

# PUBLIC SPACE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Community Survey

Uniquely East Side, September 9, 2023

Thank you for attending *Uniquely East Side* today! One of the things folks in the community have been talking about is the benefit of more public spaces, plazas, etc. So, we're hoping you'll tell us more about what you think of that – and what Payne-Phalen could be like 10 years from now.

1. What **kinds** of public places would you like to see more of (check all that apply)
  - a. Commercial streets where the sidewalks have shade, tables, seating, and merchandizing
  - b. Urban plazas and pocket parks
  - c. Playgrounds and recreation courts
  - d. Skateparks, roller skating parks, ice skating rinks/parks
  - e. Art parks, sculpture gardens, amphitheaters, or other performance spaces
  - f. Community gardens for growing, learning, and socializing
  - g. Neighborhood-scale traffic roundabouts with gardens
  - h. Pocket prairies and butterfly habitats
  - i. Pocket forests and other local carbon sequestration spots
  - j. Dog parks and other places where pets can bring their humans
  
2. What **qualities** are most important for new public spaces (check your top priorities)
  - a. Inclusivity: Space for getting to know neighbors and people of different cultures
  - b. Activity space for playing games, group exercise, or worship
  - c. Contemplative space, quiet space
  - d. Multi-purpose space for all kinds of activities
  - e. Other ideas: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. How should these spaces be **designed**? (check your top priorities)
  - a. Gathering space that bring together all the diversity of communities in Payne-Phalen
  - b. Spaces that have deep summer shade
  - c. Spaces that have a lot of sun in the winter
  - d. Water features (like a pond or fountain) and/or ice features
  - e. Spaces that generate and support clean energy
  - f. Other ideas: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. In a general sense, **where** should new public spaces be located? (check your top priorities)
  - a. At major transportation and mobility hubs (transit, bikeshare, carshare, etc.)
  - b. Along commercial streets, especially on vacant lots or underused parking lots
  - c. Beside freeways and railroads
  - d. Nestled in residential neighborhoods, wherever there are small remnants of land
  - e. Shared space formed by neighbors taking down fences, planting cooperative gardens, or creating common play spaces that span two or more front yards, backyards, or side yards?
  - f. On the roof of new and existing commercial, industrial, institutional, or residential buildings

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5. More specifically, **where** should new public spaces be located? (check all that apply)
  - a. Nestled in-between stores and other businesses along Arcade Street
  - b. Nestled in-between stores and other businesses along Payne Avenue
  - c. Nestled in-between stores and other businesses along Maryland Avenue
  - d. Somewhere down in the sea of asphalt around Phalen Blvd. Cayuga, Olive, and Lafayette
  - e. Tiny streets in Railroad Island (examples Petit Street, DeSoto, and Fred)
  - f. All those little places where the street grid (or alley grid) is broken and skips a block. Do you know any of these? \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. One concept people are talking about is “infill development” -- adding new buildings or outdoor spaces to fill up land *between* existing buildings; land that is currently empty or under-used. Which of these would be good places for new public space? (check all that apply)
  - a. In vacant lots between storefronts
  - b. In small parking lots that aren’t used on a regular, everyday basis
  - c. In some or all of the large parking lots that are currently underused, where parking spaces sit empty most of the time
  - d. In places where businesses are closed or outdated (examples: old gas stations, dry cleaners)
  - e. Other ideas? \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. What kind of events or activities do you think encourage people from different cultures and backgrounds to hang out together?  
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8. What kinds of events or activities do you think encourage all ages to show up?  
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9. What kinds of events or activities do you think help people learn more about each other?  
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**Optional information...** *Only if you feel comfortable sharing it.*

Approximately what age will you be ten years from now? 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 100+

Which of these local organizations have you heard of or know a little bit about?

- Reimaging the Civic Commons
- Wakan Tipi Awanyankapi
- Project for Public Spaces
- Alliance for Public Space Leadership
- Trust for Public Land
- Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
- Payne-Phalen Community Council
- Dayton’s Bluff Community Council

What works best for you: *E-mail*      *Text Message*      *US Mail*      *Social Media*

Please share your contact info. if you like: \_\_\_\_\_

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