Brentwood-Darlington: Say Our Name! Neighborhood Assessment and Action Plan

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Brentwood-Darlington residents draw attention to accessibility and safety challenges on their neighborhood streets. This is the corner of SE 62nd and SE Cooper, across from Brentwood Park, a popular neighborhood destination. (Chelsea Powers)
Our Key Questions

The City asked:

How can livability and housing stability for the people of Brentwood-Darlington be increased, and what do neighbors feel are the most pressing challenges?

Neighborhood leaders asked:

How can we be more effective advocates in addressing our infrastructure challenges?

How can we strengthen neighborhood identity and better engage diverse voices in our neighborhood?
Audiences: City and Neighborhood

We wrote this plan with two audiences in mind: the city agencies that will be responsible for the large scale capital improvement projects; and engaged neighborhood residents who will be the steadfast advocates driving the direction of Brentwood-Darlington’s evolution.

City staff and neighborhood residents will play distinct roles in implementing parts of this plan, but we hope this plan will get all involved parties on the same page when it comes to what the residents would like to see.

Chapter 1 is the heart of our plan, and is intended for both city and neighborhood advocates. It’s a brief summary of the themes we identified through our public engagement events, survey results and conversations. This section explains how we found the information we used to answer the questions that were posed by both the City and the neighborhood, and informs every recommendation we’ve made.

Chapters 2 through 4 address the City’s questions about livability and the area’s most pressing challenges with an assessment of the neighborhood’s housing and displacement risk, transportation infrastructure, and economic development.

Chapter 5 answers the neighborhood’s questions about fostering the neighborhood’s identity and building organizing capacity through examples of past successful efforts and a vision for future goals.

Chapter 6 identifies overall visions for the neighborhood informed by our community assessment. We lay out a series of goals along with related actions that we recommend taking to achieve them.

At the end of the plan we have included a series of appendices intended to be resources for community members interested in finding a way to help move the neighborhood forward. We hope these sections can be accessed as both stand-alone aids and work in combination to further empower the neighborhood’s advocates.
“Say Our Name!”
"We are known around Portland as being 'felony flats' and we are often stereotyped and misjudged. We’d like to see our neighborhood treated with more respect and dignity. We’d like to not have to fight so hard for basic things that we pay for through taxes. We are Brentwood-Darlington, not 'felony flats'; say our name!"

- Survey Respondent
For many years Brentwood-Darlington seems to have flown under the radar. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability last completed a plan for this predominantly residential neighborhood in 1992, six years after Portland annexed it. This neighborhood plan informed the Adopted Outer Southeast Community Plan in 1996, which included zoning changes within the neighborhood boundaries.

In the ensuing years, the area has received minimal attention from the City, but as Portland has changed, so has Brentwood-Darlington. While Portland’s close in neighborhoods have become less diverse, Brentwood-Darlington has experienced the opposite trend. Between 2000 and 2010, the share of people of color in Brentwood-Darlington increased by nearly 38%.1 In 2013, portions of the neighborhood were even designated as “landing zones” based on a gentrification study conducted by Dr. Lisa Bates.2 Its relative affordability is an important characteristic of the neighborhood.

The area is also characterized by infrastructure deficits such as lack of sidewalks and unpaved roads that impact livability for its residents. The absence of sidewalks in many areas makes it impossible for people with assisted wheelchairs and walkers to travel safely and directly around their neighborhood. A recent school field trip from Woodmere Elementary to Lane Middle School was completed by bus because administrators at Woodmere determined that there was no safe route between the two schools for students using mobility devices. Administrators opted to take all students by bus rather than separating the students into groups feeling that to do otherwise would run counter to the school’s goals of fostering classroom unity.3

Recognizing the need for improved sidewalks and safety improvements, neighbors recently came together to apply for a Metro grant and their organizing efforts paid off. They were awarded $2.2 million to fund the addition of sidewalks on Duke and Flavel. This win has been energizing and reflects the passion of the area’s residents. This win will improve livability, but what other changes do neighbors wish to see? Additionally, how can this outpost of relative affordability be preserved as housing pressures continue to mount citywide? This assessment delves into these questions, and others. Our hope is that this report and accompanying recommendations not only spur future action by the City, but that it also serves to help this group of advocates find different ways to reach out to others who might not yet be involved. Furthermore, we hope that it serves as a guide and a touchstone—a reminder of where the neighborhood has been, and an arrow pointing the way to the community’s shared vision of the future.
Study Area Map

Legend
- Open Space
- Schools
- Brentwood-Darlington Boundary

Source: Portland Metro RLIS and Portland Maps Open Data
Looking Back to Move Forward

1930: Produce stand near SE 82nd (City of Portland Archives)
"Teenagers in the 1950s hung out at Putnam’s, an ice cream store with a pinball machine on 52nd Avenue and Bybee. North of Putnam’s was a barber shop with a light switch outside. Customers turned on the light and the barber came over from the tavern across the street."

- 1992 Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Plan
1880-1930

Early Years

1882: Neighborhood first established, predominantly as a single-family residential area

1882: Earliest subdivision platted, west of 82nd between Harney Street and Lambert Street

1904: Articles of incorporation filed by Joseph A. Strowbridge Estate Company to develop Errol Heights

1910: Subdivision formally established with Multnomah County Commission approval

1912: Weston School opens (now Woodmere Elementary, with the name change in 1913)

1920: Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting Park created

1922: Errol Heights School opens, now Joseph Lane Middle School

1922: Mt. Scott Park opens

Apostolic Faith Camp (City of Portland Archives)

SE 45th & Harney (City of Portland Archives)

Lane Middle School Site Plan (City of Portland Archives)
1940-1950

1945: End of WWII brings many people to the Portland area and rapid development in Errol Heights

1950: End of the Interurban Rail service (now the site of the Springwater Corridor)

1950: Woodmere closed and torn down due to fire safety issues; begins rebuild

1951: Brentwood Park created

1953: Flavel Park created

1955: Whitman School opened

1957: Parker Field opened; now the home of Mt. Hood Little League

1958: New Woodmere School opened
1961: City of Portland annexation attempt #1 fails

1966: Errol Heights Park created as a privately owned property by George Schnabel

1971: City of Portland annexation attempt #2 fails

1971: Formation of Errol Heights Improvement Association (the roots of the BDNA today)

1977: City of Portland annexation attempt #3 fails

1979: Errol Heights Community Plan adopted by Multnomah County

1979: Urban Area Planning Agreement created, outlining the transition of service provision between the County and the City of Portland during annexation

1986: Proposal 1628 passes; Errol Heights annexed in entirety to Portland; BDNA organized and recognized by Portland Office of Neighborhoods; official name change from Errol Heights to Brentwood-Darlington
Annexation by Decade

After unsuccessful efforts in 1971, 1977, and 1981, the City of Portland finally annexed Brentwood-Darlington in 1986 after failing cesspools and sewage issues led the Oregon State Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to conclude that sewers were imminently needed. It was this point, in conjunction with Multnomah County's plan to discontinue urban services to unincorporated areas, that swayed the majority of residents to vote yes at last.
A Place in the City

1990: Brentwood-Darlington wins Neighborhood of the Year Award

1991: Portland Impact Center (now Impact NW) opens in the neighborhood

1991: Groundbreaking for Harney Park

1992: Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Plan adopted

1992: Nick Sauvie establishes Rose CDC

1996: Springwater Corridor trail is completed in Portland

1997: Brentwood-Darlington Community Center opens

1999: Portland Parks & Rec acquires Errol Heights Park property
2000 - TODAY

2000 - TODAY

2010: Brentwood Community Garden receives a Garden Enhancement Project grant and extends and upgrades its facilities

2001: Hazeltine Park opened

2004: Impact NW begins operation and management of the Brentwood-Darlington Community Center

2011: Cartlandia opens on a former used-car lot site

2012: Grocery Outlet opens, taking over the vacant space left after the Red Apple grocery store closed

2016: Springwater Corridor homeless sweep, in anticipation of Hood to Coast relay

2017: Brentwood-Darlington awarded Metro RFF grant for sidewalk infill on Duke and Flavel and the construction of the Knapp-Ogden Neighborhood Greenway

Brentwood-Darlington Community Center

Brentwood-Darlington Community Garden

Neighborhood Street Sign
What two words would you use to describe your neighborhood as it is now?

- Growing and diverse
- Great potential
- Lacking infrastructure
- Underserved and community
- Tolerant and working class
- Great but disconnected
- Needs sidewalks
- Calm and pleasant
- Nice people and open spaces

- Survey Respondents
Community Engagement

To address the key questions posed by both the City of Portland and the neighborhood, we crafted a neighborhood engagement strategy with the intent to be as community-driven as possible. We reached a variety of stakeholders and prioritized underrepresented groups such as renters and people of color in Brentwood-Darlington. We created a short neighborhood survey that we distributed online and in-person at various events, and conducted focus groups aimed specifically at renters, and members of the Vietnamese- and Spanish-speaking communities.

We canvassed several multi-family developments along 72nd Ave, one of the area’s mobile home parks, and spoke with owners of businesses located on 52nd and 72nd avenues. We sat down to talk with 3rd-5th graders at Woodmere and Whitman Elementary. In addition, we tabled at several community events, including Safe Routes to School walks and the Learning Gardens Lab annual Earth Day Festival. Our team interviewed old and new neighborhood residents, city agency representatives, and nonprofit advocates to identify major themes and to seek advice about how to address some of the neighborhood’s most pressing issues.

A complete summary of all engagement events and results is located in Appendix B.

Here’s a snapshot of who responded to our survey:

What neighborhood do you live in?

120 of 158 respondents live in Brentwood-Darlington

How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

9% said less than 1 year
42% said 1-5 years
49% said more than 5 years

Are you a member of a neighborhood organization?

