

Grant Beach

Community With A Pioneer Spirit

Neighborhood Assessment Report

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VISION 20/20 and NEIGHBORHOOD ASSESSMENTS

The Vision 20/20 Neighborhoods Plan, a portion of the Springfield/Greene County Comprehensive Plan, was adopted on July 10, 2000. The Neighborhoods Plan outlines objectives and actions that Springfield and Greene County will pursue to stabilize or improve existing neighborhoods and to create sustainable attractive new neighborhoods. The Neighborhoods Assessment process was adopted by City Council in order to implement a portion of the Neighborhoods Plan. Specifically, the Assessment process implements the Plan by:

Allowing local residents to create an "Assessment of neighborhood condition." Helping local residents to identify where "Targeted neighborhood improvements" are needed. Identifying where "Housing services" and "Housing assistance" programs are desired.

Springfield's Neighborhood Assessments process mirrors a public input process developed and utilized by the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

With assistance from City staff, residents, business representatives and people who work in local institutions provided input at the Grant Beach Neighborhood Evaluation Workshop. These community members mapped their community, and identified assets and priority issues in their neighborhood.

Grant Beach Neighborhood Assessment



PRIORITIES

Residents of the Grant Beach area named the following as their priority issues:

1. Continue neighborhood clean-up.
2. Encourage rental rehabilitation.
3. Keep the neighborhood substation open in evenings / consistent Police presence.
4. Establish a neighborhood watch - for drugs & shootings.
5. Create "safe houses" for kids.
6. Promote neighborhood volunteerism.
7. Keep children off streets.
8. Deal with traffic signals at Chestnut & Broadway (signal is too slow for traffic on Broadway).
9. Interact with children in the neighborhood.
10. Find funding for youth sports (sponsors and adult volunteers).
11. Solicit advice on home rehabilitation / improvements from neighborhood businesses.
12. Restrict the number of dogs and cats per home.



Continuing neighborhood clean-up was the top priority for the neighborhood, collecting an overwhelming majority of votes.

CHART NOTES

Neighborhood Slogans

The attendees listed several slogans to describe their neighborhood. The slogans helped the participants to identify how they viewed their community.

The selected slogan:

Community With A Pioneer Spirit

Other suggested slogans:

- Character, Community, Diversity
- Pioneers With A Purpose
- Working For A Better Tomorrow



Participants work together to create slogan for their neighborhood.

STEP 1: FACTS ABOUT MY NEIGHBORHOOD

The data presented at the Assessment was from the 1990 and 2000 Census and the Police Department, Building Development Services and the Planning & Development Department's Housing and Redevelopment Section. Below are the facts the participants said were surprising or noteworthy. (See the neighborhood assessment workbook for more detail.)

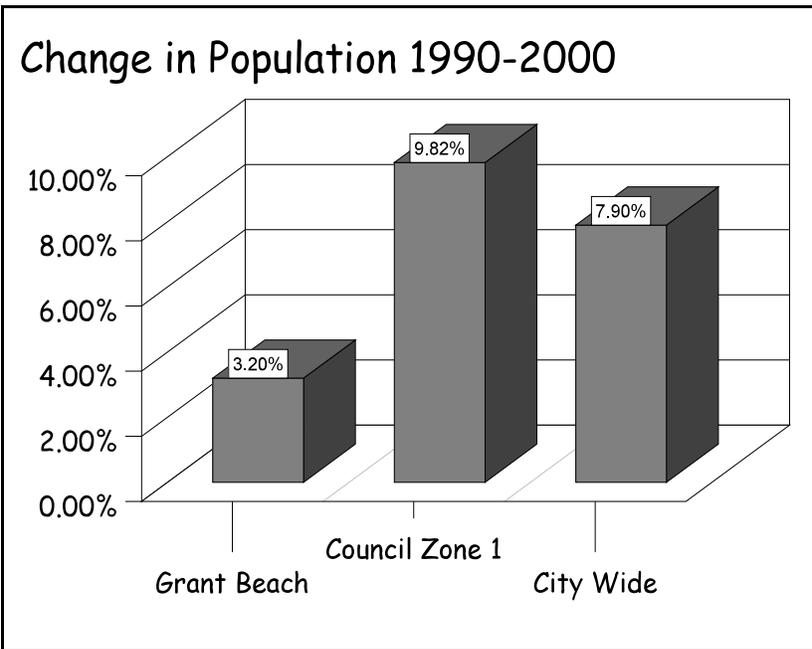
- Rental percentage not as high as expected.
- Could be contributor/indicator of higher percent of poverty.
- Concern with data 1990 being old.*
- Crime is expected to increase in 2002.
- Wonder why there is higher crime in Grant Beach?
- Grant Beach comprised majority of calls for service for City.

*NOTE: At the time of the Neighborhood Assessment Workshop, much of the 2000 Census data for Grant Beach was unavailable. Since that time the applicable data has been released and incorporated into this document.



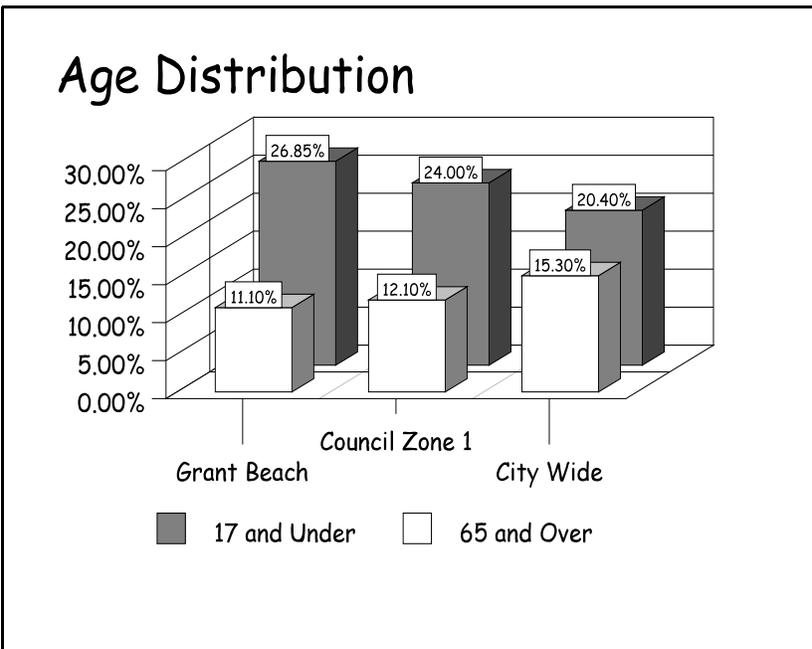
Council members Mary Collette and Denny Whyne attended the assessment workshop. The participation of City Council members and City staff enhanced the workshop process.

