

Meador Park

Come to Meador You'll Find Things Better

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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 *Neighborhood 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 Assessment* 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 Meador Park Neighborhood Assessment workshop. Participants mapped their community, and identified assets and priority issues in their neighborhood.

The Meador Park Neighborhood Assessment workshop was held on November 13, 2007.

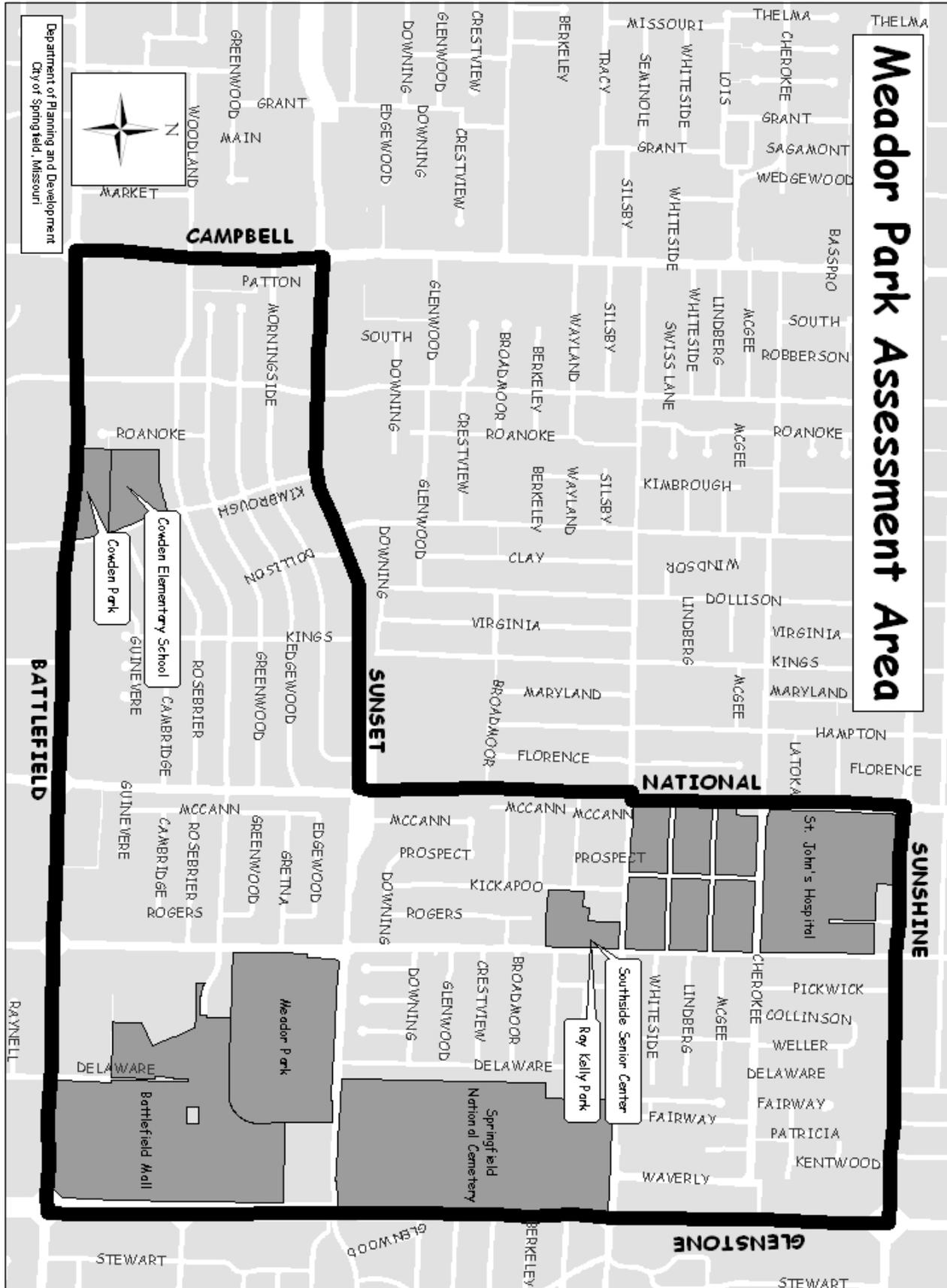


CHART NOTES



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:

Come to Meador You'll Find Things Better

Other suggested slogans:

- The Center of it All
- Places to Gather
- Preserving the Past
- From Cradle to Grave
- Heart of the Medical Mile
- Close to Everything
- Where the Sun Shines and Sets
- Meador is Better
- Park Place

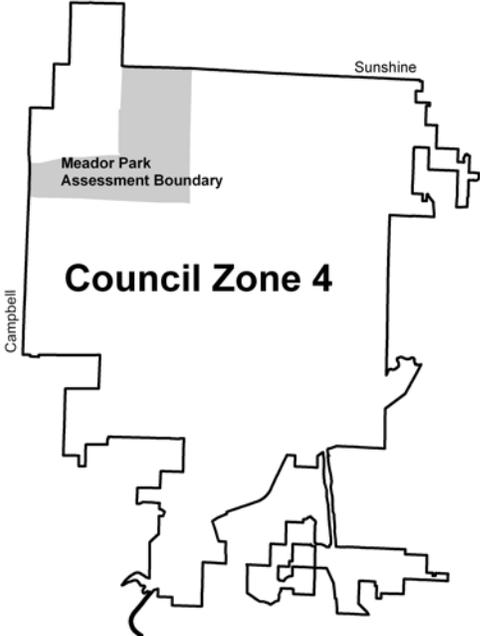


Neighborhood assessment participants are seen here voting on the slogan that best fits their neighborhood.

STEP 1: Facts About My Neighborhood

The data presented at the Assessment workshop was from the 2000 Census, the Police Department, Building Development Services and the Planning & Development Department.

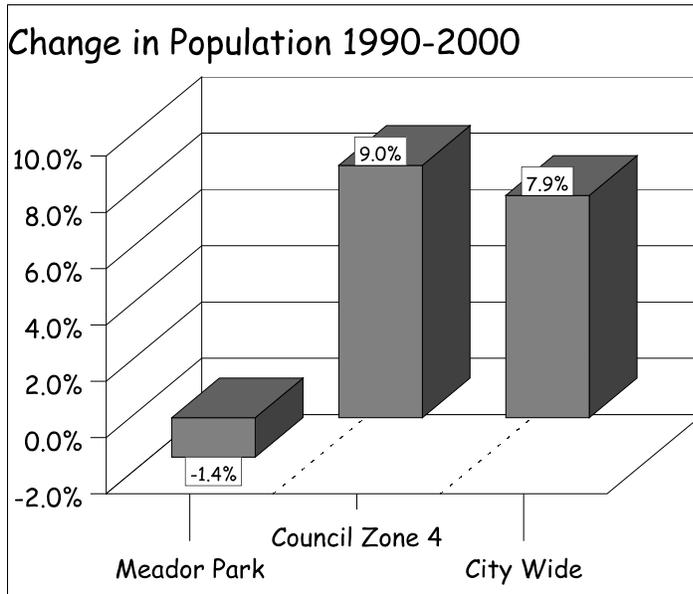
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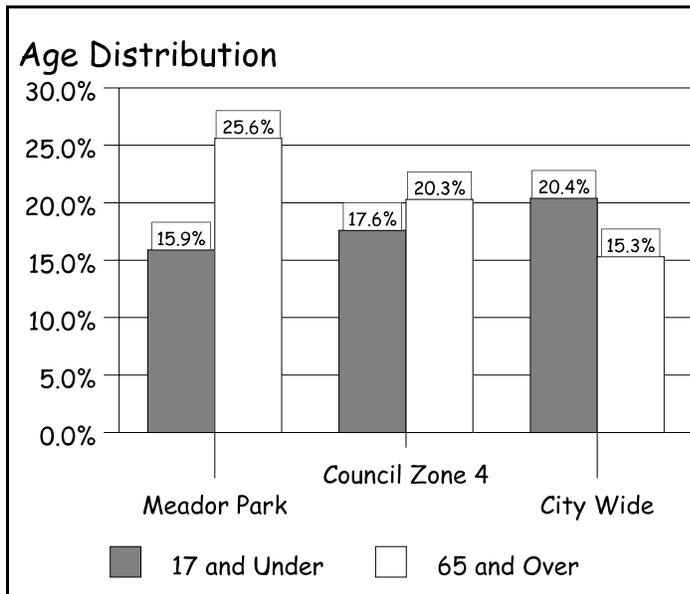
Participants are viewing data about their neighborhood.