66 said yes, 54% of whom said the Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association
70 said no

What is your race/ethnicity?

81% identified as white
19% identified as a person of color
Survey Rewind

Residents in Brentwood-Darlington have been saying many of the same things for years. We unearthed documents from past community engagement efforts that identified many of the same challenges and priorities we heard about. For instance, in the 1991 Brentwood-Darlington Survey, 41% of respondents mentioned that their primary reason for moving into the neighborhood was “housing costs." Twenty-six years later, 45% of respondents mentioned “affordability” as their primary reason for living in the neighborhood. Today, Brentwood-Darlington is one of the last bastions of affordability available in the inner Southeast. Many neighbors expressed their desire for the City to preserve affordability and prevent further displacement of current community members.

In the early 1980s, before annexation, respondents to the Errol Heights Opinion Phone Survey, overwhelmingly said, “unimproved roads and sidewalks” were the most important problem facing the area. This remains true today, nearly thirty years later. People told us that unimproved roads and the lack of sidewalks not only pose safety issues, but also prevent social cohesion and connectivity.

Southeast Uplift conducted a Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Survey in 2002, and in it neighbors cited crime as one of the top issues they hoped the City would address. In 2017, crime has become less of a concern in the neighborhood, as only 12% of respondents to our survey mentioned it as their primary concern. However, those concerned with crime were predominantly residents living east of 72nd Ave, illustrating that it's the neighborhood’s more economically vulnerable residents that are most concerned for their safety.

When survey respondents were asked what are their favorite places to go from a list of options with no limits, 83% of survey respondents stated parks or open spaces and 50% said the homes of family and friends.
Throughout our public engagement process we identified the following themes. These themes inform the goals and recommendations found in Chapter 6.

Crime is a concern for some neighbors, particularly for those close to 72nd Ave. This area was known recently for heavy drug use, though crime is declining. Speaking to renters along this strip helped shed light on the theft, graffiti and drug activity that many wish to see go away.

Low density designation poses a challenge to neighborhood infrastructure investment. The lack of a neighborhood center or corridor is an impediment to accessing certain types of investment opportunities. Without the designation of a center or corridor, the neighborhood will find it difficult to attract City resources.

Local youth need more activities. One father commented, “You can never have enough stuff for kids to do.” At our focus groups at Whitman and Woodmere, we heard from kids themselves that they are especially excited about splash pads and game areas for activities like gaga ball. We heard from Lane Middle School parents that there’s also a need for constructive programming for older youth, such as middle-school age and those in their early teens.

Neighbors want more community-serving businesses and gathering spaces. Many survey respondents mentioned going to neighboring Woodstock, Mt. Scott, or Lents for grocery shopping, as well as do day-to-day business, such as for banks, cafes, restaurants and retail. The Brentwood-Darlington Community Center is certainly an asset, but it’s used heavily throughout the week, and access to the Moose Lodge is limited.

You Say Tomato . . .

Throughout our engagement process we found that perspective makes all the difference. One resident describes the neighborhood as a peaceful, quiet place to live. Another resident disagrees, characterizing the area as crime-ridden and far from serene. Some say that transit doesn’t serve their needs, others say they wouldn’t change a thing about it. Where this group rattles off a long list of improvements they’d like to see in the neighborhood, others say the area is far better than the last place where they lived.

What Did We Learn?
Residents love their parks and green spaces, and would like to see more investment. In addition to the lush home gardens that dot the area, the 12-acre Learning Gardens Lab and the Brentwood Community Garden are valued assets used for urban farming and educational purposes. There are large parks found throughout the neighborhood, but residents mentioned that they would like to see improvements made to Brentwood Park, namely more shaded areas, picnic tables and more playground equipment.

Unimproved streets and lack of sidewalks are the neighborhood’s major concern. Residents suggested that the lack of infrastructure impedes connectivity and accessibility, and prevents community building by posing a serious safety concern for children getting to and from school, as well as those with ADA accessibility issues.

The area needs garbage cans! Along Flavel Street it’s common to see trash bags hung from fence posts as makeshift receptacles to discourage littering. Even with this creative solution, we both heard about and saw trash accumulating on the ground, especially near bus stops.

The neighborhood association has struggled to actively engage some groups due to language barriers and little to no funding to pay for translation and interpretation services.
"Our neighborhood is growing rapidly and has one of the shortest days on market in the city. Also, unlike other parts of the city...our neighborhood is becoming MORE diverse, rather than the opposite. Please support this growth and diversity..."

-Survey Respondent
The Neighborhood in Context

This neighborhood has long been known as a relatively affordable area, but the city’s housing crisis is putting pressure on Brentwood-Darlington, causing rents and home prices to rise. However, not all residents experience these pressures equally. This chapter provides an overview of the socioeconomic and geographic disparities that exist in the neighborhood, with a particular emphasis on housing. For context, it is important to differentiate between the three rather distinct areas within the neighborhood’s boundaries.

The area from 45th to 52nd resembles Woodstock, with its generally quiet residential streets and higher incomes. The children in this part of Brentwood-Darlington attend Lewis Elementary, a neighborhood school that primarily serves Woodstock. This part of the neighborhood is also close to the well-developed commercial corridor on Woodstock Blvd.

The zone from 52nd to 72nd feels like a blue-collar, but up-and-coming single-family home neighborhood. The area is characterized by long stretches of unfinished streets. The center of this area is dominated by parks and gardens, but lacks easy access to commercial services.
The section between 72nd and 82nd is characterized by multifamily apartment complexes and mobile home parks, and is home to people who are, on the whole, poorer, more likely to be disabled, and at risk of more crime. From a demographic standpoint, this part of the neighborhood resembles Lents, just across 82nd, much more than Woodstock. In person, the people we spoke to reflected these differences in a number of ways we’ll dive into throughout this report.

What’s In A Name?

The neighborhood used to be called Errol Heights, which was the name of a subdivision between 45th and 52nd. The Brentwood subdivision consisted of the area between 52nd and 72nd running from Duke to Flavel, while Darlington occupied the southern edge of the area from Flavel to the county line. The rest of the neighborhood consisted of the subdivisions of Harney Park, Woodmere, and Crystal Springs. Not long after annexation the neighborhood’s name changed to Brentwood-Darlington.

When we asked people to list their neighborhood name on our survey, many opted to list an intersection instead. Some people we spoke with at community events reported living in the neighborhood, but then, when pointing out their intersection or street on a map, would point to a home actually a mile away in Eastmoreland or Lents. Still others had spent their entire lives living in the neighborhood and had no idea that the area is called Brentwood-Darlington.
We can get a greater sense of the spatial differences in the neighborhood’s demographics by noting the disparities between Census tracts. As seen in Table 1, every indicator of vulnerability is considerably more pronounced in Census tract 86. The people living between 72nd and 82nd, bounded by Duke and Flavel are about twice as likely to be unemployed, have children living in poverty, and to never have attended college compared to the city as a whole.

Thirty percent of the residents identify as Hispanic or Latino. The median income is more than 30% lower than that of the rest of the city or their immediate Brentwood-Darlington neighbors. These residents are also 43% more likely to suffer from a disability than Portlanders in general—a fact that is especially relevant given the infrastructure challenges that the neighborhood faces.

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Source: ACS 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates
Gentrification Risks

Recent research on gentrification and displacement risks has also identified Census tract 86 as both a “landing zone” for people displaced from other parts of the city, and as vulnerable to future displacement. As of 2013, this census tract was classified as vulnerable according to Dr. Bates’ stages of gentrification typology, as shown in the map to the right.

“Tracts designated as vulnerable have higher-than-average populations with characteristics that make resisting displacement more difficult: they are renters rather than homeowners, belong to communities of color, lack college degrees, and have lower incomes. These socioeconomic factors suggest displacement risk largely because they signal a reduced ability to withstand housing price increases caused by gentrification.”

Gentrification Neighborhood Typology

Source: Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability 2013 Gentrification Study
Neighborhood Schools

There are three schools within Brentwood-Darlington’s boundaries: Whitman Elementary, Woodmere Elementary, and Lane Middle School. However, the schools in the area draw from attendance boundaries that are not aligned by neighborhood, so that children from Lents attend Lane Middle School, and children from Brentwood-Darlington head west to Lewis Elementary depending on where they live.

Whitman, Woodmere, and Lane all receive Title I funds and the allocation of funding is based on the number of students who qualify for Free or Reduced price meals. As indicated in Table 2, Lane receives the highest allocation of this type of funding with Whitman and Woodmere following closely behind. Woodmere and Whitman also have high percentages of English Language Learners, and all three schools serve diverse student populations.

Lewis, which is not within the neighborhood’s boundaries but serves students living in the western part of the neighborhood, does not receive Title I funds and the diversity of the student population is significantly lower.

Additionally, only 2.4% of students at Lewis Elementary are English Language Learners. The difference in these figures further supports the notion that the neighborhood is comprised of distinct areas, with the eastern portion being more diverse, but also more vulnerable to displacement pressures.

Table 2. Comparison of Student Composition in Brentwood-Darlington Schools

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Source: Portland Public Schools 2015-2016 Enrollment Profiles
Legend

- Brentwood-Darlington Boundary
- School Boundaries
- School Location

Source: Portland Metro RLIS and Portland Maps Open Portal
Brentwood-Darlington’s relative affordability when compared with other parts of Portland might be its most salient characteristic. A huge share of people we heard from mentioned being able to afford housing as the reason they chose to live in the neighborhood. It has higher rates of homeownership, and lower median home prices than the rest of the city. Rents are also lower in the neighborhood, with the average rate for 2-bedroom apartments currently set at $961\textsuperscript{10}— equivalent to approximately 60% MFI for a 3-person household in the City of Portland.\textsuperscript{11}

A neighborhood’s affordability is often a marker of its residents’ vulnerability, and this is certainly true in Brentwood-Darlington. Many of the area’s newer arrivals are people who have been displaced from parts of North and Northeast Portland as they’ve exploded in popularity and high priced development.