POPULATION



In 2000, there were 4,639 persons living in Grant Beach. Between 1990 and 2000, the population in Grant Beach increased by 3.20%. By comparison, the population increased in Council Zone 1 by 9.82% and in the City by 7.90%.

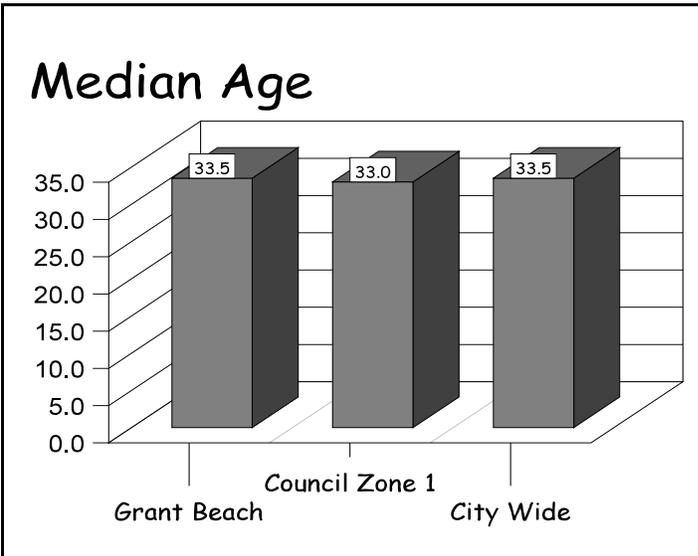
2000 Census



The percentage of people under age 17 in Grant Beach is 26.85% and 11.10% are over the age of 64. By comparison, Council Zone 1 has 24.00% under age 17 and 12.10% over age 65. City wide 20.40% are under age 17 and 15.30% are over age 65.

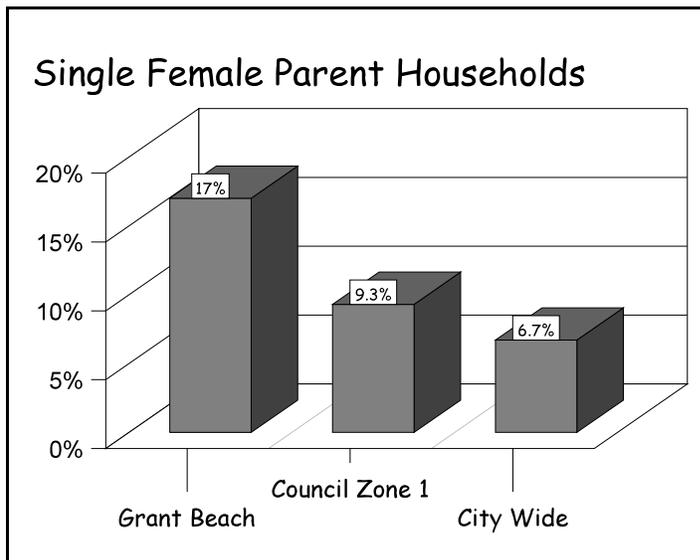
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POPULATION



2000 Census

In Grant Beach, the median age is 33.5, which means that half of the people in your neighborhood are younger than 33.5, and half are older than 33.5. In Council Zone 1, the median age is 33, and city wide it is 33.5.

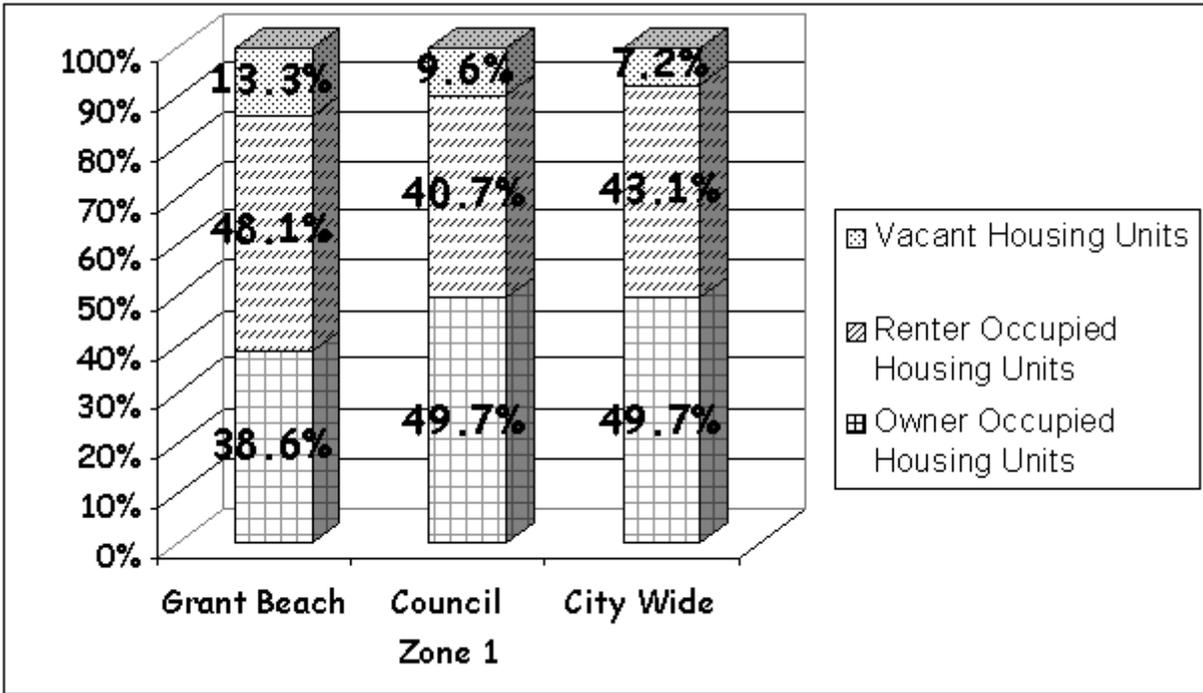


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The percentage of single female parent households (with children under 18 years of age) in Grant Beach is 17%. This compares with 9.3% in Council Zone 1 and 6.7% city wide.