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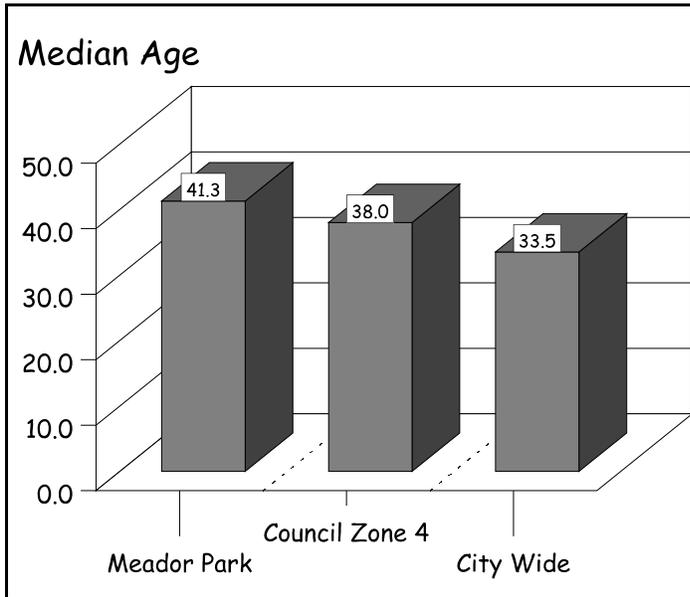


In 2000, there were 5585 persons living in the Meador Park neighborhood. Between 1990 and 2000, the population in Meador Park decreased by 1.4%. By comparison, the population increased in Council Zone 4 by 9.0% and in the City by 7.9%.

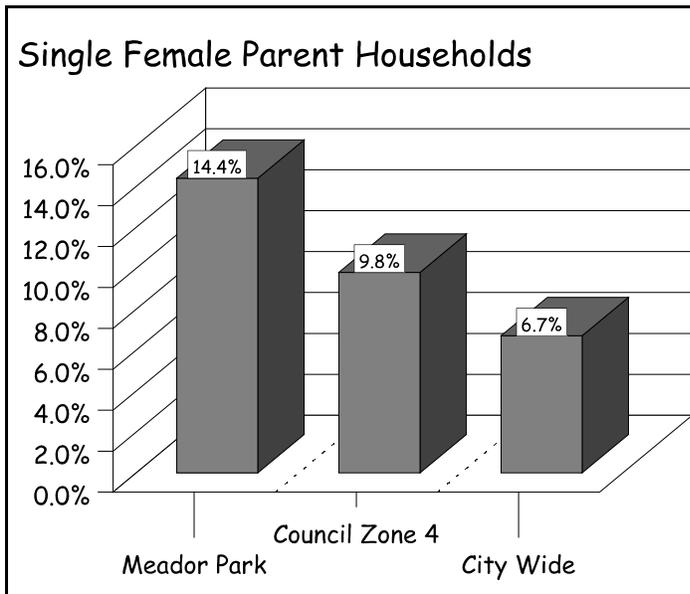


The percentage of people age 17 and under in the Meador Park neighborhood is 15.9% and 25.6% are age 65 and over. By comparison, Council Zone 4 has 17.6% age 17 and under and 20.3% are age 65 and over. City Wide 20.4% are age 17 and under and 15.3% are age 65 and over.

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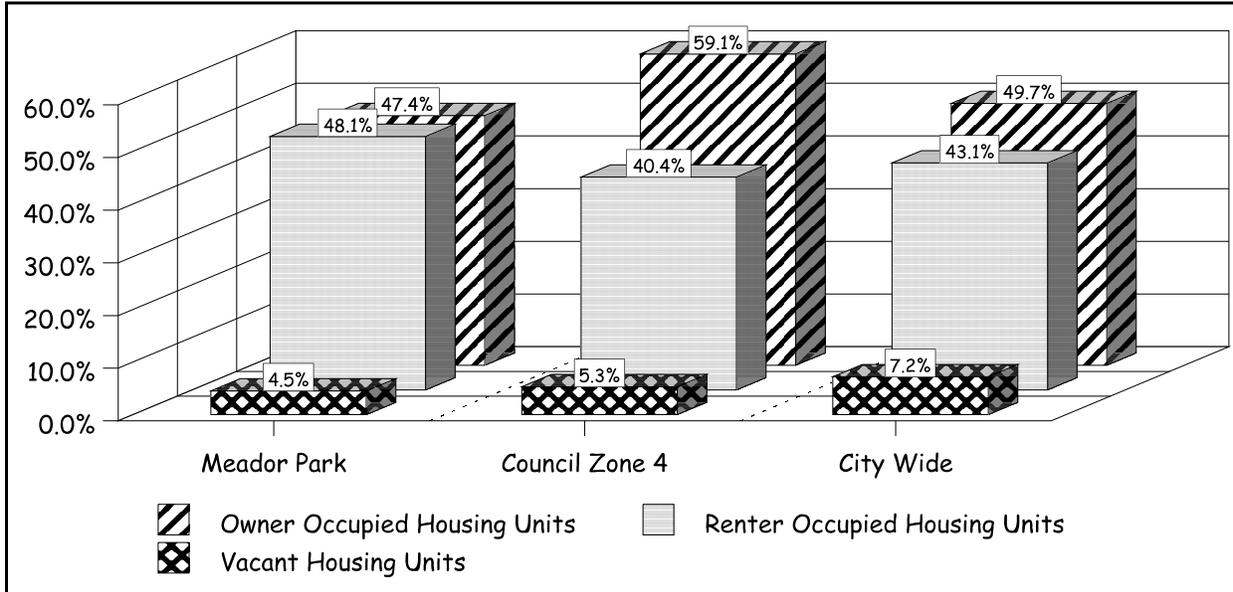


In the Meador Park neighborhood, the median age is 41.3, which means that half of the people in your neighborhood are younger than 41.3, and half are older than 41.3. In Council Zone 4, the median age is 38, and City Wide it is 33.5.