The percentage of Hispanic or Latino people in the neighborhood has more than doubled to 18% according to ACS 2015 5-year estimates. Nevertheless, the neighborhood has actually seen less changeover than the rest of the city. Seventy-two percent of Brentwood-Darlington residents have lived in their home since at least 2010, compared to just 59% for Portland overall.

### Median Home Price

Source: Home Sales Data, Multnomah County Assessment & Taxation Analysis by Nick Kobel, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability
68% of BD Residents own a home compared to...
54% of Lents Residents
81% of Woodstock Residents
53% of Portlanders

Source: American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-year estimates

30% of children live in poverty in Brentwood-Darlington compared to close to 20% in nearby Lents
Brentwood-Darlington is home to three mobile home parks, all located between 72nd and 82nd Avenues. Having visited with neighbors in the Rudiger Mobile Home Park, residents described a friendly, peaceful community where neighbors gather to watch hummingbirds and squirrels at bird feeders. The mobile home parks provide the area with a sizable amount of naturally affordable housing. However, these residents may also be increasingly vulnerable to displacement due to the ease with which the buyer of a mobile home park can purchase the land out from under dozens of families at once.

This uncertainty is difficult for many residents, but people on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to displacement especially as rents rise. We spoke with one retired resident who has lived in his mobile home for 14 years. Originally he and his wife were paying $230 to rent their space, but they’re now paying over $600. The cost increases have taken a toll since they rely on social security payments to cover their monthly expenses.

While the majority of the affordable housing in the neighborhood is “naturally occurring,” there are also a number of developments of regulated affordable housing, located primarily on or near 72nd Avenue. ROSE Community Development Corporation and Home Forward operate the majority of the low-income units in the neighborhood.
Neighborhood Spotlight:
La Hacienda

La Hacienda, a cluster of small, beige multi-unit buildings tucked away off 72nd Avenue, is a friendly and welcoming community. Residents of this low-income housing development just south of Flavel, report a high amount of satisfaction with their community and many know their neighbors by name. A large percentage of the people we reached are seniors or older adults contending with a disability that prevents them from working. These residents noted that the lack of sidewalks in Brentwood-Darlington makes it difficult to reach certain locations in the area without a car.
Housing Options

As housing market prices rise and vacancy rates fall throughout the city, Brentwood-Darlington has not been immune to these pressures. New homes in the neighborhood are now routinely listed for sale at prices that rival the median city price. Many residents, including the Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association, have expressed their desire to see more affordable housing developed in the neighborhood. Given zoning, infrastructure, and market constraints, the likelihood of large multifamily developments being built in the neighborhood is relatively low, but there are other housing types that might help alleviate displacement risks and add density without dramatically impacting the neighborhood form.

One potential option is allowing additional accessory dwelling units, or “granny flats,” in people’s backyards or the development of cottage clusters of smaller homes at slightly higher densities in larger infill lots. The City of Portland is currently reviewing regulations on these housing types through the Residential Infill Project. We identified 571 lots over the required 10,000 square foot minimum lot size needed to situate a cottage housing development, eleven of which are currently vacant.

In addition to presently vacant lots, there are also a number of abandoned or bank-owned homes in the neighborhood. At the time of this report, in early May 2017, there are 17 bank-owned homes in Brentwood-Darlington.\(^{12}\) (There are approximately 700 city-wide.\(^{13}\)) The City of Portland has begun to address the issue of so-called ‘zombie houses’ through foreclosure procedures. Vacant houses that present a nuisance to surrounding neighbors might be opportunities for the development of affordable housing in the future.

\(^{12}\) Source: Portland Metro RLIS

\(^{13}\) Source: Portland Metro RLIS
Brentwood-Darlington is host to a diverse array of housing sizes and types. It contains a mix of smaller, older homes, multi-family units, and new developments both large and small. Survey respondents cite not only the affordable home prices, but also the larger lot sizes as some of the top reasons why they chose to move to the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood.
Where The Sidewalks End

“Cooper Lake,” at the corner of SE 62nd Avenue & SE Cooper Street
"...Unfortunately, the Brentwood-Darlington community has not seen infrastructure and safety investments that other neighborhoods and Portland have. As a result, the routes to and from local schools and businesses have large sidewalk gaps and are often unpaved. In fact, 2012 analysis from the Regional Equity Atlas shows Brentwood-Darlington has the lowest density of completed sidewalks in the Southeast Uplift neighborhood coalition. This lack of infrastructure creates critical safety and accessibility issues for community members, especially youth and those with mobility challenges."

- Jeff Reardon, State Representative, House District 48
  October, 2016
Infrastructure issues have been at the heart of Brentwood-Darlington’s entire history as a Portland neighborhood. The lack of storm sewers, streets and sidewalks is behind the City’s decision to finally annex the neighborhood, and the late date of its annexation is the reason why the neighborhood still lacks complete street infrastructure to this day.

When the area officially became part of Portland, residents were informed that streets and sidewalks that were up to the City’s standards would be maintained by the city, but those that were not, would not. Any new street improvements would have to be paid for by neighbors through the formation of a Local Improvement District (LID). The paving of a street turned out to cost tens of thousands of dollars per household, which was too high for many. Developers of new housing were originally expected to include sidewalks and streets, but this requirement was eventually waived in favor of an in lieu fee because of legal challenges stating that the requirement would result in disconnected sidewalks.
Future Funding Outlook

In spring 2016, the City of Portland adopted the Local Transportation Infrastructure Charge (LTIC) to help address the present infrastructure shortfalls. This funding is currently being held until the new Neighborhood Streets Program is developed. The City is in the midst of a public process to determine the program details, including how the City will prioritize projects in different geographic areas within the city. However, given that Brentwood-Darlington lacks a neighborhood corridor or center designation, it has not been slated as an area meant to generate a lot of new development in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan. City staff report that the likelihood of raising enough funds to address sidewalk shortfalls in Brentwood-Darlington through this program is slim.14

“The area’s close proximity to Portland and to the southeast industrial areas encouraged growth, as did the area’s location on street car and bus lines. But growth created strains on systems which did not keep with needs for service. Dirt roads deteriorated into hazardous ruts, muddy in winter, dusty in summer...Services were upgraded in neighboring areas within the Portland city limits, but Errol Heights (now Brentwood-Darlington) suffered from the inability or unwillingness of the county and special service districts to upgrade needed services.”

- Brentwood-Darlington 1992 Neighborhood Plan
Compared to the rest of Portland, Brentwood-Darlington has almost three times as many unimproved roads, 4% to 11.6%.¹⁵ Unimproved roads are a primary source of concern for the neighbors of Brentwood-Darlington. Not only are they an eyesore for residents, but they also further impede connectivity across the neighborhood, as ever-increasing potholes become unintentional “lakes” throughout the community during Portland’s rainy months. The people of Brentwood-Darlington often have to fill in potholes on their own along some streets. Neighborhoods like Brentwood-Darlington and Cully are often left with gravel and dirt roads. Loose gravel from unmaintained dirt roads gets kicked into the air during the summer months, affecting neighborhood air quality.¹⁶

Cooper Street, one of the longest unimproved roads in Portland, lies just east of Brentwood City Park. Completely impassable for blocks, the street has become a symbol for the neighborhood to rally around in frustration at what they regard is an uncaring and unfair bureaucracy. Focus group participants highlighted the lack of sidewalks as an important factor in the lack of community cohesion. Difficulties navigating the neighborhood on foot or bicycle mean that people are prone to stay indoors and keep to themselves, rather than socialize with their neighbors.

There are just over 5 miles of unpaved roads in Brentwood-Darlington, which is 11.6% of all roadways in the neighborhood. According to a 2012 City of Portland Map of Unpaved Streets, SEUL neighborhoods have an average of 2.7% of unpaved roads, and the City has 2.9% unpaved roads. Brentwood-Darlington has over 1/3 of all unpaved roads in Southeast Uplift.¹⁷
Before this stretch of Cooper St was paved in preparation for new development, Cooper was the longest unpaved road in the city. The new development does not extend all the way to 62nd Avenue, and neither do the road and sidewalk improvements.
The stark difference in sidewalk infrastructure is obvious in the figure above, which shows the sidewalks literally ending at the neighborhood boundaries of Brentwood-Darlington. This makes Brentwood-Darlington look and feel more like neighborhoods in East Portland than other southeast Portland neighborhoods. Infrastructure deficiencies are linked to when the area was annexed, as illustrated when comparing the lack of sidewalks to the decade of annexation in the maps above.
"I have lived in this community for a long time and would like to see the updates made. Walking my granddaughter to and from school at Whitman is like an obstacle course after it rains avoiding the mud puddles. I would like that to change."

- Survey Respondent
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Legend

- Blue: Pedestrian Improvements
- Green: Bicycle Improvements
- Current Bicycle Routes
- Streets
- Arterials
- Freeway

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82nd Avenue

It’s been a long time coming for street improvements on this ODOT operated and managed arterial. This multi-million dollar project works toward the city’s goal of Vision Zero or to end traffic violence on Portland streets.

Brentwood-Darlington will see several improvements on 82nd in and around the neighborhood from **signal upgrades** to **pedestrians crosswalks** and **ADA ramps** to **sidewalk infill** near Cooper and Bybee to basic **street paving**.

Look for signal upgrades and pedestrian improvements happening now and further improvements that strive to eliminate deaths by traffic through the end of 2017.

Greenways

**Springwater Connection**
In the first step toward the entire greenway, the city will implement an extension to connect to the **Springwater Corridor**. This comes with an additional street paving on 75th Place, just south of Whitman Elementary. Look for this as early as 2019.