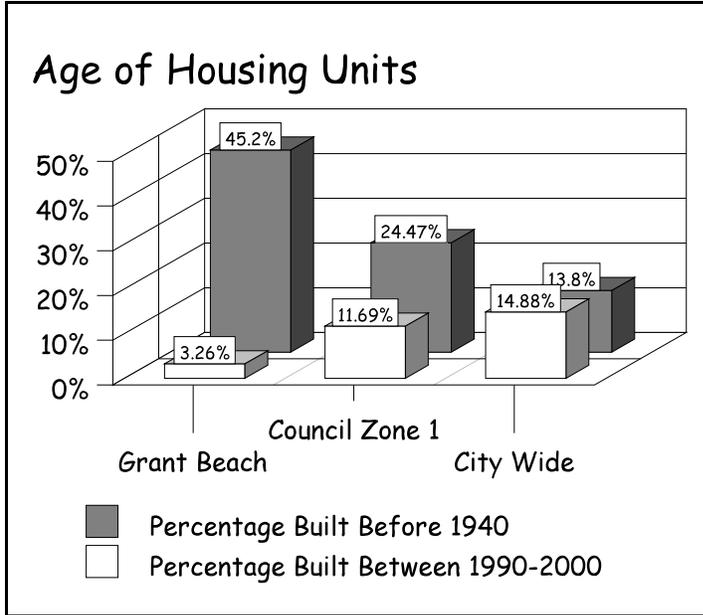
HOUSING OCCUPANCY

A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home or trailer, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied as a separate living quarters, or, if vacant, is intended for occupancy as a separate living quarters.



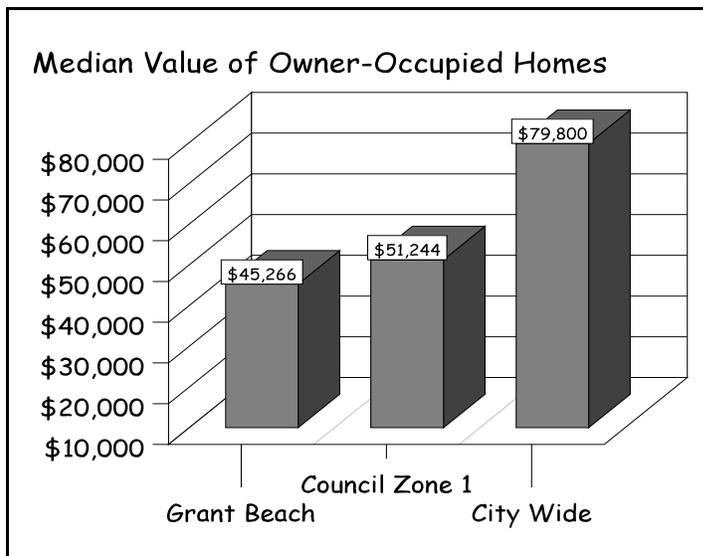
The housing in the Grant Beach Neighborhood is composed of 38.65 owner occupied, 48.1% renter occupied, and 13.3% vacant housing. The percentage of owner occupied housing is an average of 10% higher than that of Council Zone 1 and the city as a whole which are both 49.7%. As a result, the percentages of rental housing and vacant housing in your neighborhood are relatively higher than that of Council Zone 1 and city wide.

HOUSING



The percentage of housing units in Grant Beach built before 1940 is 45.2%. This compares with 24.47% in Council Zone 1 and 13.8% city wide. In addition, the percentage of housing units built in Grant Beach between 1990 and 2000 is 3.26%. This compares with 11.69% in Council Zone 1 and 14.88% city wide.

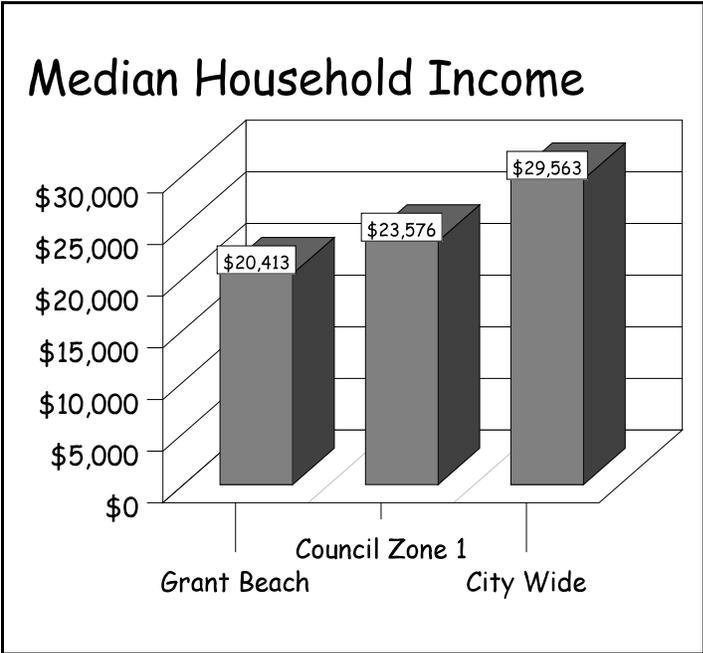
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In Grant Beach, the median value of an owner-occupied home is \$45,266. This means that half of the owner-occupied homes in the neighborhood are valued at more than \$45,266, and half are valued for less. The median value of owner-occupied homes in Council Zone 1 is \$51,244 and city wide is \$79,800.

