

BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

Pleasantview Neighbourhood Newsletter – June 2020

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Planning for Pleasantview Neighbourhood Renewal continues

While the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted nearly every aspect of daily life, it has not changed the fact that Edmonton is still the thriving city we love. We are continuing to build and better our city because robust infrastructure is critical to a safe and healthy Edmonton.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Program, in particular, has a long-term outlook of providing quality neighbourhood infrastructure. Neighbourhood renewal ensures that neighbourhood infrastructure is maintained, safe, and serves the people who live in the community and depend on it.

The Pleasantview project team is continuing to work on your neighbourhood design to ensure construction remains on schedule to begin in 2022. While in-person public events are paused and physical distancing is a priority, we remain committed to delivering project information and meaningful public engagement opportunities efficiently and safely.

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Pleasantview Draft Design Timeline

FALL 2019
Building a Project Vision Together

WINTER/SPRING 2020
Exploring Opportunities

WE ARE HERE

SUMMER/FALL 2020
Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

WINTER 2020/SPRING 2021
Community Feedback on Draft Design



Exploring Opportunities: Update

During January, February and March, we reached out to you to better understand the issues, concerns and opportunities shared with us when we began renewal planning last fall. We also looked for your input to confirm the vision and guiding principles that were created based on public input to guide this project.

Visioning and guiding principles feedback

The vision and guiding principles were drafted with input received from the Pleasantview Visioning Survey (September - October 2019) and the Community Walk and Ideas Workshop (November 2, 2019). The draft

was posted online in February and March 2020, and residents were invited to submit feedback. Thank you to the 23 residents who submitted comments to help us fine-tune these important elements.

Community pop-up events

In February and March, we held pop-up events in the neighbourhood where we collected input about biking and driving/traffic. Input was also submitted via question cards at neighbourhood drop boxes and online. Seventy-nine people attended the pop-up events, 123 comments were received online, and over 40 question cards were received.





What we heard

The following is a summary of what we heard during the Exploring Opportunities phase. All feedback collected is being used to develop design options for improvements and enhancements that will be shared for your feedback during the Exploring Options and Tradeoffs phase in the coming weeks.

While all comments have been reviewed and considered, the following is a brief summary of what we heard most often:

+ Biking

106 Street was noted as a popular route for biking, as is the 60 Avenue connection between 106 Street and 111 Street. Having bike lanes that separate the space for biking from the space for driving is believed to be very important and desired. People have concerns with how bike infrastructure on 106 Street may impact the already narrow road (safety of vehicle traffic) and the congested area in front of Mount Pleasant School (drop-off area, children crossing). They also want the City to consider public parking and delivery zones along bike routes as parking spaces are limited. There is a desire for signage to be kept to a minimum.

+ Driving / Traffic

People would like the rough, uneven roads to be resurfaced. Long wait times were identified at main intersections entering and exiting the community. Vehicle congestion and concern over the safety of children and drivers along 106 Street during student drop-off/pick-up at Mount Pleasant School were highlighted as concerns. Some of the more challenging intersections identified are 109 Street / 60 Avenue, 109 Street / 57 Avenue, and at 105 Street / 55 Avenue. Also identified were 55 Avenue and 56 Avenue as areas where shortcutting is a problem.

A few people said they do not experience traffic issues and/or do not want any changes on neighbourhood roads.

+ Walking

We heard that 107 Street (54 Avenue to 106 Street) and 109 Street (61 Avenue to 52 Avenue) are currently the most used routes for people who walk. Also popular are the connections on 57 Avenue and 60 Avenue between 109 Street and 111 Street, as well as all sidewalks surrounding Mount Pleasant School.

People told us that the 109 Street and 60 Avenue intersection feels wide and unsafe, prompting a desire for the addition of a pedestrian crossing. Some are concerned that widening the sidewalks will take away needed parking and/or road width.

A few comments expressed interest in the addition of a shared-use path along 111 Street.