**70s Greenway**
This greenway will be complete in 2020 and will serve a major north-south connection for cyclists throughout Portland.

**Knapp Ogden Greenway**
Alongside the other greenway projects, this will serve as a primary east-west connection for people of all ages and abilities. Expect to ride along this in 2020.

**60s Greenway**
Not yet funded but not far out of sight is another north-south greenway connection. It will connect Brentwood-Darlington to the Division area just south of Mt. Tabor, where many survey respondents mentioned as being one of their major destinations.

Sidewalk Infill

**SE Flavel and Duke Street**
Postcards and grassroots advocacy led to a $2.2 million dollar RFF grant from Metro. Flavel and Duke are two main neighborhood streets that serve students to three Title 1 schools, Lane, Woodmere, and Whitman with over 1,500 diverse students. This effort is expected to be completed in 2020 and would not happened without neighborhood support, SRTS, and other agencies citywide.

**SE Cooper Street**
As the longest stretch of unpaved roadway in Portland, Cooper is essentially a clean slate. Students at PSU are working on the pre-engineering phase of this. Residents seek a limited-vehicle access roadway that resembles a playstreet but, has the necessary grading and maintenance.
Transit Connections

Transit in Brentwood-Darlington is a topic perceived differently by groups of people in the neighborhood. Some feel that the cumbersome times to reach the downtown core via the Ross Island Bridge de-incentivizes transit use. Others, however, feel that routes like the 71 are accessible and convenient, nearby enough for frequent use. A common concern was the lack of N/S connections through the neighborhood that can turn a nearby destination like the Mt. Scott Community Center, into a trek with two connections.
Take Cover: Bus Shelter Thresholds

"When we’re deciding which bus stops get shelters and other amenities, we have to take ridership into account; shelters are considered only at stops with at an average of at least 50 weekday boarding rides."19

In some cases, though, even highly used stops don’t get a shelter. For example, on land connected to private property or parking lots sometimes a shelter just won’t fit." - TriMet20

Bus stops with rider numbers over 50 weekday boarding rides could qualify for an enhanced TriMet shelter, and would be strategic locations for trash can sponsorship, particularly in areas near commercial clusters and corridors. There are 9 stops in the neighborhood that have over 50 boarding rides per weekday. If ridership were to increase in the future with improvements like re-routing the 19 over the Tilikum Bridge, adding shelters, trash cans, or other stop amenities would improve the daily experience of more riders.

Stops with 50+ Boards/Day21

**Bus Line 19**
- SE Duke & 81st
- SE Duke & 72nd
- SE Duke & 60th

**Bus Line 71**
- SE 72nd & Flavel
- SE 72nd & Lexington

**Bus Line 72**
- SE 82nd & Duke
- SE 82nd & Flavel
- SE 82nd & Ogden
- SE 82nd & Crystal Springs

Bus stop at SE 82nd & Crystal Springs

Bus shelter at SE 60th & Flavel
Let’s Get Down to Business
"I'd like for Brentwood-Darlington to have some shops, preferably something that can be used as a gathering place, like a coffee shop for example, anything at all like that would be welcomed...We have lots of space, and with the housing crisis in Portland, I'd really like for Brentwood-Darlington to have more low income and mid level housing with retail space below."

- Survey Respondent
Many residents expressed a desire to see a wider variety of businesses in the neighborhood, particularly ones that could serve as neighborhood gathering spots. A survey of the businesses located within the neighborhood boundaries revealed that the neighborhood is lacking in several key types of services, such as professional offices and retail, as well as restaurants and coffee shops. There are small commercial nodes throughout the neighborhood, with clusters of businesses on 52nd, 72nd, and 82nd, and residents did report frequenting some of the existing businesses. However, 74% of people mentioned in our survey that their favorite business or place in the neighborhood is a place located outside the boundaries of Brentwood-Darlington, often on Woodstock, Foster, or further down 82nd in Happy Valley.

Development opportunities are limited since the area does not have a designated commercial corridor. Additionally, Brentwood-Darlington is mostly zoned residential, even along busy corridors like 52nd, which further limits development. Some long-time businesses in the area are still only conditionally zoned for commercial use. Finding ways to spur development may be challenging given these limitations, but a few targeted development efforts in the neighborhood could have big impacts.
Businesses operating within the boundaries of Brentwood-Darlington fall under the Woodstock Community Business Association or the 82nd Avenue of Roses Business Association, depending on which side of 65th Avenue they are on. Without a cohesive business association, advocacy efforts from the business community are rarely, if ever, centered on Brentwood-Darlington. Many of the business owners we spoke to had no idea which association represented them.

The result of this is not just a stagnation of economic vibrancy, but also a missed opportunity for community boosterism and support. Business associations in Portland often sponsor garbage cans by bus stops, children’s sports teams, and neighborhood nights out, such as art walks, or holiday-related events.
52nd Avenue
The Main Commercial Corridor

Conversations with local business owners and employees revealed different trends along the various commercial stretches of 52nd Ave. Between Duke and Flavel, the main concern cited at a number of establishments was the high speed of traffic, and the dangerous intersection at Flavel where broken glass from car accidents often litters the street. The area has no marked crosswalks between Duke and Flavel, and 52nd has intermittent sidewalks on that stretch of road. Several business owners in the commercial cluster at 52nd and Bybee cited the need for more parking, first and foremost. Given that there is on-street parking all along 52nd Ave, the need for more parking does not seem pressing, but it does highlight the fact that the majority of these businesses’ customers are arriving by car not by bike or on foot.

Though 52nd is not a designated corridor, its proximity to Woodstock could result in a commercial spillover effect, particularly if some areas currently zoned residential were to be re-designated. Should this occur there is the possibility that 52nd could somewhat naturally develop into a neighborhood center.
Neighborhood Spotlight: 52nd Avenue Hardware

52nd Ave Hardware and Building Supply has been in operation at the southeast corner of 52nd and Rural for the past 48 years, and Steve Besaw, has been there for 43 of them! This neighborhood hardware store has supplied tools and hardware for local theaters and television productions, including "Grimm" and "Portlandia." Steve noted that the main barriers in the neighborhood were a combination of a lack of street and sidewalk infrastructure, and difficulties navigating city regulations and zoning restrictions that come along with being a commercial enterprise on a mostly residentially zoned street.
72nd Avenue & Flavel Street
A New Neighborhood Center?

The corner of 72nd and SE Flavel came up in multiple conversations with residents, and many people commented on their desire to see more commercial businesses in this stretch of the neighborhood. The area stands on the verge of a transition, and the right sorts of supports could help catalyze a positive community identity and spirit to develop. The southwestern corner has long been the site of a neighborhood grocery store. Longtime residents of the neighborhood remember the site as a Red Apple, which served as a community hub where neighbors bumped into each other and exchanged greetings and news. But as economic conditions changed the Red Apple closed. The site stood vacant for several years and neighbors developed different shopping patterns. Over time the corner lost its vitality to crime and disinvestment.

Neighboring business owners cited concerns with drug use and vandalism on and around the corner at 72nd and Flavel. However, since 2012 the area has experienced reinvestment. The former Red Apple has become a Grocery Outlet, and the commercial strip across the way that houses the Clean-O-Rama and Stonewall’s Market has become a neighborhood hub. Some nearby residents mentioned Stonewall’s as a favorite spot, especially for their giant Jojos and homemade ranch dressing. The small commercial strip also boasts a new grassy side yard with picnic tables and a mural, as well as two food carts. The corner building, abutting the bus stop on Flavel, has been converted into a tortilla production facility for Three Sisters Nixtamal, and will eventually feature a retail window.

The vacant commercial space on the northeast corner of 72nd and Flavel has been the site of consistent problems for surrounding neighbors. Most recently occupied by a small convenience store and surrounded by a 16,000 sq. ft. parking lot, the corner is frequently the site of camping, dumping, and vandalism. Many in the neighborhood expressed interest in seeing the site redeveloped into more commercial space, or as mixed-use residential and commercial.

There are numerous businesses and community assets within a 3-block radius of SE 72nd & Flavel St, including a restaurant, food carts, a church, a laundromat, an elementary school, and a grocery store. There is also denser housing in the area, including apartment buildings and a mobile home park that can support a neighborhood-serving commercial area.
Home-Based Businesses

Because Brentwood-Darlington does not fall within the boundaries of an Urban Renewal Area or a Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative, the area is not eligible to receive funds set aside for those projects by Prosper Portland. However, one opportunity for economic development may be in growing the home-based businesses in area through small business loans and assistance programs. The concentration of home-based businesses in Brentwood-Darlington has grown considerably since the recession from 39 in 2008 to 70 in 2015—an 80% increase! Much of that growth has been driven by increases in the Other Services (NAICS 81) category, which includes Private Households. Workers in the Private Household category work as cooks, gardeners, caretakers, and other types of maintenance workers to name a few. The other industry that has seen growth is Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (NAICS 54), which includes establishments that provide administrative services like financial planning and billing and record bookkeeping. Currently, these people are running these businesses out of their homes, but there could be opportunity for growth in the future.

Home-based businesses have increased by 80% between 2008-2015.

A Note: Home-based businesses are classified as establishments that appear in a residential zone and have 2 or fewer employees. Establishments falling under Construction (NAICS 23) were not excluded because business generally does not occur at the home itself. (Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). On file with the Oregon Employment Department and the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, 2017.)
Chop Chop Food Cart, Cartlandia

Neighborhood Spotlight: Cartlandia

This food cart super pod is located where the Springwater Trail Corridor crosses 82nd and it was regularly mentioned by survey respondents as one of their favorite neighborhood spots. The pod boasts 28 international food carts and a covered beer garden. It is also adjacent to the Blue Room Bar where patrons can opt to sit inside and where live music can be heard Thursdays through Sundays. The pod is dog-friendly, as well as horse-friendly for folks riding in off the Springwater. Cartlandia is a great community asset, and based on the patrons we spoke with on the occasions we were there it is a major draw for both those living nearby and those living further afield.
Building Community
Strength
"I work primarily with outer southeast neighborhoods, which are some of the luckiest and unluckiest in Portland. They are unlucky because they suffer some of the worst conditions - poverty, poor streets, no sewers, and deteriorated housing. They are lucky because some of the finest people in Portland live and work there...Harney Park is an outstanding effort by a great group of folks in Brentwood-Darlington to turn a crime ridden vacant lot into a little league field."  