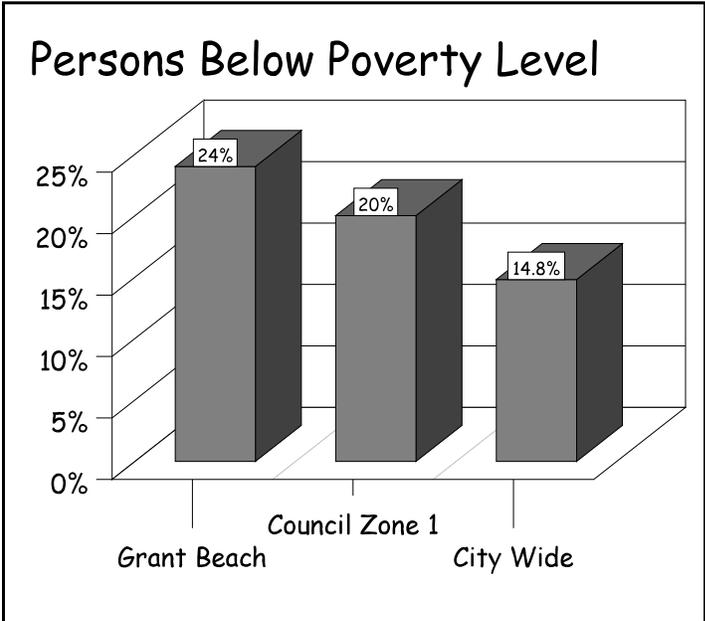
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INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT



The median household income in Grant Beach is \$20,413, which means that half of the households in the neighborhood have incomes of more than \$20,413 and half have less. This compares with median household incomes of \$23,576 in Council Zone 1 and \$29,563 city wide.

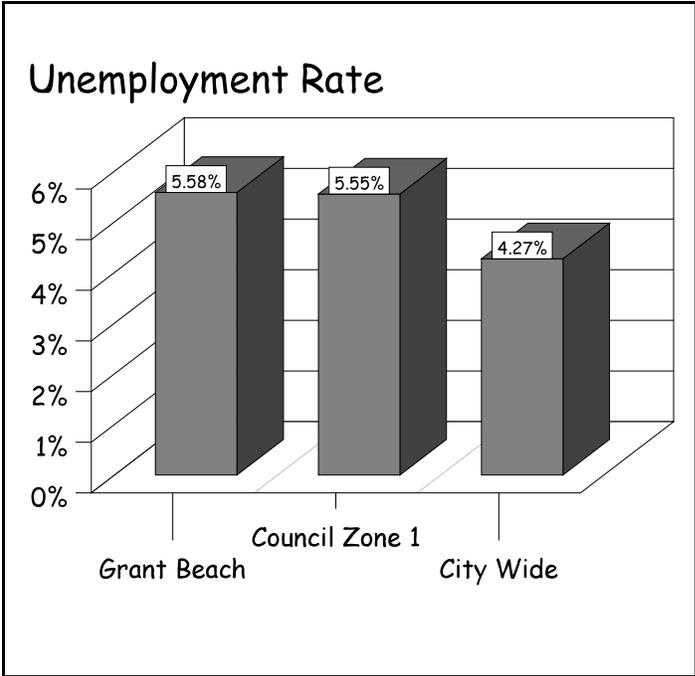
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Poverty level is based on the income, age and number of people in the household. The percentage of persons living below the poverty level in Grant Beach is 24%. This compares to 20% in Council Zone 1 and 14.8% city wide.

2000 Census

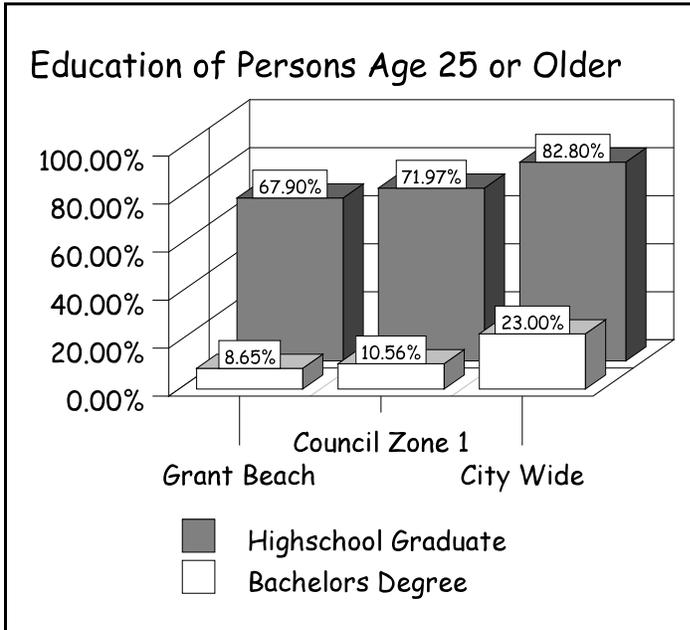
INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT



In Grant Beach, 5.58% of persons are unemployed. In Council Zone 1, the percentage is 5.55%, and city wide the percentage is 4.27%.

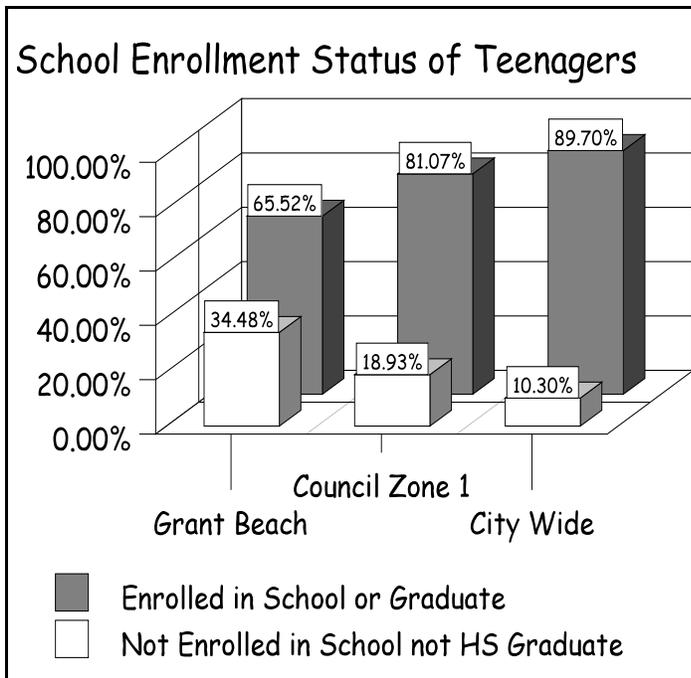
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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



Information shows highest level of educational attainment by persons 25 years of age or older. The percentage of persons within Grant Beach who have attained a high school diploma as their highest level of education is 67.90%. In Council Zone 1, it is 71.97% and 82.80% city wide.

