

Public Input Meeting Results for City of New Buffalo October 25th, 2011

What I like about the City's Downtown?

Lake views and access (13)
Walkable city (8)
Restaurants –independently owned not chains (7)
Safe (5)
Proximity of residential and hotels = mixed use (3)
Quaint/old fashion (3)
Amtrak station (3)
Variety of shops (1)
Historic/Architecture (0)
Friendly nice stores (0)

What I Don't like About the City's Downtown?

Sidewalks to narrow (9)
Lack of public restrooms (7)
Parking- not enough (6)
Lack of beautification (lighting, benches, plantings) (5)
High cost of entry for new business (high rent costs) (4)
Unfinished buildings (4)
Street/sidewalk disrepair (4)
Vacant stores (2)
Lack of maintenance (2)
Not Bike friendly (1)
North and South Whittaker Street are not separated (1)
No sidewalks on south side of Whittaker Street (1)
Dangerous to walk to the beach from downtown (1)
People/business owners not following ordinances (0)
No visitors' center (0)
Traffic flow especially in the summer (0)
Lack of good recognition for historic buildings (brochure or cards) (0)
People jaywalking (0)

What I would like to see in the future for Downtown?

Unfinished building turned into more parking/stores (9)
Public restrooms (7)
Streetscape with trees and irrigation (7)
More retail and restaurants (5)
New bridge with sidewalks (4)
Upgrade infrastructure (sanitary and storm sewer, water, lighting) when fixing road (3)
Streetscape without trees (other landscaping) (3)
Form DDA and commercial rehabilitation district (3)
No overhead power lines (2)
Fishing pier on bridge (2)
No obstructions on sidewalk (2)
Affordable commercial space (2)
Rebuild street with wider sidewalks (1)
Transportation Center (shuttles) (0)

What **I like** about the City's Parks & Recreation Opportunities?

Beach and Dunes - views and access (12)
4th of July music & fireworks (8)
Lifeguards (5)
Boating (5)
Boat Launch (5)
Dog Park (5)
Marinas (5)
Playground at the Beach (4)
Kayak Rental at the Beach (1)

What **I don't like** about the City's Parks & Recreation Opportunities?

Maintenance lacking at waterfront/beach (13)
Bathrooms at beach (9)
Lack of bathrooms at other parks (6)
Lack of concern about waterways and shoreline (5)
Parking lot location for dune (5)
Lion's Park Parking lot use (3)
Lack of water safety classes/opportunities (especially for kids) (3)
Shelter at Oselka Park - bird perching issues (1)
Appreciate police presence, but the use of four wheelers when beach is busy is not good - common sense safety (0)

What **I would like** to see in the **future** for Parks & Recreation?

Improved sidewalks, trails, dedicated bike paths (11)
Develop a river walk, sculpture garden, fishing deck along Galien River adjacent to Beach (9)
At Beach – permanent walkway from parking lot to Lake Michigan (5)
Recreation employee with neighboring communities to plan/implement activities, concerts (4)
Goose control program (4)
At beach – water spray park (3)
New park at Whittaker and US12 (3)
Reroute Whittaker/Marquette to connect Lion's Park and Beach (2)
Boardwalk over breakwater (2)
At beach – New concession stand with restrooms and eating/picnic facilities (2)
North Sea Wall improvement – for walking and fishing (2)
New dune boardwalk (1)
Have kayaks for rent at beach (1)
Community pool (1)
Changing room with bathroom at beach (1)
Switch location of the pavilion & parking lot at beach (0)

Other Comments

Sidewalks on US12 and Whittaker Street to I-94 (2)
Four way stop at Clay Street/Whittaker Street (2)

Map – Increase Safety for Biking/Walking

-Create a traffic light at the intersection at Berrien St. and Buffalo Street and at Buffalo and Chicago St.
-Create a traffic light at the intersection at Buffalo St./S. Jameson St. and Buffalo St./ S. Bronson St.
-Improve Signage for people crossing US12
-There are many accidents at Redamaks and Ozzies - there is a need for a pedestrian crossing
-Need sidewalks on S Whittaker St., Buffalo Street, West Clay St. and South Mayhew St.

