

Neighborhood Survey (GC 5 Summary)

City-Parish Planning Commission

This survey will assist the Planning Commission as a guide for future growth and development in your neighborhood. Please answer the following questions as they relate to planning and land use issues. Neighborhood refers to the general area in which you live, but not necessarily the legal boundaries of a subdivision or complex. Your opinions and experiences as related to the following issues will aid the City-Parish Planning Commission in planning for your area.

Please answer the following questions:

1. What subdivision do you live in? _____
2. What street do you live on? _____
3. What is the nearest major intersection? _____

Unless otherwise specified, please circle the most appropriate answer.

4. How do you and your family members travel to work, school, and other places within your neighborhood? (Circle all that apply)

a) automobile	98%
b) bus/transit	6%
c) bicycle	10%
d) walking	15%
e) other _____	
5. Is there an adequate walking or cycling path in your neighborhood? Yes 65% No 35%
6. Would any of the following increase your desire to walk/cycle in your neighborhood? (Circle all that apply)

a) improved lighting along sidewalks	24%
b) improved sidewalks	47%
c) pedestrian and bicycle pathways	69%
d) pedestrian crosswalks	33%
e) sidewalk ramps for disabled access	8%
7. Is there a need to slow traffic on local streets in your neighborhood for pedestrian safety?

Yes 72%	No 28%
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8. Do you (and your family) use the neighborhood park(s) located near you?

a) all the time	6%
b) frequently	18%
c) once in a while	37%
d) never (Skip to question 11)	21%
e) There is no park near my neighborhood.	18%
9. How do you access this park? (Circle all that apply)

a) walk	23%
b) bicycle	21%
c) drive	55%
d) ride transit	0%
e) other _____	
10. Does this park meet your recreational needs? Yes 90% No 10%
11. Are there vacant properties within your neighborhood? (If no, skip question 12)

Yes 57%	No 43%
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12. In your opinion, should the vacant property in your neighborhood be:

a) developed as single family housing	86%
b) developed as apartments	0%
c) developed as office space	6%
d) developed as retail space	0%
e) other _____	8%
13. In general, should commercial development be concentrated:

a) at major intersections	23%
b) along major streets	62%
c) integrated with residential uses	15%

14. Are there land use activities within your neighborhood that do not fit with the surrounding activities? For example, an auto body shop surrounded by single family homes may not be an acceptable activity in a residential neighborhood. (If No, skip question 15) Yes 15% No 85%
15. Please specify where the unacceptable land use activities are located (i.e. street and block number or nearest intersection).
 a) _____
 b) _____
 c) _____
16. Is noise pollution an issue in your neighborhood? Yes 25% No 75%
17. Is flooding an issue in your neighborhood? Yes 31% No 69%
18. Are you willing to support regulations and restrictions on development in areas prone to flooding within your neighborhood? Yes 94% No 6%
19. Is there a need to regulate the quality and quantity of signs in your neighborhood? Yes 41% No 59%
20. Are there parking problems in your neighborhood? Yes 12% No 88%
21. If major traffic problems occur in your neighborhood, please list the intersection closest to where the traffic problems occur.
 a) Perkins at Lee (Example)
 b) _____ at _____
 c) _____ at _____
22. To relieve traffic problems the City-Parish will occasionally widen streets in and around neighborhoods. If the City-Parish wanted to widen a street near you, what would your reaction be?
 a) It's about time! 46%
 b) It would be ok as long as it was not a major change. 34%
 c) No way, widen someone else's street. 18%
 d) Other _____ 2%

If you had a particular street in mind when you answered the above question please list it here:

23. Based on your personal experience, how satisfied are you with your neighborhood?
 (Circle the number that represents your answer)
 KEY: VS – Very Satisfied; S – Satisfied; U – Uncertain; D – Dissatisfied; VD – Very Dissatisfied

	VS	S	U	D	VD	AVERAGE
Location of housing	1	2	3	4	5	1.3
Diversity of housing types	1	2	3	4	5	1.7
Quality of commercial activity	1	2	3	4	5	2.2
Location of commercial activity	1	2	3	4	5	2.3
Location of parks and green space	1	2	3	4	5	2.6
Cycling and pedestrian facilities	1	2	3	4	5	3.6
Traffic movement	1	2	3	4	5	3.2
Availability of transit service	1	2	3	4	5	2.9
Visual quality of neighborhood	1	2	3	4	5	2.0
Safety	1	2	3	4	5	2.3

24. Finally, if there are any unattractive, blighted or “run-down” areas where you live please list them below. If possible, give specific addresses.

a) _____
 b) _____
 c) _____

Thank you for your participation. The information you have provided will assist the Planning Commission in our efforts to improve the quality of your neighborhood. We encourage you to join us at Public Meetings in your area. Please contact the Planning Commission for the time, date and location of our public meetings.

Please return completed surveys to:

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You may also find and complete the neighborhood survey on our web page
 Web Address: <http://www.brgov.com/dept/planning/survey.htm>