

**Comments from Boulevard Park Meeting #1
at Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Thursday, August 7th, 2008
7 pm**

Neighborhood Boundaries:

(93% agree, 0% disagree, 7% unsure)

Neighborhood Name:

- Boulevard Park

(93% agree, 0% disagree, 7% unsure)

Code Enforcement:

- High Grass
 - Ordinance with the 10inch rule is ineffective
 - 6ft. tall weeds on sides of properties and in front are left alone
 - Process needs revisited
 - Issues of cost/time constraints
- Big issue, How grass/weeds should be taken care of? Guise the vacant properties.
- Owners obligation, not contract/realty responsibility
- Bank title issue
- Neighbors pitching in = success story
(individuals, block watches, and groups)
- Quality of life issues, enforcement issues
 - Fireworks
 - Burning
 - Barking dogs

Trash Receptacles:

- Security/theft
- Who maintains the receptacles?
- Corners only?
- Who would actually use the trash cans?
- Sanitary/pest concerns

(30% agree, 6 per street; 4% agree, more cans; 4% agree, less cans;
56% disagree, no cans; 7% not sure)

Second Poling after more discussion:

(28% agree, 6 per street; 0% agree, more cans; 31% agree, less cans;
38% disagree, no cans; 3% not sure)

Tree Assessment (Median Conditions):

- Curb line – old, dead, grass = unsightly
- No Curbs; Snow plows hitting grass
- Pavement issues
- Car accidents killings trees in the medians
- Foundations/grants to fund flower and landscaping projects
- Neighborhood success such as landscaping along Fifth Avenue

(Need Improvements: 93% agree, 0% disagree, 7% unsure)

Tree Assessment (Tree Lawn Conditions):

- Variety of trees
- Rush Blvd. dead tree removal
- Greater need for attention/funds
- Dead tree safety issues for children/pedestrians

Tree Lawn Corner Design Options:

- Concrete with planter for corner lots
- Brick on corner (as opposed to concrete)
- Concern of traffic cutting the corners & ruining design choice

(50% concrete, 17% grass, 33% landscaped)

Second poling after more options discussed:

(14% concrete, 34% brick, 7% grass, 10% landscaping, 34% hard surface with planter)

Crosswalks:

- Pavers can be made by donation /dedication
- Strong agreement to crosswalk change

(75% agree (with final design decision later), 4% disagree, 21% unsure)

Signage:

- 7th Ward Sign Project
- How much protection/rights do citizens have in removing unsightly weeds/sign posts etc.?

(Signage Upgrades: 100% agree (with final design decision for gateway design later), 0% disagree, 0% unsure)

Question: Apply for Historic District?

(93% agree, 0% disagree, 7% unsure)

2010 Future Land Use:

(46% agree, 42% disagree, 12% unsure)

Neighborhood Group:

- Re-energizing neighborhood group - early September or after 2nd planning meeting

Other Comments:

- Gas company replacement line
- Gas well @ Pleasant Grove