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What I like about the City's Downtown?

Library (6)
Close to beach (5)
View of lake (4)
Quaint/Hometown feel (3)
Variety of services available – meet needs (3)
Grocery store (3)
Planters – Streetscape (2)
Restaurants (2)
Small independent stores (not big box) (1)
Seating (0)
Railroad station (0)

What I don't like about the City's Downtown?

Disrepair of Whittaker Street (5)
Narrow sidewalks (4)
Unfinished buildings (3)
Lack of parking (especially for store owners/employers) (2)
Lack of public bathrooms (2)
Lacking snow removal on sidewalks (2)
Too much goose poop (2)
Stores close too early (1)
Overhead wires (1)
Lack of maintenance (litter) (1)
Disrepair of sidewalks (1)
Not as pedestrian friendly as it could be (1)
Empty lot became a car/boat sales business (1)
Planters on sidewalks are obstacles (0)

What I would like to see in the future for the Downtown?

Remove or complete building (8)
Keep view of Lake Michigan (6)
Wider sidewalks with planters, benches, trees (5)
Fix Whittaker Street (3)
New library (3)
Pedestrian friendly bridge (3)
Public bathrooms (2)
US12 speed management especially at Redamaks/Ozzies (2)
Make Whittaker Street like Phoenix Street in South Haven (1)
No large buildings that ruin quaint character (1)
Make Whittaker one way (1)
US12 beautification (1)
New lighting (0)
Improve intersection of Whittaker and US12 (0)
Pave and landscape parking lot on Mechanic Street (0)

Better traffic flow (0)
Speed management – use cones/signs in middle of street (0)
Find a solution to traffic stopping on Whittaker at Merchant and Mechanic Streets (0)
Adjust timing of light at US12 and Whittaker in winter (or add a sensor) (0)
Reroute US12 truck route to reduce truck traffic (0)
If narrower streets, address delivery of goods to stores (0)
US12 – make 2 lanes with center turn lane and bike lanes (0)
Heated waiting room at Amtrak Station (0)

What **I like** about the City's Parks and Recreation Opportunities?

Beach (9)
Lots of Access to Water (4)
Public Marina (3)
Dog Park (3)
Tennis Courts (3)
Summer Day Camp – City/Township/Schools (2)
Township Hall Park – Splash Area/Playground Equipment (2)
Gym equipment in High School (1)
Lifeguards (1)
Interest in Public Art/Sculpture (1)
The Fact that the City wants to Improve (0)

What **I don't like** about the City's Parks and Recreation Opportunities?

Old bathrooms at the beach (not clean) (7)
Walkway to beach not maintained (6)
Oselka – Shelter – bird poop (2)
No Pool (2)
No water activities if beach is unsafe (2)
Walkway to beach not long enough (2)
East side of channel not maintained (landscaping) (2)
Oselka ball fields – worried that the problems won't be fixed (1)
Trash on beachfront (1)
Lacking adequate/inviting playground equipment (0)
No public tour boat options for people without personal boats (0)
No overflow parking at the beach for those with stickers (0)

What **I would like** to see in the **future** for Parks and Recreation?