The percentage of single female parent households (with children under 18 years of age) in the Meador Park neighborhood is 14.4%. This compares with 9.8% in Council Zone 4 and 6.7% City Wide.

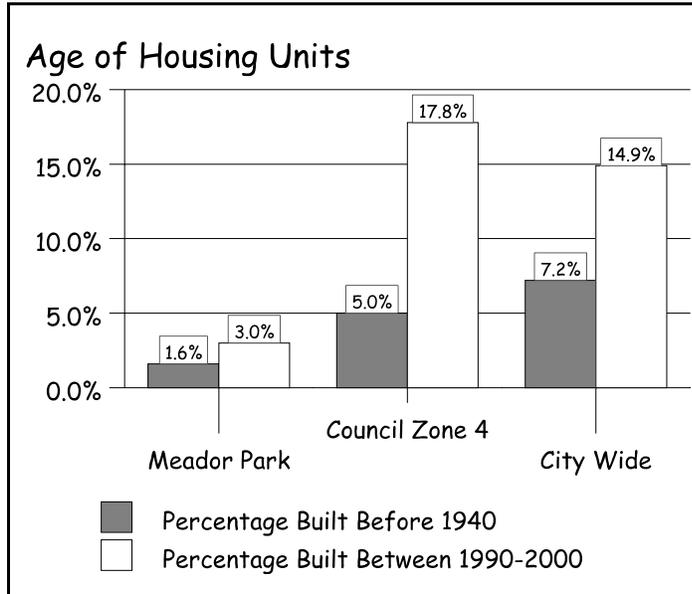
HOUSING



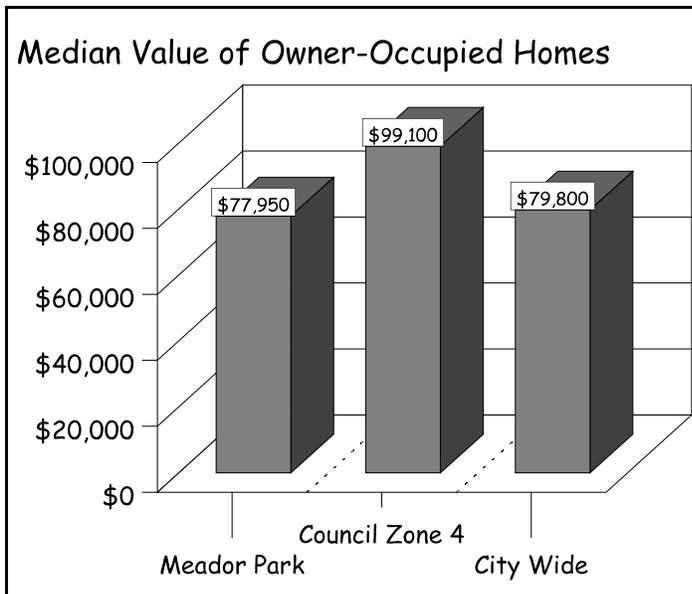
Housing in the Meador Park neighborhood assessment area is composed of 47.4% owner occupied, 48.1% renter occupied, and 4.5% vacant housing. This is a lower rate of owner occupancy compared to Council Zone 4 and a lower rate of owner occupancy compared to the city as a whole. Council Zone 4 housing is 59.1% owner occupied, 40.4% renter occupied, and 5.3% vacant. City Wide housing is 49.7% owner occupied, 43.1% renter occupied, and 7.2% vacant.

HOUSING

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.

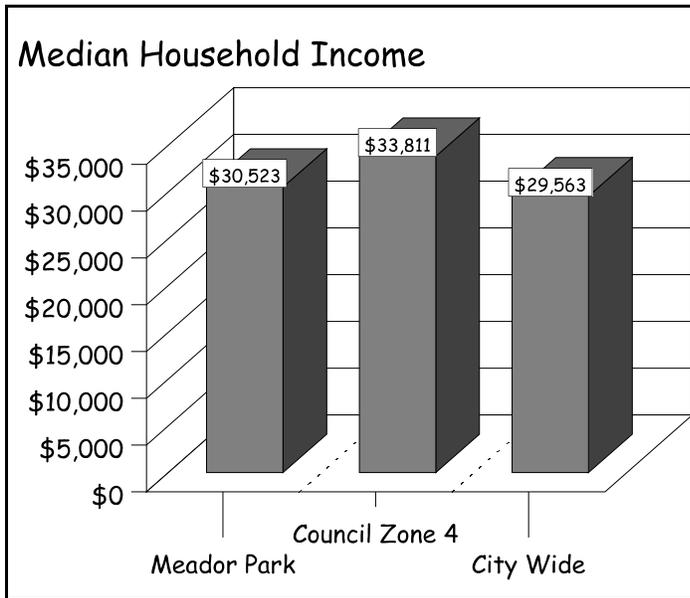


The percentage of housing units in the Meador Park neighborhood built before 1940 is 1.6%. This compares with 5.0% in Council Zone 4 and 7.2% City Wide. In addition, the percentage of housing units built in the Meador Park neighborhood between 1990 and 2000 is 3.0%. This compares with 17.8% in Council Zone 4 and 14.9% City Wide.

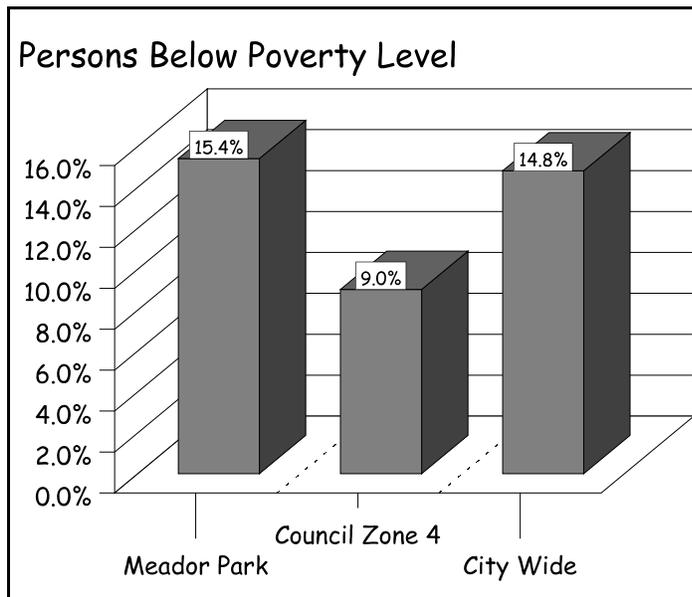


In the Meador Park neighborhood, the median value of an owner-occupied home is \$77,950. This means that half of the owner-occupied homes in the neighborhood are valued at more than \$77,950, and half are valued for less. The median value of owner-occupied homes in Council Zone 4 is \$99,100 and City Wide is \$79,800.

INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT

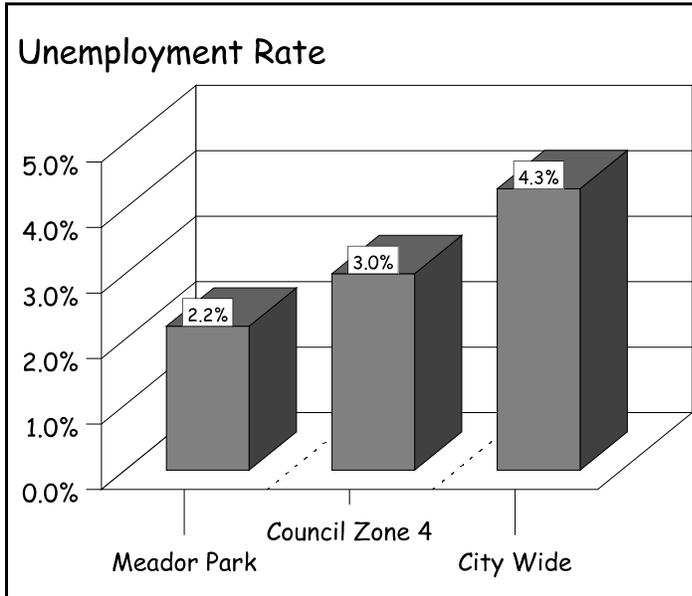


The median household income in the Meador Park neighborhood is \$30,523, which means that half of the households in the neighborhood have incomes of more than \$30,523 and half have less. This compares with median household incomes of \$33,811 in Council Zone 4 and \$29,563 City Wide.



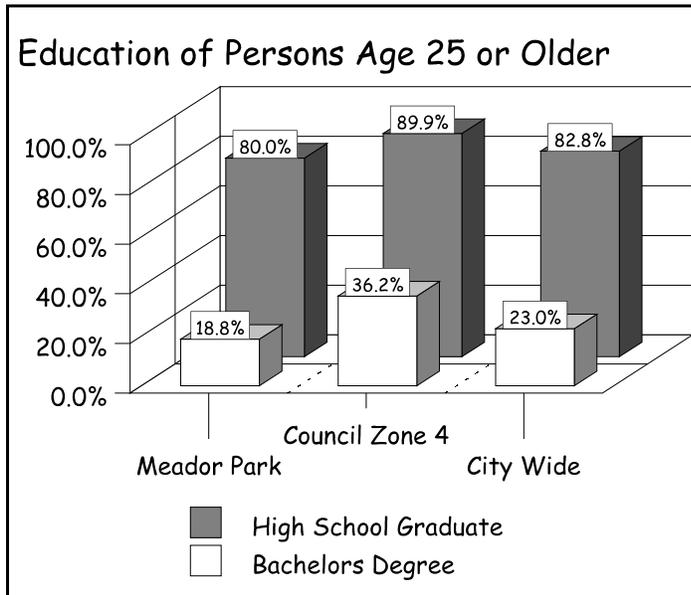
Poverty level is based on the income, age and number of people in the household. The percentage of persons living below the poverty level in the Meador Park neighborhood is 15.4%. This compares to 9.0% in Council Zone 4 and 14.8% City Wide.

INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT

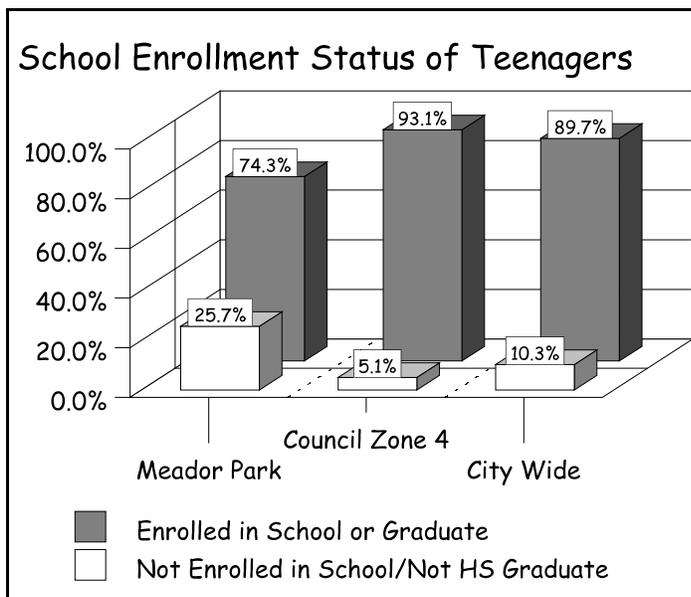


In the Meador Park neighborhood, 2.2% of persons are unemployed. In Council Zone 4, the percentage is 3.0%, and City Wide the percentage is 4.3%.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



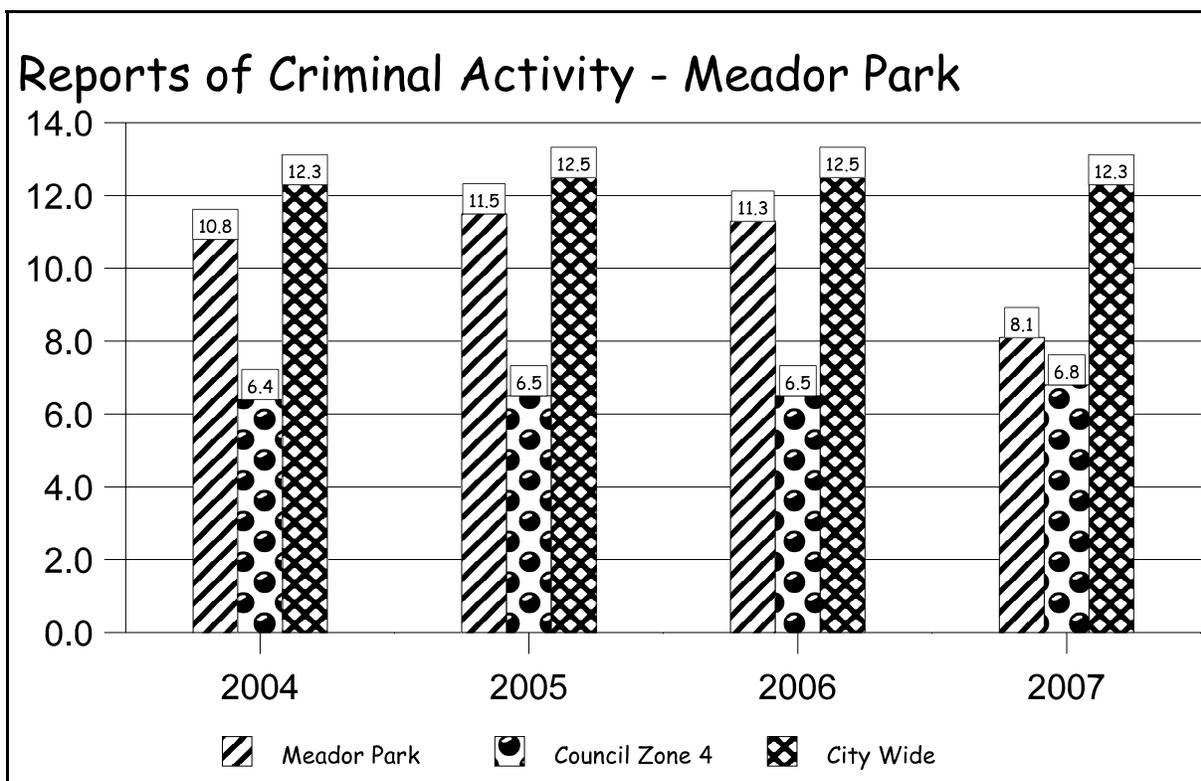
Information shows educational attainment by persons 25 years of age or older. The percentage of persons within the Meador Park neighborhood who have attained a high school diploma is 80.0%. In Council Zone 4, it is 89.9% and 82.8% City Wide.