2000 Census



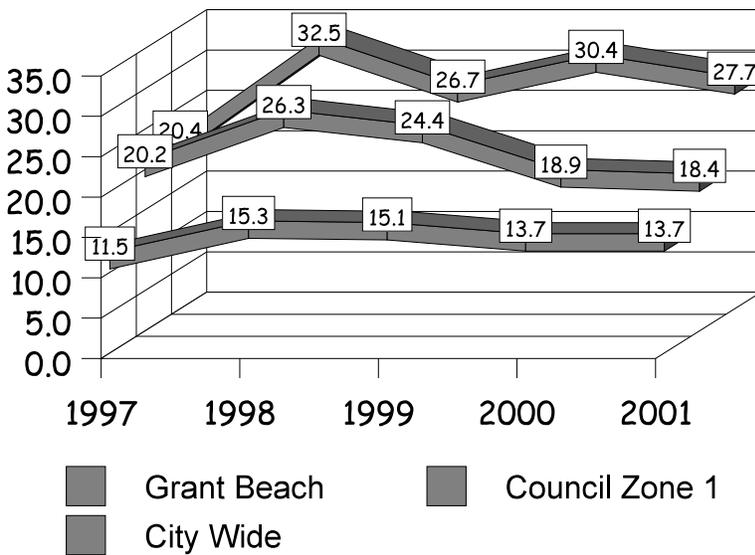
The percentage of teenagers within Grant Beach who are enrolled in school or have graduated is 65.52%. In Council Zone 1 it is 81.07% and 89.70% city wide.

2000 Census

REPORTS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Reports of criminal activity have been compiled from the year 1997 to 2001 for comparison with your neighborhood, Council Zone 1, and the city as a whole. These reports include calls for service to the Police Department for the following activities: assault, drugs, general disturbances, noise disturbance, loud parties and residential burglaries. The chart below reflects the number of calls for police service per 100 people in each area.

Reports of Criminal Activity - Grant Beach
Number of Calls Per 100 People



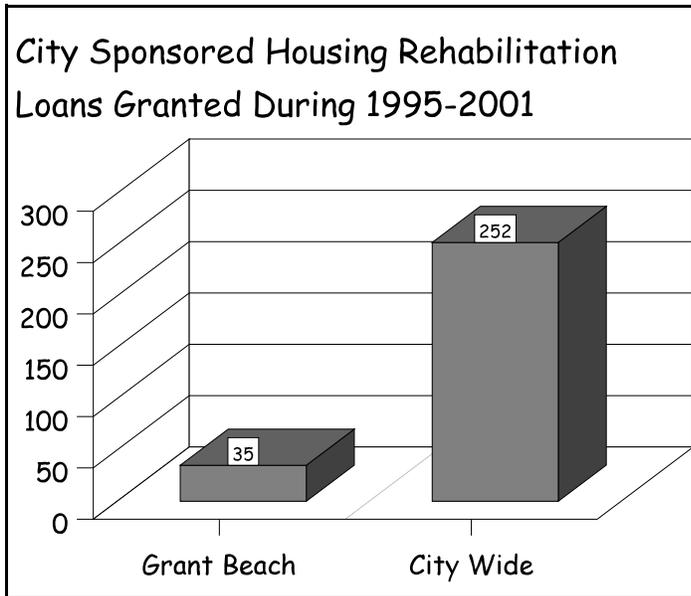
The Grant Beach neighborhood shows a higher concentration of police service calls than Council Zone 1 and the city as a whole over the last five years. 1997 marks the lowest number of reported crimes for Grant Beach followed by a sharp increase in all areas in 1998. Reports of criminal activity remain steady in the years following 1998 but do not mirror the decrease experienced by Council Zone 1 and the city as a whole.

Types of activities are: assault, drugs, general disturbances, noise disturbance, loud parties and residential burglaries.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Housing Rehabilitation Loans

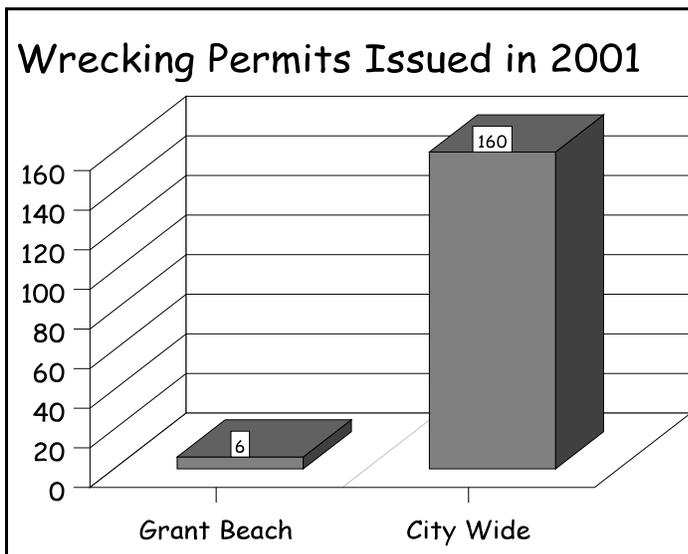
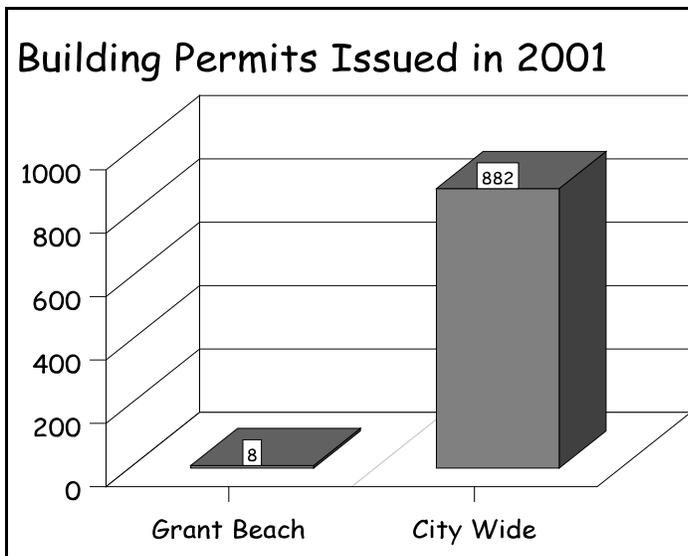
Housing rehabilitation loans granted by the city include low-interest loans for the renovation of owner-occupied homes, and low-interest loans for the rehabilitation of rental properties. This information was retrieved from the City of Springfield, Department of Planning & Development, Grants and Program Implementation Division.



DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Building and Wrecking Permits

Building permits are issued by the city for activities including the construction of new buildings, additions to existing buildings, remodeling, damage repair, etc. Wrecking permits are issued for any type of demolition activity - whether for part of a structure or an entire structure. This information was retrieved from the City of Springfield, Department of Building Development Services.



STEP 2: MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS

Workshop participants identified how they experience their neighborhood, and considered those things they want to protect, preserve or enhance. They thought about the landmarks, paths, activity centers, districts, edges or barriers, and features. These were noted on a wall map.

- Landmarks — significant physical objects, like buildings or signs
- +++ Paths — routes people use to get places
- Activity centers — gathering places to do some activity
- Districts — areas of recognizable character
- \\ Edges or barriers — a limit or boundary that prevents people from enjoying the neighborhood or something in it
- Features — things people like and would like to preserve or enhance

Landmarks:

- Fairbanks School
- Grant Beach Park
- Pipkin Middle School
- Weaver School
- Franciscan Villa
- Railroad Buildings & Diesel Grain Elevator Shop
- St. Joseph
- Corner Grocery NE Broadway & Nichols
- Jordan Creek
- Bailey School
- Gospel Publishing House (used to be ball park)
- Price Cutter
- Womacks
- Youth Center at Broadway & Franklin

Districts:

- Historical Areas

Edges or Barriers:

- Chestnut Expressway
- Railroad Tracks
- Campbell Avenue

Features:

- Gospel Publishing House
- Old Weaver School (Main & Division)
- Corner Grocery NE Broadway & Nichols
- Railroad Museum in Park
- Railroad Buildings & Diesel Grain Elevator Shop
- Stockyards

Paths:

- Jordan Creek
- Campbell / Chestnut Expressway

Activity Centers:

- Central Assembly of God
- Pavilion at Grant Beach Park

Neighborhood Images

Landmark and Activity Center:

Neighborhood residents identified Grant Beach Park and the pavilion as an activity center, a landmark and a significant feature. The park is without question one of the neighborhoods top assets.



Landmark:

This corner grocery store is located at Broadway and Nichols and is a historical landmark the neighborhood would like to preserve. The neighborhood identified this as a landmark and a significant feature.

Landmark:

The neighborhood considers Weaver Elementary School a landmark within their neighborhood.





Path and Edge or Barrier:

Chestnut Expressway was identified as an important pathway and edge or barrier for Grant Beach residents.

Barrier:

Workshop participants identified Campbell Avenue as a transportation barrier for their neighborhood due to the one-way direction.



Districts:

There is a potential for National Register Historic Districts in the Grant Beach neighborhood such as the homes pictured here on Broadway Avenue.

STEP 3: MY NEIGHBORHOOD'S ASSETS

Workshop participants identified assets that add value to their neighborhood. The assets include places, groups, organizations, equipment, skills, abilities and any other asset that adds value to the neighborhood. These assets are listed in random order.

- Boys & Girls Club
- Springfield Laundry
- Springfield Lumber
- Columbo Yogurt
- Recycling Center
- Grant Beach Park
- Historic Homes
- Caring Communities
- Community Partnership of the Ozarks
- Grant Beach Neighborhood Betterment Association
- Cub Scout Troop
- Police Substation
- Neighborhood Churches:
 - Central Assembly of God
 - St. Joseph's
 - New Growth Ministries
 - Emanuel Baptist
 - Grant Avenue Baptist
 - Assemblies of God Headquarters
 - St. John's United Church of Christ
 - Methodist Church (Scott & Broadway)
 - Church at Weaver & Poplar
- Sorosis Club
- Agape House
- Sinclair Service Station
- PTA at Pipkin, Fairbanks, Weaver
- Neighborhood Cleanup Twice a Year



The neighborhood listed the Boys & Girls Club as one of their assets that adds value to the neighborhood.



Workshop participants listed the police substation on the corner of Division and Broadway as a top asset. Grant Beach was the first neighborhood in Springfield to have their own substation.

- Fosters Nursing Home
- Seeburg Muffler
- Girl Scouts at Weaver and Fairbanks
- Price Cutter
- Head Start (Broadway & Division)
- Women's Violence Center
- Womacks All American Food
- Grant Avenue House
- Edge Supply
- Hamby's
- Tindel Farm Supply
- Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
- Wright's Body Shop
- Lawn Mower Shop (1300 block Grant)



OACAC Head Start is located at Broadway and Division. The neighborhood identified this as one of their assets.



This is an example of one of the many churches located in the Grant Beach area.

STEP 4: IF I COULD FIX ONE THING

In every neighborhood there are some things that need to be changed. These issues can prevent residents from enjoying their neighborhood and from doing the things they like to do. Below is the list of "fixes" that workshop participants said they would like to see in the Grant Beach neighborhood.

- Problems with drive-by shootings
- Drainage ditch off of Nichols & Broadway - kids hang out there
- Drug Houses (2) Central & Broadway
- Street Lights: all go off at the same time on Broadway from Nichols to Commercial
- Get active with community groups
- Pets loose on streets
- Traffic light at Broadway and Chestnut too long
- Improve response to juvenile crime, i.e. vandalism
- Noise problem at Grant Beach Park (afternoons)
- Main & Division Alley - brick wall obstructs vision - kids hang out there
- Stormwater at Hamilton & Franklin
- Stormwater at Hamilton & Calhoun
- Get children off the street while skateboarding
- Barking dogs
- Activate neighborhood watch
- Need bus shelters
- Stormwater in alley between Grant and Missouri
- Need curbing - Webster to Calhoun
- Pacific to Brown Derby - criminal activity - put couches out to sit on
- Need traffic signal at Broadway and Hamilton

STEP 5: DESCRIBING MY NEIGHBORHOOD

The Vision 20/20 Neighborhood's Plan recognizes that not all neighborhoods in Springfield are the same. The character and condition of where we live varies according to age, history, type of housing and other factors. Each community has different strengths and opportunities. Each has different assets and priorities that drive unique strategies for improvement. The following four unique Neighborhood Types generally describe Springfield neighborhoods. Each Neighborhood Type suggests what actions are required for an area to become or stay healthy. These four types (assigned the colors Blue, Orange, Purple and Green in the Neighborhood Assessment workshop) are:

Developing Conservation Stabilization Redeveloping

The Assessment is a beginning point from which the community can move forward and achieve quality living environments through a commitment to continuous improvement. The descriptions for these four Neighborhood Types are contained in the Grant Beach Neighborhood Assessment Workbook.