-Nick Sauvie, then with SE Uplift, in a letter to Charles Jordan, Director of the Bureau of Parks (December 6, 1990)
Building Identity Through Advocacy & Organizing

Members of the Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association asked our team to consider how they could work to become more effective advocates, and how to strengthen the neighborhood’s identity. We determined that the neighborhood’s own history holds important lessons for current residents on both points.

Brentwood-Darlington has long been home to committed and effective advocates, which forms an important part of the neighborhood’s identity. On many occasions, neighbors have banded together to achieve big and small wins. However, some of these efforts have been particularly draining for those championing them, leading to volunteer fatigue. In this chapter we’ve highlighted examples of past successful neighborhood organizing drives in order to call attention to and celebrate these efforts, while also considering strategies to promote volunteer longevity in the future.

The neighborhood association also expressed a commitment to better engaging more diverse voices in their advocacy efforts, and asked for ideas about how to diversify membership. In an effort to address this question, we have included case study information that we hope will provide some guidance.

Neighborhood leaders asked:

How can we strengthen neighborhood identity and better engage diverse voices in our neighborhood?

How can we be more effective advocates in addressing our infrastructure challenges?
The first and most salient example of neighborhood organizing begins with the founding of the Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association (BDNA). Officially forming in 1986 when the neighborhood was annexed by the City of Portland, the BDNA began as an effort to address the safety and livability concerns of the community at the time.

By 1992 the BDNA successfully helped the City close 60 drug houses. The Association formed a Drug and Nuisance Committee to allow neighbors an official, yet confidential way to report drug activity. Amazingly, 42 Neighborhood Watch groups were formed in the neighborhood. Neighbors also found out that they could get a quicker response from the City by reporting delinquent activity directly to relevant agencies, rather than the Portland Police Bureau. Eventually, this collaboration between neighbors and agencies like the Children’s Services Division (now the Family Services Division of the Portland Police Bureau), Animal Control, and the Bureau of Buildings (now Building and Development Services) helped create the successful Interbureau Task Force that was coordinated by Southeast Uplift.

To improve the general livability of the neighborhood, the group also worked to establish Neighborhood Cleanup Days with the National Guard. These mobilizations led to the removal of 700 disabled cars from the neighborhood, along with the cleanup of a vacant city-owned park site. City leaders took notice of the neighbors’ accomplishments, and named Brentwood-Darlington “Neighborhood of the Year” in 1990.

Today, the BDNA continues its work within the structure established by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI). The BDNA coordinates with other southeast neighborhoods as a member of Southeast Uplift, a coalition of neighborhood groups intended to strengthen community involvement and build organizing capacity.
Winning Grants & Corporate Sponsorship

In the late 1980s, Harney Park, a 7-acre open space at the southern edge of the neighborhood, was in desperate need of maintenance and safety improvements. According to a 1992 neighborhood survey, about 40% of residents reported not feeling safe near the park at night. They described the site as “an eyesore and a nuisance… the unlit, overgrown lot attracts dumping, off-road vehicle use, and criminal activity”.

In an effort to reclaim Harney Park, the neighborhood association started a neighborhood carnival to raise money for the park, and organized t-shirt and hat sales. The group also partnered with Southeast Uplift to successfully lobby Multnomah County for a $50,000 Housing and Community Development “self-help” grant that helped fund park improvements and a volunteer coordinator.

Harnessing local momentum, the community attracted corporate sponsorship for the park from the Portland Trailblazers, the Rose Festival Association, and Precision Castparts, one of the main employers of the neighborhood at the time. Plans for Harney Park were suspended after Ballot Measure 5 passed in 1990, which threw the City’s budget into question. That prompted a letter writing campaign on behalf of the neighborhood. Thankfully, funding for the park was not eliminated, and Harney Park was renovated, largely by volunteer labor, in 1991.

Parks remain the beloved backbone of Brentwood-Darlington, however neighbors may have to apply for grants or corporate sponsorships to secure some of the improvements they hope to see in Brentwood Park.
The establishment of the Brentwood-Darlington Community Center was another major win for the neighborhood. The Center was built as a collaboration between the BDNA, Multnomah County and Impact Northwest in 1997. From the outset, the classroom spaces at the community center were built expressly for the purpose of housing Impact NW’s Early Childhood programs, which are still going strong today. In 2004, Impact NW took over full operation of the facility at a time when the center was struggling to stay afloat. Now, the community center is bustling a center of activity.

On weekdays, Impact NW runs a variety of programs out of the center, including youth and family services. The organization also operates the SUN Community Schools at Woodmere and Whitman with coordinators using the center as their home base. In addition to their own services, Impact NW opens the space to local seniors who regularly meet to eat lunch and play pinochle and bunco. Portland police have an office in the building, and when the center is not in use by Impact NW programs it’s available to community members for a modest fee.

Dianne Denham, Impact NW’s Operations Manager who was worked in the neighborhood for over 13 years, told us that the center has been the site of many celebrations, including birthdays, quinceañeras, and weddings. Every Saturday, the center is home to the Czech school, and every Sunday it acts as a worship space for members of the Asian Pacific Islander community. Impact NW is an important neighborhood asset providing both critical services to residents, as well as an affordable place to gather and celebrate. Organizations hoping to reach a diverse array of neighbors would do well to start there.
Activism & Class Action Lawsuits

In 2013, Brentwood-Darlington faced yet another issue head-on, this time with Precision Castparts. The company’s factory has been located on the southern border of the neighborhood by Errol Heights Park for over 60 years, and it employs 30,000 people in the area. However, it has also long been known to be a hotspot of both air and water pollution. In 2016, after research showed highly elevated levels of hexavalent chromium, arsenic and other heavy metals in the air around Brentwood-Darlington, neighborhood residents, including BDNA members, formed a group known as South Portland Air Quality. The group’s aim was to put pressure on Precision Castparts to install new filtration systems and air pollution monitors viewable by the public.

Several community members also filed a class action lawsuit based on EPA data that showed that the nickel and chromium are likely to cause a measurable increase in the number of cancer cases over the next 70 years in the neighborhood surrounding the plant. The neighbors’ quick action yielded important results. Precision Castparts installed new filters this past December, though neighbors are still awaiting the results from the air quality monitoring. Residents also negotiated with the company to have an independent science advisor review the new third-party monitoring over the course of six months. Neighbors will also be working with researchers from Portland State University and breathe Oregon to perform their own independent air monitoring at several locations around the neighborhood.

Though using the litigation to force legal compliance is extreme, it may be justified to secure health and safety improvements, such as ADA compliant infrastructure.
Leveraging Advocates & Door-to-Door Organizing

One of the most recent organizing successes from the BDNA was the successful bid for Metro’s Regional Flexible Funds grant to support safer routes to school within the community. Feeling that something needed to be done about the lack of sidewalks in the neighborhood, a group of neighbors, led by BDNA member Meesa Long, decided to take action. The group gathered 1,013 signatures and submitted 284 postcards, receiving far and away the highest number of supportive comments from community members, many from school children, in support of sidewalk infill from 52nd-82nd, between Duke and Flavel. Neighborhood organizers also lobbied their state representatives and secured letters of support for the grant application from Senator Kathleen Taylor, and Representative Jeff Reardon.

Brentwood-Darlington faced an uphill battle in the grant application process. Originally, the neighborhood did not score high enough on Metro’s criteria to win the grant. However, the overwhelming outpouring of community support for the project was critical to convincing Metro otherwise. In total, the neighborhood was awarded a $2.2 million grant from Metro and a $3.1 million matching grant from PBOT SDC funds that will be used to install traffic calming measures, sidewalks and crosswalks along Duke and Flavel, as well as additional street and sidewalk infrastructure on Knapp and Ogden from 52nd to 87th as part of the eventual Knapp-Ogden Greenway project.
Local leaders can suffer from overcommitment and burn-out from the burden of carrying too many responsibilities as unpaid volunteers, but reaching out to neighbors and asking for help in organizing efforts can be difficult and exhausting. Making headway in engaging diverse community groups can also present cultural and economic barriers. Nevertheless, integrating the broader community into organizing efforts makes overall project success more likely.

In our outreach efforts we received assistance from a number of organizations, especially the BDNA, the Artistic Darlings, an arts-based collective of residents, Latino Network, Vietnamese Community of Oregon, the Woodstock Community Business Association, and SUN schools staff at Woodmere and Whitman Elementaries. Establishing long term contact between organizations helps build neighborhood capacity and helps train new leaders.
Many Hands Make Light Work

Meet people where they are.

More personal attempts to engage people, such as through door-to-door canvassing, tabling at schools and stores, work best for reaching new people directly.

Keep written language simple and minimal.

The word “neighborhood” alone can mean many things to different individuals. This is especially true when working with people who have limited English language proficiency.

Celebrate your victories.

Wins, however small, boost volunteer morale. Take the time to gather with neighbors and new friends in social settings, outside of meetings.

Harness volunteers from outside the neighborhood.

Residents of low income communities are often overtaxed in a variety of ways. Tap into existing volunteer programs that also draw from the wider community and may include people with time and resources to spare.

Relationships matter.