The percentage of teenagers within the Meador Park neighborhood who are enrolled in school or have graduated is 74.3%. In Council Zone 4 it is 93.1% and 89.7% City Wide.

REPORTS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Reports of criminal activity have been compiled from the year 2004 to 2007 for comparison with your neighborhood, Council Zone 4, 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.

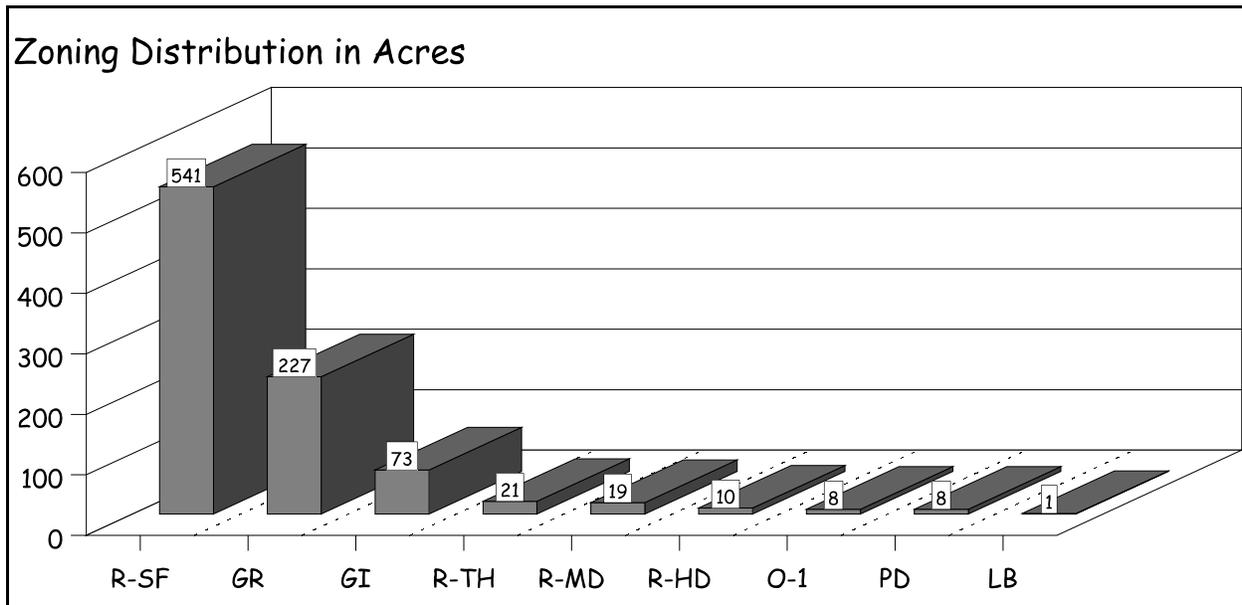


LAND DEVELOPMENT

The following charts illustrate the breakdown of land in the Meador Park assessment area by zoning district and by actual land use. Zoning regulates the type of uses that are permitted on each piece of property and how that property is developed. Often times a piece of property may contain a land use that is not permitted by the property's zoning. This discrepancy can occur because the existing land use predated the implementation of zoning in the area. Such uses are referred to as "nonconforming." The existence of nonconforming uses is one of the many reasons that data in the land use table is dissimilar to data in the zoning table.

ZONING DISTRIBUTION

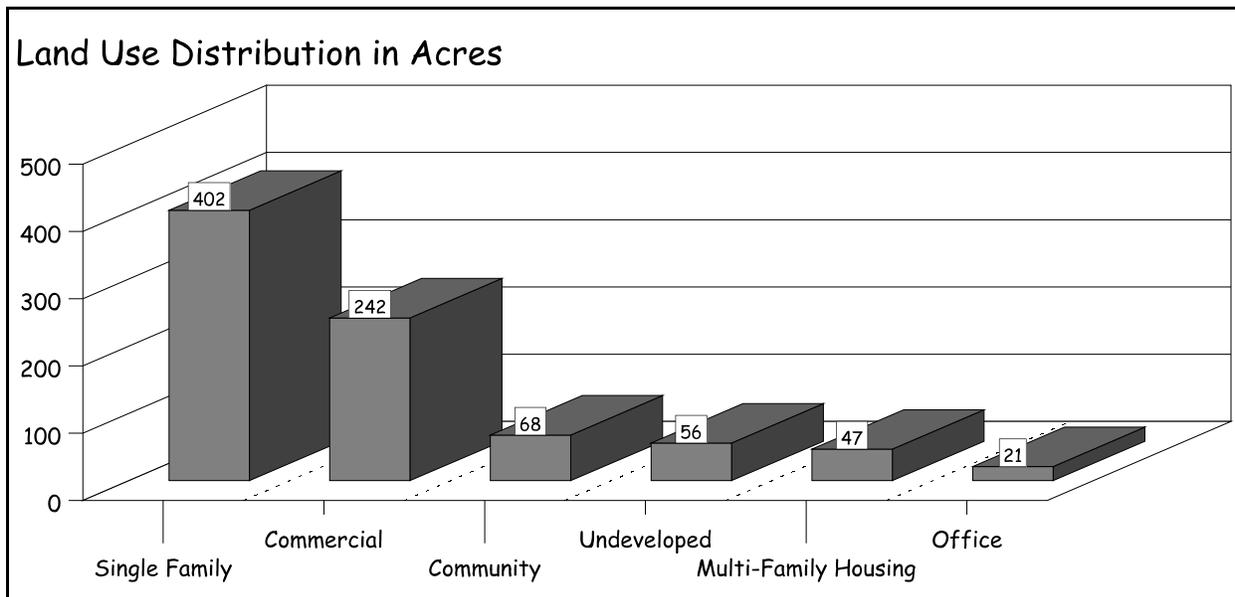
The majority of land in the Meador Park Neighborhood Assessment is zoned Residential, Single Family and is distributed throughout the area. General Retail zoning districts also make up a large portion of the acreage in the area. The zoning dictates the type of development permitted in specific areas. *Some land use categories have been omitted from this chart due to insignificant acreage or relevance.*



R-SF=Residential, Single-Family; **GR**=General Retail; **GI**=Governmental and Institutional District; **R-TH**=Residential, Townhouse; **R-MD**= Residential, Medium Density Multi-Family; **R-HD**=Residential, High Density; **O-1**=Office District; **PD**=Planned Development; **LB**=Limited Business

LAND USE DISTRIBUTION

This chart represents the land use data obtained from the 2001 aerial survey. Residential, single family and commercial land make up the majority of the Meador Park Neighborhood Assessment area. There is also a concentration of community and other uses. Overall the area has a diverse mix of development. *Some land use categories have been omitted due to insignificant acreage or relevance.*



STEP 2: My Neighborhood Is

In this step, you will help identify the general conditions that currently exist in your neighborhood by marking features on the map provided on the next page.

Please identify how you "experience" your neighborhood. Consider the things you want to protect, preserve or enhance in your neighborhood. Think about landmarks, paths, activity centers, areas and places. Use the space below for descriptions, if necessary.