In the workshop, participants defined the tools, actions and strategies for improving their community. They will use this information to strategically apply public and private resources in a way that is based on existing conditions, trends, opportunities, strengths and needs. Once other neighborhoods identify their Type, then similarly "typed" Springfield communities can connect and partner around common issues and projects while assisting each other in developing their organizations.

Those who attended the workshop were asked to vote on the Neighborhood Type that best described their neighborhood. Their choice was **Stabilization**. Following is a description of that neighborhood type.

My neighborhood has been developed for some time. Several of the businesses and institutions located in the neighborhood may be changing, either recently expanding, scaling back services, just moved into the neighborhood or considering moving to another location outside the

neighborhood. Places of worship, schools, recreational and entertainment facilities, and businesses provide opportunities near my home.

Tree-lined streets, historic structures or qualities, public art and/or other amenities characterize the neighborhood and give it a sense of place. Due to age, several of the streets and sidewalks need repair or replacement and the water and sewer services may also need to be upgraded. Many houses, businesses, and public areas appear to lack routine maintenance (painting, yard upkeep, tree trimming, awning repair, etc.) or are vacant. Such conditions are impacting the value of my property and I don't know if I want to invest more money in the property.

Problems are starting to add up and are becoming harder to fix through our neighborhood association, a call to the City, or neighbors getting together to help one another. There are good aspects to the neighborhood but there are also problems that need to be addressed if the neighborhood is going to continue to be a place I want to live.



A workshop facilitator addresses the crowd.

STEP 6: MAKING MY NEIGHBORHOOD BETTER

The Grant Beach participants talked about specific actions their community can take to address the issues and challenges identified earlier in the assessment. They brainstormed ideas, concentrating on those actions that can be performed by the community to improve the neighborhood.

Below are the lists of all the ideas mentioned by workshop participants. They voted on the ideas that they most want implemented to make their neighborhood better. The following actions are listed in three categories and according to total number of votes.

Things we can do **Ourselves**:

- Create "safe houses" for kids
- Encourage neighborhood volunteerism
- Interact with the children in the neighborhood
- Have block parties
- Establish a house painting program
- Encourage youth community services about the elderly
- Encourage individuals to clean-up properties
- Get involved with neighborhood organization

Things we can do with a **Partner**:

- Continue having neighborhood clean-ups (funding with another neighborhood)
- Establish a neighborhood watch - for drugs & shootings (Partner with Police/City)
- Get children off the streets (partner with Police to keep them out of danger, in proper play area)
- Find funding for youth sports (sponsors and adult volunteers)
- Get advice on home rehabilitation/improvements from businesses
- Prevent neighborhood problems

- Provide house painting and related services (with Churches, Americorp)
- Work with Juvenile Office to correct child problems
- Improve relationship with kids and neighborhood through Boys & Girls Club, Caring Communities)
- Find funding with C.U. for more bus shelters
- Promote community service through church organizations such as Youth Groups (house repair, help elderly, etc.)
- Establish an after school program (partner with neighborhood for reading program ext. middle school)
- Find problem kids, direct them to "Bridges for Youth"



Workshop participants agreed that there is a need for bus shelters throughout the Grant Beach neighborhood.

Things the **City** should do:

- Encourage rental rehabilitation
- Fund neighborhood clean-ups (needs some level of funding, need have volunteers from neighborhood)
- Keep the neighborhood substation open in evenings / consistent Police presence
- Deal with traffic signals at Chestnut & Broadway (signal is too slow for traffic on Broadway)
- Clean up rental properties, owners don't care what happens to their property or else board up house
- Review ordinance for number of dogs and cats
- Add a streetlight at Broadway & Hamilton
- Address drainage at Hamilton & Franklin and Franklin & Calhoun
- Fix street lights on Broadway between Nichols and Commercial (CU)
- Loose dogs
- Build sidewalks in the 600 block of Pacific
- Add lights at the basketball court at Irving & Calhoun



Boarded buildings are a threat to the integrity of any neighborhood. Throughout the workshop, participants were made aware of the city's ordinance regulating boarded buildings.

CITY ACTION PLAN

During the Neighborhood Assessment workshop, Grant Beach residents identified 33 actions for improving their neighborhood. The actions were divided into activities that they could do "themselves", "with a partner", or actions the "city" could take. Participants were told throughout the workshop that the city could only focus on a few of these activities in the short term.

Based on the input and review of the actions desired by Grant Beach residents, various City departments and City Utilities have committed to taking the following 11 actions in the Grant Beach Neighborhood Assessment Area:

Issue: The **City** should abate the problem of loose dogs.

Action: The Springfield/Greene County Health Department will coordinate with the neighborhood association to schedule special patrols to address chronic problems of dogs at large.

Issue: The neighborhood should **partner** with the Police Department to keep children off the streets.

Action: The Springfield Police Department *COP* officers will continue to talk to kids that they see biking or skating in an unsafe manner. The *COP* officers will continue to contact parents of children who they feel are not being supervised adequately and provide education on bike and skating safety.

Issue: The **City** should address loitering at the Brown Derby parking lot.

Action: The Springfield Police Department will take the concerns of the neighborhood to the Brown Derby and see if management will prosecute for loitering.

Issue: The **City** should address noise problems in Grant Beach Park.

Action: The Springfield Police Department will continue to monitor the park at night for noise from vehicles and people. The Park Ranger will be contacted, made aware of the neighborhood's concerns, and requested to help in monitoring the problem. Police will work with the Neighborhood Association to put information in the newsletter advising citizens that officers can not take action without a complainant who wishes to sign a summons for prosecution.

Issue: The **City** should improve drainage at the corner of Hamilton and Franklin.