Recreation Employee shared with neighboring communities to plan & implement activities, concerts (8)
Develop a river walk, sculpture garden and fishing deck along Galien River adjacent to Beach (8)
New Dune Boardwalk (6)
At Beach – Water Spray Park (5)
At Beach – New Concession Stand with restrooms and eating/picnic facilities (4) – with Year Round Use
Indoor Pool (3)
At Beach – permanent walkway from parking lot to Lake Michigan (2)
Goose Control Program (2)
North Sea Wall Improvement – for walking and fishing (2)
Improved sidewalks, trails, dedicated bike paths (1)
Reroute Whitaker/Marquette to connect Lion's Park and Beach (1)
Fish Cleaning Station (1)

- Have Kayaks for rent at beach (0)
- Outdoor pool (0)
- Ice Skating Rink (0)
- Increased pride of what we have (0)

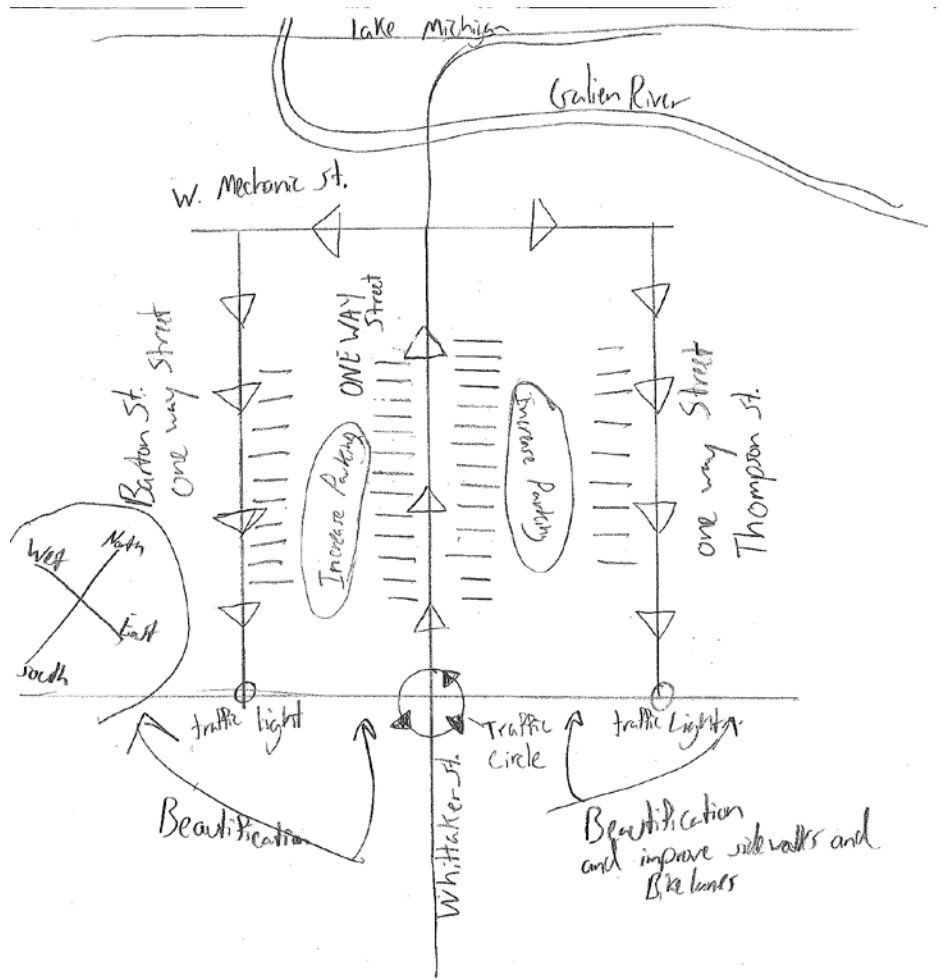
Other Comments

Need maintenance on a specific street (ask Rusty)

Map – Increase Safety for Biking/Walking

These additions were made to the map on Oct 29th...

- Improve sidewalks and bike lanes from N Monroe St. along US12 (Buffalo St) north to S. Bronson St.
- To make the intersection of Whittaker and US12 to have a traffic circle
- On Whittaker St. from West Washington St. to the Lakefront Park to improve and increase safety for Biking and Walking.
- To make S. Whittaker west of US12 a one way street to West Mechanic St. right before the bridge and to have more parking on S. Whittaker Street in front of the businesses. (See diagram below for more details.)



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