- △ **Landmarks** — significant physical objects, like buildings or monuments
- +++ **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: △

- Cowden Elementary
- Hazel Cemetery
- Jewish Cemetery
- National Cemetery
- St. John's Hospital

Activity Center: ○

- Battlefield Mall
- Battlefield Plaza
- Cambridge Retirement
- Cowden Park
- Farmers Market
- McDaniel Park
- Meador Park
- Ray Kelly Park
- Southside Senior Center
- Voting Centers

Edges or Barriers: \\ \\

- Glenstone Avenue
- Battlefield Road

Features: ✕

- Cowden Park
- Farmers Market
- McDaniel Park
- Meador Park
- Ray Kelly Park

Paths: +++

- Bus Route
- Pedestrian Overpass
- Southcreek Trail

Neighborhood Images



Cambridge Retirement (Activity Ctr)



National Cemetery (Landmark)



Cowden Elementary (Landmark)

Southside Senior Center (Activity Ctr)



Pedestrian Overpass (Path)



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.

- St. John's Auxiliary
- Cowden PTA
- Adult Daycare Center
- Neighborhood Watch
- Senior Center (Southside)
- Andy's Frozen Custard
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Easy Access to Shopping
- Planted Median (Landscaping on National).



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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 Meador Park neighborhood.

- Turning arrow at Woodland and National (timing adjustment too long on Woodland).
- Reduce speed limit on Kickapoo and Woodland.
- Street lights on Kimbrough by Cowden Elementary.
- Traffic calming on Cherokee from Fremont to Glenstone.
- Water retention area on Woodland is overgrown.
- Do something aesthetically pleasing on the corner of Sunset and Fremont; clean-up the left-over construction materials and brush piles on the NW corner.
- Congestion on Jefferson Avenue between Sunset and Woodland.
- Jefferson Avenue needs centerline striped from Battlefield to Sunset.
- Cherokee between Weller and Fremont has water standing in drainage ditch (Northside - harboring mosquitoes).
- Kings from Woodland to Morningside - drainage ditch holds water.
- On Edgewood, just west of National, needs no parking close to National.
- Strengthen neighborhood watch in area.
- Sidewalks on Morningside.
- Stormwater problem at 1400 block of Fremont to dead-end (Whiteside & Seminole).
- Fox (critter) problem in National Cemetery.
- Sidewalks on Cambridge (on both sides).
- Sidewalks on Woodland are too close to street (too many curbs).
- Additional traffic control during shopping season in the Battlefield Mall area.
- Jefferson and Sunset needs left turn arrow (turning east & west).
- Drainage problem at 1500 block of Broadmoor, houses on the north side.
- Connect trail to Meador Park (from National to Fremont on Sunset).
- Access to neighborhood north of Meador (chain link fence).
- Litter in the streets (neighborhood wide).
- West of National and Morningside on Sunset, needs stop sign to slow traffic.
- Need for sidewalks on Jefferson between Edgewood and Morningside.
- Sidewalks on other side of Seminole.
- Sidewalk on Cherokee from Fremont to Glenstone.
- Add nature trails in McDaniel Park (through forrested area).
- Add picnic tables, BBQ pits, and pavilion in Meador Park.

STEP 5: Describing My Neighborhood

The *Neighborhoods 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 *Neighborhoods Plan* developed unique Neighborhood Types that 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
(Blue)	(Orange)	(Purple)	(Green)

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 description of the Meador Park Neighborhood Type is contained in this 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.

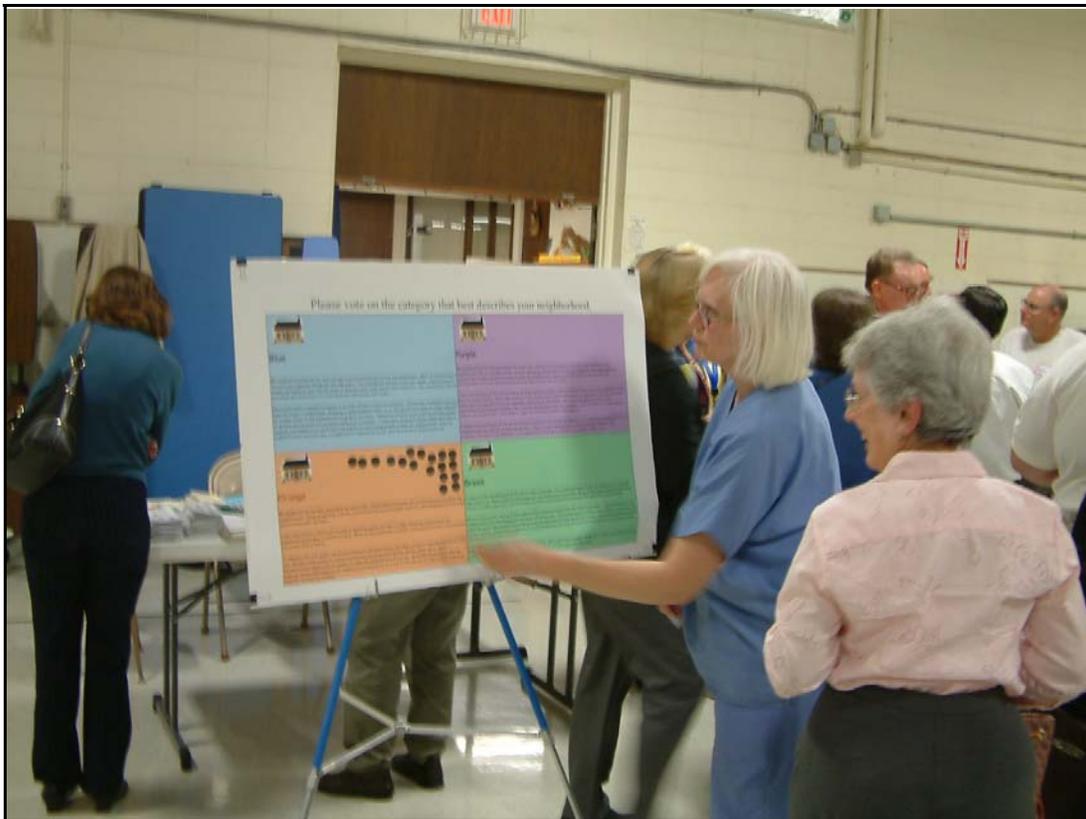


Those who attended the workshop were asked to vote on the Neighborhood Type that best described their neighborhood. Their choice was **Conservation**.

My neighborhood has been developed for some time. Established businesses and institutions are located in the neighborhood. Places of worship, schools, recreational and entertainment facilities, and businesses provide many 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. Most of the houses are occupied. Little demolition has occurred here and vacant land is scarce.

It appears that both public and private areas are well-maintained, although a house or business periodically falls into disrepair from a lack of routine maintenance (painting, yard upkeep, awning repair, etc.). Some infrastructure repairs may be needed to keep the neighborhood attractive. Generally the problems that do come up can be addressed by our neighborhood association, by a call to the City, or through neighbors getting together to help one another.



Assessment participants seen here are voting on their neighborhood type.

STEP 6: Making My Neighborhood Better

The Meador Park workshop 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.

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

- Strengthen neighborhood watch in area.

