

**PUBLIC FORUM COMMENTS – CENTRAL HILLSIDE  
GRANT RECREATION CENTER  
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## CENTRAL HILLSIDE

Safety Issues for seniors and disabled persons residing in Tri-Towers, King Manor & Grandview Manor, and in other area rental properties

- Need for security cameras
- More Lighting
- Outdoor trash cans
- Panhandling, alcohol, and drug use on the streets
- Traffic control – speeding is an issue –  
Less one-way, more two-way streets  
Driver use of cell phones – traffic problems  
Electric car issue – can't be heard – real problem for sight impaired persons,  
sound activated lights would help  
Speeding on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue East from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Re-pair 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East from 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
The traffic lights on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues East stay on too long. It is hard for pedestrians to get across the street.  
Enforce parking regulations - too close to curb – for pedestrians and cars  
Kids play on 4<sup>th</sup> Street near 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Ave East – potential for car / pedestrian accident.  
Illegal skateboarding on streets and avenues - safety issue  
Need for bike lanes – safety issue
- Need for Crosswalks – especially from Grandview Manor to the Rainbow Center.  
Pedestrian education – obey lights  
Start education in schools

Absentee Landlords – property maintenance issue

Provide Incentives for landlords to improve outside of rentals

Pet droppings – need enforcement – owners not picking up

Enforce Lawn and snow maintenance for all properties – Rental, Homeowners and Businesses too - Many sidewalks and areas were not accessible by foot during the past winter.

More Parking Needed – especially at the Rainbow Center. (Serves 9,000 persons per month). Parking – free ramps after 6 – need more parking for Tri-towers specifically

Funding for Rainbow Center programs – which provides many core services in the neighborhood, some participants commute to the center and are not limited to just seniors. (serves 9,000 persons per month- includes youth, First Prebyterian and Copeland youth, and disabled)

Provide Storefront Improvement program for businesses along 4<sup>th</sup> Street

There is a need for an affordable dinner program for persons under 60 years at the Rainbow Center (now must pay \$6.50, which twice what the seniors pay). While an alternative would be to go to the Damiano or the Mission, persons at the Rainbow Center are reluctant to do so.

Nettleton School Re-use

- affordable housing is needed, especially for families and job training site

## **EAST HILLSIDE**

- Light pollution – new/no shielding – direct light to ground - “Don’t need to light the night sky.”
- Properties that are blighted
- Roadside/yard trash – refuse  
Let’s find a creative campaign to address this . . . Campaign to “give a hoot”  
Talk to landlords to monitor rental property  
NHS could help to organize cleanup efforts – Youth Employment Services  
Lack of snow shoveling is also an issue – safety
- Crime safety – Youth Programming  
Need more organization – Parks/Rec . . . involvement  
Grant Collaborative – at Nettleton and Grant  
Grant School will be closed for renovations in June  
Foundation funds are needed to supplement Public Service funding  
Longer hours to allow youth to access library services

- Door-to-door campaign for foreclosed properties – LISC/CAD  
Targeted foreclosure prevention activities
- Transportation – Jump Start
- Lack of access to computers  
School – “Community” school concept  
Seed money to set it up
- More “green” along 4<sup>th</sup> Street business corridor
- Traffic calming on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East – reclaim the avenue  
Create boulevard with median/setback sidewalks  
Make the hills one-way up

## **LINCOLN PARK**

- Low quality rental housing, but high rents in Duluth
- Housing on Superior Street in the Lincoln Park Business District – has no place for kids to play except the basketball court under freeway. There are lots of kids, with no access to play areas.
- Lincoln Park Business District is looking better!
- Seaway is an issue
- Grocery store missing in neighborhood. Could really use a store, like a “Save A Lot”
- Need to increase “Community” feel in Lincoln Park. Good job in organizing residents to fighting crime, but more than that is needed to pull people together.
- How about organizing NNO?
- Make the actual Lincoln Park more friendly for families. Suggestions included “Movies in the Park” or “Music Nights”, family events that promote use of the park
- Clean-up to involve neighborhood participation

- Use churches/space for events, i.e., summer carnival
- Lack of bus service on holidays – for example, couldn't attend Memorial Day Parade because buses don't run that day.
- New Buys & Girls Club in Heritage Center is going to be a great asset.
- Need to support youth recreation/families
- "BBQ" night – community grill – this would be especially welcomed by people living in apartments
- Improve area under freeway – more options than skate park
- Need for computer access – growing need for people without a home computer.

### **6th Avenue East Comments**

- There needs to be a safe place to cross near 7th Street- people don't go down to 4th Street or up to 9th- they try to run across around 7th Street (especially near the ICO Gas Station/Convenience Store)
- There should be some work done to control the runoff in this area as well (rain gardens), and possibly address the underground stream. A potential spot could be near the intersection of 8th Street.
- Speeds need to be reduced. People really exceed the speed limit going down the hill.
- There should be focused business development and infill near the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> St and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

## ATTENDANCE

Sue Dumas, Rainbow Center  
Cathie McGowan, Rainbow Center  
Heidi Curnow, Rainbow Center  
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Jennifer Baumann, CDC  
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Nan Stubenvoll, LISC  
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Sarah Chambers, Rainbow Center  
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Larry Sharp, East Hillside  
Pat Hanson, East Hillside  
Jeff Corey, Northern CLT  
Beverly Paaso, Rainbow Senior Center  
Renette Grace, citizen  
Clair Dethmes, citizen  
Dave Schaeffer, Chester Park/YMCA  
Mary Gustafson, Rainbow Center  
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