

Comments from Four Door-to-Door Conversations

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Interviews from neighborhood around BLC, 11.10.24. Participants: Pastor Paul, John Halsted, and Sherri Helman.

Needs of your neighborhood:

Interviewee 1: Too new to the area to say. New home owner of only several weeks. Household consists of interviewee and possibly a significant other.

Interviewee 2: The household does not know neighbors. Not too familiar with community needs. A mother and three daughters live here.

Interviewee 3: Two adults live in this dwelling, no children. Have lived in the neighborhood for about 2-1/2 years. Would like to see the lots across the street remain undeveloped. Not real familiar with the neighbors. Resident and his wife like Halloween and would like to see more children trick or treating at their home.

Interviewee 4: Senior citizen living in this dwelling. She seems comfortable and is pretty familiar with immediate neighbors. She remembered the previous visits that were made during the last BLC visioning process.

What might BLC offer that may be beneficial as we look ahead living in this community together?

Interviewee 1: Young man interested in developing self sustained communities. These would consist of affordable small houses in a community of small shops and support businesses making the community independent. Also interested in creation care and being a good steward of environment. Shared ideas of green space and gardens to be incorporated onto flat roofs which would help to balance the eco system. He also seems to be a spiritual man, grandson of a pastor, currently on a spiritual journey. He talked freely of what he is experiencing. He would like to see a convenience store type of business go in where the Burger King is on the corner of Front and Garfield.

Interviewee 2: Possible a neighborhood special event pulling neighbors together to help them get better acquainted.

Interviewee 3: Would like to get to know neighbors better. He is a member of the Unitarian Church on the peninsula. He is also a scout leader and eager to get more children active in the scouting programs. Talked about the possibility of the neighborhood hosting a "Free Cycle" type of event whereby items are put out much like a garage sale but there is NO CHARGE. Everything is Free! He also talked about BOOM (Bottom of Old Mission) a neighborhood group that works to better their community. As per BLC's address, the church may be a part of this regional group.

Interviewee 4: Talked about neighbors, simply explaining who surrounds her. A neighbor who is 94 lives next door and the interviewee keeps an eye on her and does light shopping for her. Both the interviewee and the neighbor have daughters that come periodically to assist them. Use of

Comfort Keepers has also been utilized. There was no need that she shared. She is a member of New Hope Community Church in Williamsburg.

Overall impressions:

We were well received at all four of these homes.
Conversations were relaxed and unhurried as people took their time.
Folks were friendly and hospitable.
The experience was pleasant...even in the rain!

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