Action: The Springfield Public Works Department has reestablished the flow in the roadside drainageway south of the intersection. Public Works will submit a project for the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for future consideration. This project will have to be assessed against other potential projects to determine if it will ultimately be included on the CIP list. The project would require roughly 2,000 feet of street and drainage improvements and is estimated to cost between \$500,000 and \$1,500,000.*

*The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) provides a mechanism for scheduling public physical improvements over a number of year. It establishes the City's priorities for public projects based on available financial resources and project criteria. The CIP is reviewed and adopted annually by City Council.

Issue: The **City** should improve drainage along Johnston at its intersections with Lynn and Hovey.

Action: Public Works will submit a project for the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for future consideration. This project will have to be assessed against other potential projects to determine if it will ultimately be included on the CIP list. The project would require roughly 2,000 feet of street and drainage improvements and is estimated to cost roughly \$500,000.*

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Issue: The **City** should improve drainage at the corner of Grant and Scott.

Action: The Springfield Public Works Department will reconstruct the handicapped ramps leading to the sidewalk on the northeast and southeast sides of the intersection to prevent ponding. This project will be completed within 60 days (from mid-September).

Issue: The **City** should improve drainage at the corner of Nichols and Broadway.

Action: Public Works will submit a project for the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for future consideration. This project will have to be assessed

against other potential projects to determine if it will ultimately be included on the CIP list. The project will cost approximately \$1,000,000.*

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Issue: The **City** should improve drainage in the alley between Grant and Missouri, to the north of the 700 & 800 blocks of West Webster.

Action: Springfield Public Works will submit a project for the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for future consideration. This project will have to be assessed against other potential projects to determine if it will ultimately be included on the CIP list. The project would require roughly 500 to 1,000 feet of piping and is estimated to cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000.*

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Issue: The neighborhood should **partner** with City Utilities to provide more bus shelters on established bus routes.

Action: City Utilities is considering the installation of additional bus shelters in the Grant Beach neighborhood. One new shelter will be located on Grant Avenue at the entrance to Grant Beach Park. The neighborhood is encouraged to provide the Springfield Planning Department with additional suggestions on bus shelter locations.

Issue: The **City** should encourage rehabilitation of rental properties.

Action: The Springfield Planning Department will distribute, to all rental property owners in the neighborhood, information regarding the City's low interest rental rehabilitation loan program. All recipients of the information will be invited to attend a neighborhood meeting for more information on the program.

Issue: The **City** should provide funding for additional neighborhood clean-ups.

Response: The City of Springfield, Community Partnership of the Ozarks and the Urban Neighborhoods Alliance have cooperatively provided for the funding of an additional neighborhood clean-up which includes the Grant Beach Area.

OTHER CITY RELATED ISSUES

Other issues were raised at the Grant Beach Neighborhood Assessment workshop whereby the City is listed as a potential participant. City action on these issues is not recommended at this time, or can only take place with further involvement from neighborhood residents. The following list provides some suggestions which neighborhood residents can use to increase the chances that these issues can be better addressed in the future:

Issue: The City should extend the evening hours of the Police substation.

Response: The Police substation serves as a work space for a number of officers with the department's Community Services Division. The nature of the officers' work requires them to spend the vast majority of their time patrolling the neighborhoods they are assigned. As a result, most officers are at the substation only intermittently. The PAR officer serving Grant Beach works hours based on the frequency of calls for services. Still, during these times, the Grant Beach PAR officer is frequently on patrol throughout Grant Beach - rather than behind a desk. A volunteer is also assigned to the Grant Beach substation, thereby increasing the law enforcement presence in the neighborhood.

The neighborhood association should provide more information to its PAR officer regarding their needs. Is there an expectation that a uniformed officer will always be present within the substation during certain times? Would the neighborhood like to see that a volunteer's hours in the substation are altered? How late should there be a guaranteed presence in the substation? Answers to these types of questions will assist the Police Department in making potential adjustments.

Issue: The City should improve the timing for the traffic signals at Chestnut and Broadway (currently too slow for traffic on Broadway).

Response: The traffic signal at this intersection is under the authority of Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Changes to the timing of the light may affect the timing of signals and traffic flow throughout a longer section of Chestnut Expressway. The City Traffic Engineer will share concern with MoDOT and will work with state traffic engineers to determine whether signal timing changes can be made to minimize delays (without adversely impacting the flow of traffic on Chestnut Expressway).

Issue: The **City** should improve code enforcement of rental properties or board them up.

Response: It is the responsibility of neighborhood residents to report deteriorating property to the City for abatement. Residents can report potential code violations for any property to the Public Information Office at 864-1011. The City has recently adopted a more stringent boarded building ordinance and is vigorously enforcing the ordinance by requiring owners to fix up, board up or demolish their structures.

Issue: The **City** should review the ordinance for numbers of cats and dogs.

Response: Currently, any household is limited to four cats and four dogs. A further reduction in these numbers must have widespread support throughout the neighborhood before the City will consider revising the ordinance. A neighborhood initiated petition drive could provide evidence of such widespread support.

Issue: The **City** should provide greater access to summer work programs such as: CETA, 14 and older.

Response: CETA is a program that no longer exists. The Missouri Career Center does, however, provide a year round work program for youths between the ages of 16 and 21, and a summer work program for youths aged 14 and 15. The neighborhood association should work directly with the Missouri Career Center to promote these and other work programs throughout the neighborhood.

Issue: The **City** should install a streetlight at Broadway and Hamilton.

Response: A streetlight exists at this intersection.

Issue: The **City** should fix the streetlights on Broadway between Nichols and Commercial.

Response: Streetlights are the responsibility of City Utilities. City Utilities is aware of the neighborhood's concerns and is directing their night patrols to closely monitor this area and fix any problem. City Utilities does require more specifics from the neighborhood as to which lights are failing and the frequency of those failures.

Issue: The **City** should install sidewalks on the 600 block of West Pacific.

Response: It appears that this section of Pacific does not provide sole access to any residences or businesses. There are surrounding sidewalks on Grant, Main and

Commercial which should be adequate to provide safe pedestrian circulation throughout this area.

Issue: The **City** should install lights at the basketball court at Irving and Calhoun.

Response: The Parks Department has heard from a number of residents who do not want lights installed at the basketball court. The neighborhood association should work to ensure there is a consensus of opinion on this issue.

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