. (21)
- NBDs are different from Downtowns. Some NBDs have different functions. (27)
- The most important thing here would be a mix of locally serving uses that don't make the NBD a destination as much as a daily functioning part of the neighborhood. (33)
- Extremely Important. (35)
- Not at night. Both my husband and I are not comfortable walking downtown at night. We go often and still feel very uneasy. (36)
- Besides work – Going to arts events brings me to a variety of neighborhoods. In list of what brings you to various neighborhoods and downtown would have liked to see arts listed as a choice. (37)
- Yes generally. Night life downtown is currently lacking I think. (39)
- Not really. Can't find a skyline open for lunch on the weekend's downtown. (41)
- Include more arts and culture to make Cincinnati energetic and vibrant. (45)
- Downtown should be a vacation from yourselves, a special experience like leaving town without leaving town. (46)

Goal #7: Each neighborhood of Cincinnati has its own unique character.

- People in Cincinnati love relating to their neighborhoods' unique characteristics (1)
- Yes but some neighborhoods have been divided and some have been destroyed because poor transportation and design choices. The distinctive character of the neighborhood is one of the great attributes of the City. (3)
- Yes (6)
- Character meaning physical or economic? (7)
- Realize neighborhoods identity builds community and discourages mega-gangs (8)
- Our neighborhoods are among our greatest strengths (10)

- Tricky, as this is a good attribute, and leads to uniqueness. On the “negative” side it can lead to competition, and a lack of CITY identity. Need to simultaneously develop both...maybe the City’s identity is diversity...rather than City trying to come up with one, single identity (13)
- A must! Celebrate differences! (18)
- Yes (19)
- Each neighborhood should develop a character and determine relevant/helpful modes of transportation. (22)
- Should Cincinnati focus on differences of neighborhoods, or make a more “Cincinnati as a whole” feel? (24)
- Neighborhoods will develop this on their own. I would rather see streetscape improvements for all communities. (31)
- This is the most critical for me. It’s important to give neighborhoods a voice in decisions made about that neighborhoods. (34)
- Somewhat Important/Neutral. Definitely a secondary goal. (35)
- Yes, however only a few chosen, white neighborhoods get most the funding and attention. (36)
- “unique” is a vague description = unclear. (37)
- We can’t know this because participation is not encouraged. Participation is DISCOURAGED by current rules. (39)
- Yes, but it is being lost as we tear down buildings and leave vacant lots. Vacant lots institutionalize blight. (41)
- This was a great sample goal because it wasn’t necessarily as non-controversial as the rest. (44)
- This is incredibly important. Builds community trust in the city and revitalizes neighborhoods so more people come to them. (45)
- The foundation of each character should be creating a utopia, which combines economic strength, community, sustainability, and strong community network. Character is the different ways possible to reach this foundation. (46)

General Comments:

- Scrap the parking requirements (1)
- In heavily pedestrian neighborhoods eliminate right on red for cars. It is a major safety issue for pedestrians in cross walks. (3)
- Very good information (6)
- Compatibility, form based code, design review including community council (10)
- Good, racial component not included, when will it be – (15)
- Define Goals and Action steps and how you got here in the morning session. It is redundant to hear it at the beginning of each session. Could also make room on this flyer for the definitions and background info – No need to read “Extremely Important” on every single result (16)
- Good, organized sessions! Thanks (16)
- Cincinnati has been through change over the year, but we need more progress to make this a better city than it is starting with the communities. (19)
- Questions are somewhat ambiguous. (24)

- Most influential to come to Cincinnati? Should have a ranking system, not just choosing one. (26)
- I think everybody is interested in form based code but not all know what it means. (31)
- Pushing for “urban” dense neighborhood design will only work in conjunction with mass transit (33)
- I feel if we have more parks and neighborhood parks that are accessible to all children, especially those with SPECIAL NEEDS. Also restrooms that have changing stations for people over 40 lbs. who have special needs and can not use the toilet. (38)
- I’m willing to work on this committee! (39)
- All design to incorporate the universal design concepts that create accessibility and inclusion for all people including people with disabilities, this includes disabilities due to aging. (40)
- Cincinnati needs to capitalize on its assets to make it unique. Much of that can be our historic buildings, and streetscapes. (41)
- What would most influence to come downtown to NBD? Some of categories not mutually exclusive – entertainment, special events, family activities. Should have included arts and cultural activities as an option. (42)
- These questions were all really biased to strong positive response. I think there should be paired comparisons for more values. (43)
- I wish there were more unique and controversial goals to separate out specific opinions and concerns. (44)
- Art and culture is key in urban development and wasn’t discussed. Please include arts/culture for a vibrant city with strong character. (45)
- Because I live downtown I am in favor of many uses, i.e. entertainment, shopping, etc. It needs to be livable!! (48)