

JWN survey results

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During August and September, 2006, a survey was distributed to all JWN residents, posted on the JWN Web site and handed out at the September general meeting. The survey asked residents to rate each of a list of “aspirations” and “concerns on the following scale:

There were 68 responses, which are summarized below.

- 0 or blank – Not important
- 1 – Minor
- 2 – Moderate
- 3 – Very important

The survey also included space for the respondent to list and rate up to three additional aspirations or concerns.

There were 68 surveys, of which 13 were for two people. Thus, a total of 81 JWN residents completed the survey.

To produce an aggregate ranking, a normalized score was assigned each item’s rating so that all surveys were weighted equally. Essentially, each survey response was allocated 100 points for “Aspirations” and 100 points for “Concerns”, and these points were distributed proportionally within each of the two categories according to the ratings in that survey response. (This approach avoided a survey that rated all items “3” having more weight in the rankings than a survey that rated all items “2”.)

In the tables on the following pages, below the number of responses (out of 68 surveys) that rated an item “Very Important” is also listed. These correlate closely with the rankings.

In summary, the results showed the following top issues.

Rank	Top Aspirations	Top Concerns
1.	Increasing the number of trees in the neighborhood	Impacts from inappropriate infill
2.	Enhancing Amazon Canal environment (e.g., near Fairgrounds)	Drug dealing
3.	Enhancing the Blair & Monroe area as a neighborhood focal point	(tie) Property crimes (house break-ins, car bashing) Poorly-managed rental properties (property maintenance, noise, etc.)

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Detailed results.

ASPIRATIONS

Aspiration	Rank	Points	“Very Important” Nbr. Of responses
Increasing the number of trees in the neighborhood	1	15.5	26
Enhancing Amazon Canal environment (e.g., near Fairgrounds)	2	15.1	20
Enhancing the Blair & Monroe area as a neighborhood focal point	3	14.3	16
Additional children’s activities in the neighborhood parks	4	13.2	14
Expanding community activities and events at the Kaufman Center (on Jefferson)	5	12.1	7
Expanding multi-cultural activities and events	6	11.5	8
Additional adult activities (please suggest specific ones below)	7	8.2	4

Additional aspirations

Rating	Aspiration
3	Better working relationship with planning dept. If neighborhoods were respected and voices were heard and listened to, it would be a more productive and enjoyable experience for everyone. They are our Planning Dept. and we are their citizens so we kind of need to find a way to work together.
3	car thefts and bike thefts seem to be escalating., something to help with this????
3	Decrease presence of obnoxious, offensive and aggressive individuals who pass through our neighborhood insulting and disturbing residents.
3	Develop strong cooperative relationship with city planning authorities.
3	Encouraging respect for our neighborhoods by not littering and not causing too much air or noise pollution.
3	Establish dog park within walking distance of neighborhood.
3	I have been reading in your newsletter and in the paper about the zoning and housing issue of our neighborhoods. There are apartments going in quite close to us and I don't believe they have checked or are interested in keeping one with this neighborhood. They are two story and have ruined the privacy of one neighbor's backyard. He is literally now surrounded with apartment complexes. I applaud whatever you can do to continue to work on this area.
3	I would like to have some meetings devoted to discussing neighborhood preparedness for emergencies (like cut-offs of electricity) and cooperative food production.
3	I would like to see the field areas behind the fairgrounds which are city, county, and army core of engineer controlled or owned become designated open space. It is very important for me as a neighbor to have a "natural" space to be in and look at the night sky (what you can see over light pollution). Ideally, this would be in conjunction with "naturalizing" the Amazon canal (planting native species, perhaps letting the field side of the canal be a more natural flood plain, encouraging wildlife, a foot trail along the canal.)
3	increased safety
3	Intensive, high-density housing ends up ghettoizing neighborhoods, creating congestion and ruining the quality of life. Yet it is continually forced upon cities by planners who wish to prove their purity of heart at the expense of people who have to live with their projects; while the planners themselves invariably live in large ranch houses on large lots. This "new urbanist" strategy has wrecked Portland...do we want to follow the same path?
3	keep the prostitution out of the 'hood
3	More bulletin boards. There used to be bulletin boards all over Eugene and they have gone the way of mailboxes.
3	My top priority for this neighborhood is getting infill standards that will result in new buildings fitting in with the character of the neighborhood and not damaging the livability.
3	Other top priority is for our neighborhood and the City as a whole -- for the downtown area to get healthy, have actual businesses, restaurants, & stores to visit downtown and, most of all for it to be pleasant and safe to visit.
3	Plan for future changes in JWN's role citywide. Examine questions such as "what is likely to change in our neighborhood and how do we want to prepare for that