Things the **City** should do:

- Turning arrow at Woodland and National (timing adjustment too long on Woodland).
- Reduce speed limit on Kickapoo and Woodland.
- Street lights on Kimbrough by Cowden Elementary.
- Traffic calming on Cherokee from Fremont to Glenstone.
- Water retention area on Woodland is overgrown.
- Sunset between Campbell and Jefferson Avenue - fields are overgrown - weed control.
- Congestion on Jefferson Avenue between Sunset and Woodland.
- Jefferson Avenue needs centerline striped from Battlefield to Sunset.
- Cherokee between Weller and Fremont has water standing in draining ditch (Northside - harboring mosquitoes).
- Kings from Woodland to Morningside - drainage ditch holds water.
- On Edgewood, just west of National, needs no parking close to National.
- Strengthen neighborhood watch in area.
- Construct sidewalks on Morningside.
- Stormwater problem at 1400 block of Fremont to dead-end (Whiteside & Seminole).
- Fox (critter) problem in National Cemetery.
- Construct sidewalks on Cambridge (on both sides).
- Construct sidewalks on Woodland are too close to street (too many curbs).
- Additional traffic control during shopping season in the Battlefield Mall area.
- Jefferson and Sunset needs left turn arrow (turning east & west).
- Drainage problem at 1500 block of Broadmoor, houses on the north side.
- Connect trail to Meador Park (from National to Fremont on Sunset).

- Access to neighborhood north of Meador (chain link fence).
- Litter in the streets (neighborhood wide).
- Install a stop sign to slow traffic, West of National and Morningside on Sunset.
- Construct sidewalks on Jefferson between Edgewood and Morningside.
- Construct sidewalks on other side of Seminole.
- Construct sidewalk on Cherokee from Fremont to Glenstone.
- Add nature trails in McDaniel Park (through forested area).
- Add picnic tables, BBQ pits, and pavilion in Meador Park.



Ray Kelly Park

CITY ACTION PLAN

PRIORITIES

During the Neighborhood Assessment workshop, Meador Park Residents identified 29 actions that they could do "with a partner", or actions the "city" could take. Following the workshop, attendees voted for the actions that they felt were the most necessary to improve their neighborhoods. Meador Park residents chose the following actions as their top priorities:

1. The **City** should put a turning arrow at Woodland and National (timing adjustment too long on Woodland).
2. The **City** should put street lights on Kimbrough by Cowden Elementary.
3. The **City** should do traffic calming on Cherokee from Fremont to Glenstone.
4. The **City** should connect a trail to Meador Park (from National to Fremont on Sunset).
5. The **City** should put a left turn arrow at Jefferson and Sunset (turning east & west).
6. The **City** should put sidewalks on Cambridge (on both sides).
7. The **City** should reduce the speed limit on Kickapoo and Woodland.
8. The **City** should reconstruct sidewalks on Woodland that are too close to the street (too many curbs).
9. The **City** should fix the drainage problem at 1500 block of Broadmoor, houses on the north side.
10. The **City** should put a centerline stripe at Jefferson Avenue from Battlefield to Sunset.

CITY ACTION ON PRIORITIES

Meador Park area participants were told throughout the Neighborhood Assessment workshop that the City could only focus on a few activities in the short term. Based on the input and review of the priorities identified by Meador Park residents, various City departments and other organizations have committed to taking the following actions in the Meador Park Neighborhood Assessment Area:

Issue: City Utilities should put street lights on Kimbrough by Cowden Elementary.

Action: City Utilities has installed a new street light on the south side, (of the north drive), of Cowden Elementary School.

Issue: The City should connect South Creek Trail to Meador Park (from National to Fremont to Sunset).

Action: A small section of sidewalk will be constructed between the existing sidewalks on the northwest corner of National and Sunset. This short section of sidewalk will connect the trail at McDaniel Park to the sidewalks on National. Existing sidewalks located on Sunset Street make it possible for pedestrians to travel from Meador Park to McDaniel Park.

In addition to this more immediate action, this request will be forwarded through the Ozark Greenway and Park Board's planning process, which establishes what trail improvements are added to the Trail Master Plan for all of the city-county park system. Currently there are trails identified for development and will be funded over the next four years. If it is possible, trail improvements already planned and approved nearby may be expanded to accommodate this request.

Issue: The City should put a left turn arrow at Jefferson and Sunset (turning east & west).

Action: Since east and westbound left-turns have a green arrow and north and southbound lefts have a green ball, this request is being reviewed for north and southbound left-turns. If green arrows are installed for north and southbound left-turns, this would create two additional signal phases that would take green time away from other traffic movements which may create unacceptable service levels.

After reviewing the existing traffic volume data and current signal operation, a warrant analysis was conducted to determine the impacts of installing north and southbound left-turn arrows. It was determined that left-turn arrows for north and southbound lefts during the PM peak hour of traffic would generate unacceptable delays for east and westbound traffic during that time period. The current signal timing was then reviewed and it was determined that an additional five (5) seconds could be added to the overall signal cycle and the additional time given as green time for the north and southbound traffic. This additional five seconds will enhance north and southbound thru traffic flows and allow for the left-turns to be made on the green ball without having to add another signal phase. This timing change was made on December 24, 2007 and will be monitored to see if the additional green time improves clearance intervals.

Issue: The **City** should construct sidewalks on Cambridge Street (on both sides).

Action: The City's primary program to construct new sidewalk is related to school walking routes. To efficiently accomplish this goal the City prioritizes new school sidewalks in cooperation with the school principals, the PTA and the Springfield R-12 Security and Safety Office.

A request has been received through Cowden Elementary for sidewalk along Cambridge Street between Kings & National Avenues. The sidewalk will be constructed on the north side of Cambridge Street as a part of the current $\frac{1}{4}$ cent Capital Improvement Program. The City's policy is to construct sidewalk on only one side of local residential streets to allow for more neighborhoods to be served by sidewalks within a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile radius of the school.

Issue: The **City** should reduce the speed limit on Kickapoo and Woodland.

Action: On February 25, 2008 City Council approved reducing the local speed limit to 25 mph. The speed limit on Kickapoo Avenue will be reduced to 25 mph. However, since Woodland is a collector street and serves over 2,500 vehicles per day, the speed limit on Woodland would continue to be 30 mph.

Issue: The **City** should reconstruct sidewalks on Woodland that are too close to the street (too many curbs).

Action: This comment seems to imply two concerns: that traffic may pass too close to pedestrians walking near the street with sidewalks located adjacent to the curb, and/or the sidewalks, when located adjacent to the street curb, do not have an acceptable grade when they cross numerous driveway approaches (hence, "too many curbs" to cross when using the sidewalk). The sidewalk on Woodland west of National is setback 3-4 feet from the curb except that it is at the curb in front of three contiguous houses a short distance from National Avenue. The sidewalk east of National is at the curb nearly all of the way to Fremont Avenue.

We do not see a problem with the sidewalk located west of National Avenue with respect to the expressed concern. However, the city sidewalk inspector has reviewed the sidewalk between National Avenue and Fremont Avenue and has determined that there are several sections of sidewalk that need to be repaired and improvements are needed at sidewalk crossings at each driveway to bring the sidewalk into compliance with ADA standards for safety and accessibility. Improvements will be made as soon as practicable dependent upon available funds and cooperation of property owners if easements are needed. As an additional improvement, the Traffic Engineering Division will paint a white edge line approximately two feet from the south curb line on Woodland Street, National to Fremont, to encourage motorists to drive farther away from the sidewalk.