+ Parks and Playing

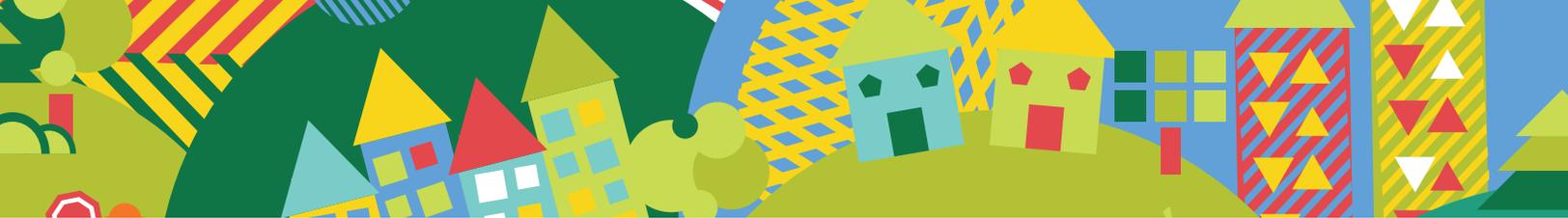
Upgrades to the playground in Angus Murray Park are desired, along with an off-leash dog area in Pleasantview Park or the open space at 105 Street and 55 Avenue.

People would like the neighbourhood as a whole to be more park-like with the addition of more trees and greenery, and seating both in open spaces and along streets.

+ Vision and Guiding Principles

Respondents generally agreed with the draft vision and guiding principles that were co-created with resident input, but some felt that the needs / perspective of people who drive was missing. With this feedback we have made some minor tweaks to the wording. The final vision and principles can be viewed on the project webpage. Project decisions going forward will be informed by the final vision and guiding principles.





Vision & Guiding Principles

The vision and guiding principles for Pleasantview's neighbourhood renewal were drafted with input received from the Pleasantview Visioning Survey (September – October 2019) and the Community Walk and Ideas Workshop (November 2, 2019).

The draft was posted online for feedback in February and March 2020 and modified to result in the final below.

Pleasantview Vision

Pleasantview is a welcoming, friendly neighbourhood with a diversity of residents who are proud to call it home. Pleasantview provides a safe experience for both residents and visitors who move in and through the neighbourhood using all methods of travel.

Pleasantview's neighbourhood design ensures traffic flow is convenient for those who drive. It also connects its residents and creates a strong sense of community by promoting walking, biking, and encourages gathering in safe, attractive and inviting public spaces.

Pleasantview's distinctive tree canopies and natural spaces add to the neighbourhood's charm and appeal.

Guiding Principles

1. Create a safe and enjoyable experience for all who choose to walk.
2. Provide safe, user-friendly roadways and intersections that reduce vehicle speeds and discourage shortcutting.
3. Provide connections to key destinations within and outside of the neighbourhood for those walking, driving and biking.
4. Encourage gathering and enhance the sense of community through improved open and green spaces.
5. Preserve and add to the neighbourhood's natural elements.





Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

We are entering the Exploring Options and Tradeoffs phase of neighbourhood renewal. During this phase, we will be working with you to explore potential options for renewal and discuss how each option may impact the neighbourhood, build an understanding of preferences for tradeoffs, and collect your feedback.

The project team will analyze your input together with the results of technical analysis and City policies, and return with a draft design for your review.

What's being proposed

Based on input received from Pleasantview residents since September 2019, options have been developed for your consideration.

The map shows areas where changes are proposed. Watch for more details online and plan to join our live online events on June 29 and July 15, 2020 when we will explain the design options and answer questions.

Locations of proposed changes



Stay informed and engaged

Live online events

Register now and join our online events where we will share design options followed by a question and answer session with the project team.

Driving and Street Crossings

Monday, June 29, 2020, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Biking and walking

Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Register at edmonton.ca/BuildingPleasantview

Questions?

Ask a question online for the project team to answer.

Share your feedback: June 29 – July 30, 2020

- + **Online**
- + **Paper survey** available for pick up and drop off at neighbourhood drop boxes:
 - + East side of 106 Street & 60 Avenue
 - + Northeast corner of 109 Street & 57 Avenue

Watch for details for when all the proposed options for driving, walking, biking, and parks and playing will be available for viewing online!

No online access?

If you do not have internet access, please contact Chris McMorran, Project Manager at 780-423-1448 or Chris.McMorran@edmonton.ca to arrange for a paper copy of the Options and Tradeoffs, and the survey to be delivered to you.

Stay informed

For more information and to sign up for project updates, go to edmonton.ca/BuildingPleasantview.

For more information:

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