	change?"
3	Public Safety- policing, theft, litter, junkies
3	slowing down traffic on Olive and on 17th. Ave.
3	Stop putting in roundabouts. They are expensive, need to be maintained, school buses and fire trucks can't get around them.
3	Stop the in fill because parking is already at a minimum and it looks bad.
3	Take care of what we have. Paint the sign and the shelter at Charnel Muligan Park. Trim the bushes so drug users won't feel like it is their hideout. Yes, we have found a drug syringe in said bushes.
2	Better pedestrian and bike connection to Whitaker neighborhood along Blair St (i.e. across 6th and 7th). Possibilities include an overpass or tunnel, wider sidewalks with a buffer or barrier at the curb, longer and/or more frequent cross lights, and clear bike lanes.
2	cross-walk at 17th/wil.
2	Decrease traffic noise from 6th, 7th and Chambers streets.
2	I think we have a good neighborhood, some places need more care, and I'm against putting more houses and apartments on back yards and alleys.
2	preserve neighborhood as desired place to live
2	Repaving Broadway from Jefferson east to downtown. While this isn't within JWN, it is our bicycle route to downtown.
2	Work with fairgrounds to enhance the "cut-through" paths connecting Monroe to 15th.
	A neighborhood fair at which nonprofits could recruit participants and volunteers
	I find "free stuff" (read: garbage) boxes on the corners that just look like stuff that people are too lazy to take to the dump! I would like a 'one day limit' for such offerings!
	Web site could be a way for residents to share tools, trade skills, etc. and in the process get to know each other. Sort of a mini Craigs List for our neighborhood.
	would love to get just e-mail of newsletter and not paper

CONCERNS

Concern	Rank	Points	“Very Important” Nbr. Of responses
Impacts from inappropriate infill	1	13.0	55
Drug dealing	2	10.8	38
Property crimes (house break-ins, car bashing)	3	9.5	35
Poorly-managed rental properties (property maintenance, noise, etc.)	4	9.4	35
Traffic through neighborhood (e.g., speed, volume; please indicate streets, below)	5	8.9	27
Safety in neighborhood parks	6	8.7	31
Personal safety (e.g., walking on neighborhood streets)	7	7.4	18
Impacts from Faith Center expansion	8	6.7	16
Impacts from Lane County Fairgrounds	9	6.6	16
Noise (e.g., from traffic, train whistles, etc. ; please indicate specific causes below)	10	6.3	14
Street prostitution	11	5.9	14
Impacts from social service sites located in the JWN (please indicate specific sites)	12	3.9	5

Additional concerns

Rating	Concern
3	15th and Charnelton stop sign - problem with car and cyclist/pedestrian conflicts.
3	A bed and Breakfast has opened up across the street. This is causing multiple problems for us. Parking is an ongoing problem. Extra traffic the same. Street is filled with vehicles. People come and go at all times of day and night. Construction has been going on for 3 years, possibly for another 2-3 years. We are forced to look at the yard which has now become a cross between a dump and a construction site. Trucks, heavy equipment are prevalent. We have been forced to spend \$\$ to buy plants to create a screen to mitigate the impacts of this blight on the quality of home life. Noise is a constant and HUGE problem. There has been a deterioration in the sanctity of our home.
3	abandoned, unlicensed vehicles/trailers on streets and property
3	As I've indicated, my main concern is the City's lack of preparation for Peak Oil. We have to prepare on our own, and for apt. dwellers w/o land that leads to ideas of getting to know neighbors and working together -- maybe trying to establish more neighborhood garden areas. Also concerns about water and sanitation if electricity is lacking.
3	Bicycles riding on the sidewalk at unsafe speeds.
3	Housing prices are unaffordable.
3	Impacts from neighborhood stores selling alcohol to intoxicated patrons.
3	Infill is killing this neighborhood. It must be stopped. Why not build an apartment building on the corner of "nodal" W. 11th and Chambers. Or anywhere along Chambers that would increase density w/o impacting the neighborhood's quality.
3	noisy motorized two-wheeled vehicles that somehow can ignore formal licensing and insurance
3	Social services- congregation of youths in Monroe Park from Church at Monroe and 8th.
3	Traffic concerns on Polk between 7th and 11th.
3	unkempt/unsightly yards
2	Installing bike lanes along Polk St to create a safe north/south connector to the river and Friendly.
2	people camping and sleeping in cars near and around Charnel-Mulligan park
2	We have a raccoon problem. LARGE raccoons. Don't know if anyone else is having this problem but it likely stems from garbage that is being left in driveways, etc. Any suggestions to keep raccoon population down?
1	It just irritates me, but I really hate it when people just throw things out on their parking strip when they don't want it anymore. They don't even bother to put a Free sign on them even, they just heave it out there. It's really an eye-sore
	I would like to feel as a neighborhood that we were all using our cars less and less. Would be wonderful to have reminders or incentives or...?
	The intersection at 17th and Willamette is very dangerous
	Why is West of Chambers rated R-1 and we are rated R 2?
	Would love to feel that neighbors are thinking about/working on sustainability-- growing food, collecting water, solar energy, more efficient energy usage, etc