Organizers are usually more successful at engaging a larger number of people at events championed by well-known community members and organizations.
Engaging Diverse Voices

The neighborhood association expressed a desire to diversify its membership and to engage with a wider range of the area’s residents. This is a common goal shared by many community groups, and much has been written about the topic. However, before beginning to actively recruit members from other backgrounds it’s important for groups to assess their goals and the resources they are willing to expend to meet them.

Building and strengthening networks requires a great deal of outreach, as well as a long-term commitment to maintaining those connections. This can be especially difficult to achieve when there is high turnover in neighborhood leadership. For this reason, we feel that promoting sustainable practices within the neighborhood association in order to preserve leadership is a critical first step. That will put neighborhood leaders in a better position to focus on cultivating diverse networks, which will require attendance at other group’s events.

Food for Thought

Questions for groups to think about who want to expand their networks:

- What is our group hoping to gain from improving membership diversity?
  - More volunteers? A variety of opinions? Financial resources? Help accomplishing previously identified group goals? Fresh ideas?

- How will we accommodate people new to the group?

- Will we be able to provide the resources necessary to welcome marginalized community members?
  - Consider whether we can provide translation and interpretation, childcare, background and history of long-running group discussions.

- How equipped are we to deal with serious disagreements within the group?
Establishing Strong Partnerships

**Strengthen existing relationships.** Impact NW and ROSE CDC are both excellent neighborhood resource with wide reaches. By partnering with these organizations and working more closely with them, the neighborhood association can foster connections with the diverse communities of people already accessing their services. Partnering with these organizations to help promote neighborhood events, such as summer movies in the park, may help bolster and diversify attendance.

**Take the show on the road.** Before the community center was built, the neighborhood association met at the Errol Street Baptist Church. Though that church no longer exists, there are many places of worship in the neighborhood with diverse congregations. Reaching out to church leaders could prove beneficial in order to learn more about the types of programs and events they offer to their faith communities. In turn, religious leaders could pass on information about pending neighborhood events and projects on to their congregations. Additionally, the neighborhood association could consider occasionally meeting at spaces other than the community center, such as one of the neighborhood churches, to increase visibility.

**Build on what’s good.** The neighborhood has many assets that can be further capitalized on. Residents have already taken the lead on enhancing neighborhood identity through artistic efforts like neighborhood murals, spearheaded by the Artistic Darlings. A collaboration between the Artistic Darlings and Impact NW SUN Schools on a mural celebrating diversity in the area could be another way to both strengthen relationships and promote neighborhood beautification efforts. For guidance on a collaborative project of this nature, neighbors could look to Groundswell in New York City. More information about their efforts is available at www.groundswell.nyc.

**Acknowledge difference.** People often have an impulse to underplay differences within groups to maintain a sense of cohesion. However, best practices that support collaboration across cultures have found that owning and naming differences among participants, whether in race or ethnicity, class, or personal experience, is key to building authentic and long-lasting relationships.
Local scarecrow in neighborhood residence

The Big Picture
In many ways, residents of Brentwood-Darlington have expressed similar sentiments about their neighborhood for years. They value its character as well as its affordability, but they find the infrastructure deficiencies frustrating. That is no different today. What is different, however, is the rate at which Portland is growing and changing, putting pressure on Brentwood-Darlington in ways the neighborhood has not previously experienced. For this reason, maintaining affordability and protecting vulnerable residents should be paramount for the City. Investing in critical infrastructure should also be a top priority over the next several years. This oft-overlooked neighborhood deserves more attention from city agencies than it has received since the last planning effort in 1992, and its history of community organizing should be celebrated in ways that promote neighborhood identity. The following Action Plan lays out a list of recommended actions to take to achieve these goals.
How to Use This Document

The Action Plan is made up of Visions, Goals and Recommended Actions we derived from conversations with the community. The Visions lay out a forward-looking scenario, specific to each of the previous chapters. The Goals describe our broad approaches to improving livability, as they relate to the overall Vision they support. The Goals are implemented through the specific and corresponding Recommended Actions that follow. The Recommended Actions provide high level rationale of the steps needed to achieve each Goal, and name suggested Initiators, Key Partners, and Priority levels for each.

This neighborhood has heard many promises of coming improvements over the years. We wanted to make sure to avoid instilling false hope with our recommendations, which is why this Action Plan focuses on near-term and achievable projects for the neighborhood. All of the projects can conceivably be started and completed over the next 5 to 10 years. All of the Recommended Actions require a level of commitment from neighborhood activists, however, some will build neighborhood organizing capacity, thereby helping to make other Recommended Actions more achievable.

Next Steps

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability began this Community Assessment and Action Plan with an eye toward going through the full legislative planning process for the area in the near future. Neighborhood leaders eagerly await the chance to fully participate in setting the direction of their corner of Portland.
Housing & Equity Recommendations

Vision: Goals 1-3

Brentwood-Darlington aspires to be a place that supports people from all socioeconomic and racial backgrounds. Capitalizing on the neighborhood’s history of activism, Brentwood-Darlington will be a place where summer parks programming improves community cohesion, gives teenagers constructive things to do and reduces petty crime like vandalism. The redevelopment of old, vacant properties, such as the one on the corner of 72nd and Flavel St., will create neighborhood anchors with a mix of uses; a cafe, a doctor’s office, with apartments on the upper floors. In addition, new housing policies to protect renters will be implemented, such as a mobile home zoning overlay, and land-banking of multi-family property by PHB. A re-instated community policing program will achieve the goal of reducing crime and fear among neighbors of all backgrounds.

Neighborhood champions will undergo training and be equipped with the resources necessary to lead various community building projects. This will be accomplished through elevated collaborations between the Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association, ONI, Southeast Uplift, and Portland State’s Institute for Sustainable Solutions (ISS).
GOAL 1: Goal 1: Improve housing stability, housing opportunities and prevent displacement

1.1 Purchase naturally occurring affordable multi-family and mobile home park properties to guarantee long-term affordability

**Priority Level:** High  
**Initiator:** Portland Housing Bureau (PHB)  
**Key Partners:** Home Forward  
**Rationale:**  
As the neighborhood is home to many populations vulnerable to displacement, the City should use affordable housing bond funds to purchase multifamily properties to ensure permanent affordability and stability for neighborhood residents.

1.2 Support “right of first refusal” legislation for mobile home parks

**Priority Level:** High  
**Initiator:** PHB  
**Key Partners:** CASA of Oregon, St. Vincent de Paul, Manufactured Housing/Oregon State Tenants Association  
**Rationale:**  
Mobile home parks are an important source of non-subsidized affordable housing but residents are vulnerable to displacement if the land goes up for sale. Right of first refusal would provide tenants the opportunity to partner with local non-profits to make an offer on the property.

1.3 Create a mobile home park overlay zone

**Priority Level:** High  
**Initiator:** BPS  
**Key Partners:** Mobile home park owners, Manufactured Housing/Oregon State Tenants Association  
**Rationale:**  
An overlay zone would allow specific regulations to be applied to mobile home parks, whose residents are vulnerable to displacement, with the aim of preventing a conversion of the parks to other uses. Examples of regulations that could be utilized in this overlay zone include mandating any sale of a mobile home park resulting in a conversion go through a formal review process, implementing a 2-year minimum notice of intent to convert to park residents, or an outright moratorium on conversion of parks unless the owner can prove financial hardship.
1.4 Consider higher density residential zoning adjacent to 52nd and 72nd Avenues to expand housing types next to services and amenities.

**Priority Level:** High  
**Initiator:** BPS  
**Key Partners:** BBDS, BDNA Land Use committee  

**Rationale:**  
In order for commercial land to be successful, there does need to be an increase in housing opportunities, ideally, within walking distance for existing and future commercial services and amenities.

1.5 Promote cottage housing developments on lots over 10,000 sq. ft.\(^A\)

**Priority Level:** Medium  
**Initiator:** BPS  
**Key Partners:** Bureau of Development Services (BDS), Orange Splot, Proud Ground  

**Rationale:**  
There are currently 11 vacant lots over 10,000 sq. ft. that could support cottage cluster development, providing additional housing units.

1.6 Consider mixed-use development for property on NE corner of 72nd & Flavel

**Priority Level:** Medium  
**Initiator:** Rose CDC  
**Key Partners:** PHB, BDS  

**Rationale:**  
This property was regularly cited by residents as a site with potential. The lot is large (>16,000 sq. ft.) but the building footprint is small. Neighbors would like to see the space better utilized.

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\(^A\) Note: The 10,000 sq. ft. standard for cottage housing developments may be updated in the Residential Infill Project process.
GOAL 2: Address neighborhood safety concerns and empower residents with information

2.1 Address perceptions of houselessness issues through public education campaign

**Priority:** Medium  
**Initiator:** Joint Office of Homeless Services  
**Key Partners:** Impact NW, BDNA, neighborhood churches

**Rationale:**  
Neighborhood perception that the presence of houseless campers in neighborhood has increased crime should be addressed to alleviate concerns and proactively work to find humane local solutions to major issues. Help people connect vulnerable people to needed services.

2.2 Bring back the community policing program

**Priority:** Medium  
**Initiator:** Mayor Wheeler  
**Key Partners:** City Council, Portland Police Bureau

**Rationale:**  
In the past, the Portland community policing program has been a successful model to build community trust and relationships regarding crime and safety issues. The Mayor’s office has expressed interest in reinstating this program to re-establish ties between the police and residents.
GOAL 3: Promote and enhance existing services and neighborhood organizations

3.1 Increase programming, particularly for older youth, and identify partnerships with other service or community organizations to increase summer and evening programming at B-D Community Center and Brentwood Park.

Priority: High
Initiator: PP&R, Impact NW
Key Partners: SUN program, BDNA, Bikes for Humanity, VNCO, Independent Publishing Resource Center (IPRC), Portland Youthbuilders, Learning Gardens Lab

Rationale: There is a lack of programming for older children and teenagers in the neighborhood, as well as a perceived lack of community connection to the community center among neighborhood residents who do not access the social services provided in the building.