Issue: The **City** should fix the drainage problem at 1500 block of Broadmoor, houses on the north side.

Action: Conveyance system improvement was completed approximately 10 years ago, which included a drainage swale over the top of a buried pipe in an effort to collect surface water along the rear property lines. Based on an on-site inspection it appears that part of the issue with conveying the surface water through the properties is due to build up and landscaping, which will be alleviated by adding an area inlet(s). The City will install area inlets to address the problem.

CITY RESPONSE ON PRIORITIES

Some of the other priorities identified can not be undertaken by the City at this time. City action is either not recommended, or can only take place with further involvement and/or information 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 put a turning arrow at Woodland and National (timing adjustment too long on Woodland).

Response: This signal operates with concurrent green for all movements north-south and then concurrent green for all movements east-west. A green ball with no arrows exists for all movements north-south and east-west. It is our understanding that the neighborhood concern is that it takes too long for the signal to change from serving National Avenue traffic to serving Woodland Street traffic.

The signal operation was reviewed and was found to be operating in accordance with the timing plan based on existing traffic volume, which provides for a longer green phase on National Avenue to maintain progression for traffic on National Avenue. The traffic signal service request database for the past 36 months was reviewed with no reports of signal timing issues were submitted at this location.

Issue: The City should do traffic calming on Cherokee from Fremont to Glenstone.

Response: Traffic Engineering conducted traffic volume counts and speed data on Cherokee Street between Fremont Avenue & Glenstone Avenue on December 4th thru December 10th. The results of these studies are as follows:

Traffic Volume: Weekday volumes were approximately 3,200 vehicles in a 24 hr-period. Weekend (Saturday & Sunday) volumes were 2,000 and 1,000 vehicles respectively, per 24-hr period. The traffic volumes trends on Cherokee Street have shown a decline over the past few years. In 1999, prior to the vacation of Cherokee Street between National & Fremont Avenues, there were over 5,000 vehicles per day on Cherokee Street east of Fremont Avenue (a 36% reduction in average weekday traffic to current volumes).

Speed of Traffic: Cherokee Street functions as a Collector Street with a wide right-of-way and residences well back from the street, and a 30 mph speed limit.

The speed data collected showed that the average speed was 32 mph and the 85th percentile speed was 37 mph. These speed profiles are similar streets within Springfield with similar classification and design as Cherokee Street. A lower speed limit is not recommended.

Traffic Engineering placed speed education message boards between the dates of December 13th and December 20th which displayed to motorists their speed as they traveled along Cherokee Street. The results of the speed studies have been

forwarded to the Traffic Section of the Police Department for its use in determining how to target enforcement.

Issue: The **City** should put a centerline stripe at Jefferson Avenue from Battlefield to Sunset.

Response: Jefferson Avenue between Battlefield Road and Sunset Street is functionally a collector street, however over $\frac{1}{2}$ of this section is residential with parking permitted on both sides of the street. The City does not add centerline markings on collector streets through residential development because a marked centerline makes the street attractive to more traffic and motorists have a tendency to drive faster with markings on the street. Pavement markings are placed on Jefferson Avenue both north and south of Battlefield Road to control traffic approaching the signalized intersection.

Traffic Engineering does not support adding centerline markings on Jefferson Avenue between Battlefield Road and Sunset Street.

CITY ACTION ON OTHER ISSUES

Other actions, while not determined by Neighborhood Assessment participants to be priorities, were proposed that might require City involvement to be undertaken. Of those actions, the City will commit to or has completed the following:

Issue: The **City** should work with the property owner on Woodland Street to have the retention area on Woodland mowed and maintained.

Action: Stormwater Services will inspect and request the property owner clean out the basin. Otherwise, Stormwater Services will inspect and consider the degree of clean-out required to ensure functionality considering water quality benefits of the established vegetation. The Health Department will investigate the area for standing water, if larvae are present, the water will be treated.

Issue: The **City** should do something aesthetically pleasing on the SW and NW corner of Sunset and Fremont. There are left-over construction materials and brush piles on the NW corner.

Action: The debris and brush piles were cleaned-up by the Public Works Department. The request to have something aesthetically pleasing done on these corners cannot be addressed at this time, but will be put on a list of unfunded neighborhood assessment priorities for future inclusion on an improvement plan.

Issue: The **City** should work with the property owners on Cherokee Street, between Weller and Fremont to address standing water in the ditch on the north side of Cherokee.

Action: The ditch, alongside Cherokee Street, will be re-graded to relieve the standing water.

Issue: The **City** should work with the property owners on Kings Street, from Woodland to Morningside to address the standing water in the ditch on the Kings Street.

Action: The ditch, alongside Kings Street, will be re-graded to relieve the standing water.

Issue: The **City** should post a "no parking sign" on Edgewood, just west of National Avenue.

Action: A "no parking sign" will be installed on both sides of Edgewood Street 30 feet west of National Avenue.

Issue: The **Neighborhood** should work with the Police to strengthen the neighborhood watch in the Meador Park area.

Action: This area's Crime Prevention Officer has been notified and will work to strengthen the neighborhood watch program. Neighbors who would like to participate in the neighborhood watch program can contact the police department at 864-1810.

Issue: The **City** should address the stormwater problem at the 1400 block of Fremont (from Whiteside to Seminole).

Action: The ditch, alongside Fremont and/or Whiteside will be re-graded to relieve the standing water.

Issue: The **City** should repair the chain link fence on the north side of Sunset Street.

Action: The City has repaired the damaged fence in the vicinity of the pedestrian bridge on Sunset.

Issue: The **City** should construct a sidewalk on Cherokee Street from Fremont to Glenstone.

Action: A four (4) foot sidewalk on the south side of Cherokee Street from Fremont Avenue to Waverly Avenue will be constructed.

Issue: The **City** should add picnic tables, BBQ pits and a pavilion in Meador Park.

Action: The Springfield - Greene County Parks Department will be adding BBQ pit(s) and picnic table(s) in Meador Park. However, there are no current plans to construct a pavilion at this time. This request will be added to a list of unfunded needs, which will be evaluated as resources become available for new improvements in the City /County-wide park system.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Some of the issues in the "City Action Plan" portion of this document reference the City of Springfield Capital Improvements Program (CIP). This section of the Neighborhood Assessment Report provides additional background information on this public infrastructure improvement program.

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) provides a mechanism for scheduling public physical improvements over a number of years. It establishes the City's priorities for public projects based on available financial resources and project ranking criteria. Going beyond just a listing of priority projects, the CIP also:

- Provides a mechanism for estimating all of the City's capital needs; and,
- Allows public improvement proposals to be tested against a set of objective criteria (transportation projects are ranked in part based on average daily traffic (ADT), roadway classifications, and crash data); and,
- Provides an opportunity for long-range financial planning and management, which is essential for projects that take more than one year to construct; and,
- Coordinates the activities of various departments in meeting project schedules; and,
- Informs the public of projected capital improvements.

The CIP is reviewed and adopted annually by the City Council and includes public infrastructure projects throughout the city.

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