3.2 Promote more organizational collaboration and coordination of services.

Priority: High
Initiator: Impact NW
Key Partners: Rose CDC, Oregon DHS, Churches, Albina Headstart, St. Vincent de Paul, Green Lents

Rationale: Brentwood-Darlington is home to a variety of social service providers. Supporting, strengthening, and facilitating safer connections to Lents and 82nd will expand connection to a greater range of services and CBOs.

3.3 Work with Wallace Medical Concern’s mobile unit to establish a routine visit to the Brentwood-Darlington Community Center

Priority: Medium
Initiator: Impact NW
Key Partners: Wallace Medical Concern, managers of mobile home parks

Rationale: The neighborhood lacks medical offices. Current neighborhood service providers believe that many low income residents and seniors in the neighborhood would benefit from this service.
3.4 Identify grants and commercial sponsorships to help fund park desired improvements.

Priority: Medium
Initiator: BDNA
Key Partners: Learning Gardens Laboratory

Rationale:
Facilities at each park could be improved to inspire more use from a broader range of neighborhood residents. Residents mentioned a need for more play equipment for older kids, and updated play equipment in general, covered pavilion space for larger group events.

3.5 Conduct park usage audit

Priority: Low
Initiator: PP&R
Key Partners: BDNA

Rationale:
The neighborhood parks are heavily used and provide a wealth of resources for people throughout the area. Determining who is using the parks and when they are most being accessed can help fine tune programming and facilities services.
Vision: Goal 4

Brentwood-Darlington will push city agencies to apply a Vision Zero and ADA accessibility lens in neighborhood infrastructure and connectivity issues. PBOT will prioritize the improvement of some of the approximately 5 miles of unimproved streets and sidewalks throughout the neighborhood to address safety issues, especially at intersections like 52nd and Flavel St. and 52nd and Ogden.

Improvements in pedestrian infrastructure will support commercial space activation and safe routes to school along those corridors. Increased transit connectivity will especially benefit low income and disabled residents who can’t access private vehicles.

Changes such as the re-routing of the #19 bus line over the Tilikum Bridge, as well as improved north/south routes, will greatly improve access to employment and recreational opportunities. Unimproved roads with no immediate path toward paving provide residents ample opportunity for collaboration with PBOT to create ‘play streets,’ reducing costs for infrastructure, while also turning a deficit into a neighborhood asset.
GOAL 4: Make important infrastructure and network connectivity improvements

4.1 Improve ADA accessibility in the neighborhood

Priority: High
Initiator: PBOT
Key Partners: ODOT, Oregon Walks, Street Trust, Disability Rights Oregon

Rationale:
Lack of sidewalks and curb ramps disproportionately affects people with mobility challenges. Streets should be prioritized to create continuous stretches of ADA accessible pathways to centers of activity.

4.2 Prioritize safety and connectivity improvements using Safe Routes to School and Vision Zero Data

Priority: High
Initiator: PBOT
Key Partners: Oregon Walks, Safe Routes to School, PPS, The Street Trust, Community Cycling Center

Rationale:
Lack of sidewalk and street infrastructure is directly linked to pedestrian and bicycle accidents, and low perceived walkability of neighborhood.

4.3 Re-route bus line 19 over the Tilikum Bridge

Priority: High
Initiator: TriMet
Key Partners: PBOT

Rationale:
Using the Ross Island Bridge adds at least 15 minutes to the standard rush hour commute, making transit a less attractive option for neighborhood residents.
4.4 **Provide more North/South transit connections**

**Priority:** Medium  
**Initiator:** TriMet  
**Key Partners:** PBOT

**Rationale:** Much of the area lacks north-south transit options between 52nd to 82nd. Re-routing the 71 to stay on SE 72nd would make trips to popular destinations like Mt. Scott Community Center easier. Adding a continuous line on SE 52nd would help support a neighborhood commercial corridor.

4.5 **Address safety concerns on 52nd and at the corner of 52nd & Flavel through interventions like disallowing right turns on red or speed reductions**

**Priority:** Medium  
**Initiator:** PBOT  
**Key Partners:** BDNA, Woodstock Community Business Association

**Rationale:** Residents mentioned speeding as an issue on 52nd and some businesses in the area noted this being a problem as well, especially at the corner of 52nd and Flavel.

4.6 **Host a grant writing class or program in Brentwood-Darlington for streets and infrastructure advocacy and funding**

**Priority:** Medium  
**Initiator:** SEUL  
**Key Partners:** ONI, possibly in partnership with PSU or PCC

**Rationale:** Enable more neighborhood residents to lead the charge on pursuing grants throughout the year and share the time and resource burden.

4.6 **Partner with PBOT to make a “play street” on part of Cooper, similar to Klickitat St**

**Priority:** Low  
**Initiator:** Resident advocate  
**Key Partners:** PBOT, Livable Streets Program PSU Engineering

**Rationale:** Cooper St. is one of the longest unimproved roads in Portland. If the street will remain inaccessible, the area could be better used as open space with an aim to improve walkability and connectivity.
Vision: Goals 5-6

Commercial centers in Brentwood-Darlington will be activated with the aid of unique funding partnerships between the business associations, nonprofits and city agencies. By promoting business networking opportunities between current business owners along 52nd and 72nd Aves., stronger ties will be formed. These relationships will be instrumental to furthering economic and community development goals.

Designating 52nd Ave. as a Neighborhood Corridor will also increase the continuity and partnerships between the Woodstock Corridor and Brentwood-Darlington. With increased partnerships will come increased financial resources, especially to sponsor amenities such as public trash cans throughout the neighborhood.
GOAL 5: Increase commercial opportunities and neighborhood-serving businesses

5.1 Extend commercial zoning on 52nd to create a continuous commercial corridor

Priority: High
Initiator: BPS
Key Partners: Local business owners, adjacent neighbors

Rationale:
To support a neighborhood corridor, create a continuous line of commercial zoning and eliminate nonconforming uses. Support BPS Map Refinement Tool Project in this effort.

5.2 Promote neighborhood business networking and support through more business association events

Priority: High
Initiator: Local business owners
Key Partners: Woodstock Community Business Association, 82nd Ave of Roses Business Association, BDNA, Korean Grocers Association, Venture Portland

Rationale:
The area has a low concentration of commercial zoning, which makes it difficult to establish a strong business district. More support is needed to aid local economic development efforts. Build on neighboring districts successes.

5.3 Find a local 52nd Ave. business champion and pursue annual Venture Portland economic development grants

Priority: Medium
Initiator: Woodstock CBA
Key Partners: Venture Portland, BDNA

Rationale:
52nd Ave businesses are within the Woodstock Community Business Association but connections are not strong at the moment. Working more closely with the WCBA could benefit the 52nd Ave businesses and help them advocate for funding.
5.4 **Obtain a Neighborhood Corridor Designation (52nd) as an extension of the Woodstock Corridor to expand opportunity for funds**

**Priority:** Medium  
**Initiator:** PBOT  
**Key Partners:** BPS, Metro  

**Rationale:**
Currently there are no designated centers or corridors within the boundaries of Brentwood-Darlington. A corridor designation along 52nd Ave. would open funding options and meet City planning criteria to bring more attention and resources to the neighborhood.

5.5 **Activate the four corners of 72nd and Flavel St. as a center of neighborhood activity and look for opportunity areas to extend commercial activity on 72nd, south of Flavel**

**Priority:** Medium  
**Initiator:** 82nd Ave of Roses Business Association  
**Key Partners:** Grocery Outlet, affected B-D business owners, City Repair, Prosper Portland, Venture Portland  

**Rationale:**
This corner has been identified several times through stakeholder conversations as having potential for more community gathering. It is in a highly visible section of the neighborhood, and serves many residents through the different building occupants and uses. This could be an informal neighborhood center.

5.6 **Look for opportunity areas to extend commercial activity on 72nd, south of Flavel**

**Priority:** Low  
**Initiator:** BPS  
**Key Partners:** Venture Portland  

**Rationale:**
There is an existing commercial pocket on Harney, but many R2.5 lots north to Flavel. Look at future potential to transform this area to another neighborhood-serving commercial district.

5.7 **Utilize a greater range of small business services from local service providers and grant opportunities**

**Priority:** Low  
**Initiator:** Prosper Portland  
**Key Partners:** MESO, Mercy Corps NW, Venture Portland, Portland City College  

**Rationale:**
Some home-based businesses in the neighborhood could grow and potentially move into commercial spaces with funding and support.
GOAL 6: Promote neighborhood beautification

6.1 Add trash cans in designated locations throughout the neighborhood through sponsorship opportunities paired with businesses, BDNA funds, and/or sustainability grants

**Priority:** High  
**Initiator:** BDNA  
**Key Partners:** Trimet, BPS, Woodstock Business Association, 82nd Ave of Roses, Three Sisters, Stonewall’s Korean Grocers’ Association, SE Uplift

**Rationale:**  
Residents noted the need for garbage receptacles at bus stops. Lack of corridor designation means garbage pick up will need to find local support, but limited commercial zoning in area limits number of possible participating businesses.

6.2 Conduct neighborhood wide graffiti clean-ups

**Priority:** High  
**Initiator:** ONI  
**Key Partners:** SEUL, BPS

**Rationale:**  
Neighbors cited the need for stronger efforts at keeping graffiti at bay.
Neighborhood Organizing Recommendations

Vision: Goals 7-9

Building off of past momentum, organizer trainings will further improve the reach of neighborhood champions, enabling them to sharpen their leadership skills. City bureaus like the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) can help provide technical assistance for this, by providing courses at free or low-cost to neighborhood associations.

In addition, the Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association will widen its network and diversify its reach by creating stronger linkages between other community-serving organizations such as Impact NW, ROSE CDC, and the Latino Network’s parent group. By occasionally changing meeting locations and utilizing some of the neighborhood’s many places of worship, the neighborhood association will also increase its visibility.

The neighborhood association will celebrate past wins and promote stronger neighborhood identity by adding placards at places like Harney Park, recounting historical events that led to the park redevelopment. Finally, local representatives will assist the people of Brentwood-Darlington in effectively advocating for resources and policies that will strengthen the neighborhood.
GOAL 7: Help neighbors become more effective advocates and engage diverse voices

7.1 Support neighborhood level advocacy by clarifying decision-makers, resources, and funding between transportation agencies in the city

- **Priority**: High
- **Initiator**: ONI
- **Key Partners**: PBOT, ODOT, TriMet, Metro

**Rationale:**
Neighborhood activists have asked for capacity building support and technical assistance in navigating planning and advocacy landscape to most effectively draw attention to local infrastructure issues.

7.2 Better equip those interested in being neighborhood champions with condensed resource lists and information

- **Priority**: High
- **Initiator**: SE Uplift
- **Key Partners**: ONI, Institute for Sustainable Solutions (ISS)

**Rationale:**
Some residents are already involved in advocacy but reported being unsure of how to navigate the bureaus and knowing where to turn for resources.

7.3 Sponsor neighborhood leaders to attend community organizing trainings

- **Priority**: High
- **Initiator**: SE Uplift
- **Key Partners**: ONI, Institute for Sustainable Solutions (ISS)

**Rationale:**
Community organizing is a must to continue the momentum of neighborhood advocacy and to continue to put pressure on agencies to affect change. Because the BDNA is entirely volunteer based, those in leadership positions can experience fast and intense burnout. Providing training and funds to support the highly skilled and motivated neighborhood advocates could ensure that actions continue to be addressed in the future.
7.4 Expand neighborhood connections with multi-cultural groups and service providers to reach larger portions of the BD population

**Priority:** High  
**Initiator:** BDNA Equity and Inclusion Group  
**Key Partners:** Latino Network, VNCO, ONI, Albina Headstart, Rose CDC  

**Rationale:**
Strengthen connections with groups already invested in the area like Latino Network, and connect with groups interested in expanding into the area like the VNCO. Reinstate ONI translation services.

7.5 Provide childcare at neighborhood meetings

**Priority:** Medium  
**Initiator:** BDNA  
**Key Partners:** ONI, SEUL  

**Rationale:**
Having childcare available during neighborhood association meetings increases the chance that a wide variety of people will be able to attend.

7.6 Provide language translation for documents, and interpretation at meetings

**Priority:** Medium  
**Initiator:** BDNA  
**Key Partners:** CELS, IRCO, Latino Network, Unite Oregon  

**Rationale:**
Interpretation services may be necessary to engage residents that are active in other neighborhood groups, especially given the rapidly increasing population of immigrants in the neighborhood.

7.7 Increase reach of neighborhood communication networks

**Priority:** Low  
**Initiator:** BDNA  
**Key Partners:** Woodmere Elementary, Whitman Elementary, Lane Middle School, neighborhood places of worship  

**Rationale:**
Many community members are not involved with or aware of neighborhood groups and events. Take the BDNA meetings on the road to different parts of the community to increase visibility and involvement.
GOAL 8: Enhance and celebrate neighborhood identity

8.1 Identify placemaking grants in resource library (see Appendix) that Brentwood-Darlington qualifies for and pursue those opportunities

Priority: Medium
Initiator: BDNA
Key Partners: Metro, Regional Arts and Cultural Council (RACC), SE Uplift, PBOT

Rationale:
Neighborhood residents expressed interest and a need to strengthen neighborhood identity. May help increase participation in civic activities.

8.2 Organize BDNA to fundraise for Brentwood-Darlington Community Center improvements to tie community assets together

Priority: Medium
Initiator: BDNA
Key Partners: Impact NW

Rationale:
The breadth and depth of the services available at the Community Center are a huge asset to the community. Any efforts to connect to residents not already involved in neighborhood organizing could and should begin with groups that already use this important community space. The BDNA could also strengthen its ties to Impact NW by helping to raise funds for the improvements they hope to make to the facility in the near future.
8.3 Install neighborhood placards at Harney Park and Brentwood-Darlington Community Center to celebrate organizing success stories

**Priority:** Low  
**Initiator:** SE Uplift  
**Key Partners:** BDNA, BPS, City Repair, Artistic Darlings

**Rationale:**  
Community organizing success stories are part of this neighborhood’s identity and greater public recognition of these wins could help foster a better sense of identity.

8.4 Install wayfinding signs to Brentwood-Darlington Community Center and other neighborhood assets

**Priority:** Low  
**Initiator:** Impact NW  
**Key Partners:** BDNA, SE Uplift, Metro

**Rationale:**  
Many people in the neighborhood do not know about the BDCC or the services offered there. Wayfinding signs on Duke St. and Flavel St. could help orient people to this neighborhood resource.
GOAL 9: Carry positive momentum forward

9.1 Identify political advocates to continue carrying Brentwood-Darlington momentum forward

**Priority:** High  
**Initiator:** ONI  

**Rationale:**  
Neighborhood leaders can’t work alone. Pairing internal neighborhood advocacy with external advocacy at a broad agency and political base will help to elevate and empower BD neighbors’ voices.

9.2 Use Complete Neighborhood strategy to take Brentwood-Darlington through a formalized legislative process

**Priority:** High  
**Initiator:** BPS  
**Key Partners:** City Council, Multnomah County, Metro

**Rationale:**  
To legitimize and elevate Brentwood-Darlington’s priorities, the next step is taking this process through a formal legislative process with community representatives, agency representatives, City staffers, and politicians. After the plan is thoroughly vetted through an advisory committee, pursue adoption at the City level and a resolution or intergovernmental agreement at the County level.
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Shannon Williams
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Specializing in data analysis and mapping, Laura provides technical support at GPS. With a background in environmental sustainability, she blends her love of nature with her interest in getting to know the brilliantly diverse people of Portland. When she's not at the office or dreaming up new plans, she enjoys exploring Forest Park, taking vacations on the Oregon Coast, and playing guitar in the GPS band.

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Appendix A: Planning Context & Neighborhood Assets
Acronyms

- ACS: American Community Survey
- BD: Brentwood-Darlington
- BDNA: Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association
- BPS: Bureau of Planning & Sustainability
- BTA: Bicycle Transportation Alliance
- CDC: Community Development Corporation
- CELS: Community Engagement Liaisons
- IRCO: Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization
- MESO: Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon
- MFI: Median Family Income
- NAICS: North American Industry Classification System
- NPI: Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative
- ODOT: Oregon Department of Transportation
- ONI: Office of Neighborhood Involvement
- PBOT: Portland Bureau of Transportation
- PCC: Portland Community College
- PDC: Portland Development Commission
- PHB: Portland Housing Bureau
- PP&R: Portland Parks & Recreation
- PSU: Portland State University
- RACC: Regional Arts & Culture Council
- SEUL: Southeast Uplift
- SRTS: Safe Routes to School
- SUN: Schools Uniting Neighborhoods
- TSDC: Transportation System Development Charge
- VNCO: Vietnamese Community of Oregon
Zoning Definitions

**Neighborhood Commercial: CN1 & CN2**
Meant to promote local-serving businesses on small parcels. CN1 intended for higher-density, pedestrian-oriented environments. CN2 is more auto-accommodating.

**Residential 2,500: R2.5**
Facilities detached or attached single-family residential development on lots as small as 2,500 square feet

**Residential 5,000: R5**
Permits single-family residential development on lots as small as 5,000 square feet

**Residential 7,000: R7**
Allows single-family residential development on lots no smaller than 7,000 square feet

**Residential 2,000: Low Density Multi-Dwelling**
Allows approximately 22 dwelling units per acre, characterized by one to three story buildings. Major types of new development will be duplexes, townhouses, rowhouses, and garden apartments, intended to be compatible with adjacent houses. Applied to local streets adjacent to commercial areas and transit streets.

**Residential 1,000: Medium Density Multi-Dwelling**
Allows approximately 43 units per acre, characterized by one to four story buildings. Major types of new development will be multi-dwelling structures (condominiums and apartments), duplexes, townhouses, and rowhouses. Applied near Neighborhood and District Collector streets.

**General Commercial**
Meant for commercial districts whose form accommodates the automobile, and whose stores and services are geared to either local or regional markets. Development standards promote attractive development, a pleasant street appearance, and compatibility with residential areas.

**Office Commercial**
Used on small sites in or near residential areas or between residential and commercial areas, intended to be a low intensity office zone.

**General Employment 2**
Encourages a broad range of non-retail commercial uses, in low-density buildings on large lots. Sites with medium and low building coverage.

**General Industrial 2**
Sets terms for relatively low-density industrial development on large lots.

**Open Space**
Intended to preserve and enhance public and private open, natural, and improved park and recreational areas.

(Source: Cully-Concordia Community Assessment and Title 33 Zoning Code)
Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Assessment & Action Plan

Proposed Changes

Legend
- Open Space
- Single Dwelling - 7,000
- Single Dwelling - 5,000
- Single Dwelling - 2,500
- Multi-Dwelling - 2,000
- Multi-Dwelling - 1,000
- High-Density Multi-Dwelling
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Urban Commercial
- Mixed Employment
- Mixed Employment
- General Commercial
- Office Commercial
- Unchanged
- Industrial Sanctuary
- Vacant Lots
- Portland Boundary

Source: Portland RLIS & Portland Maps
Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Assessment & Action Plan

Proposed Changes

- Open Space
- Residential 7,000
- Residential 5,000
- Residential 2,500
- Low Density MD 2,000
- Commercial Mixed Use 1
- Commercial Mixed Use 2
- Commercial Residential
- Commercial Employment
- Vacant Lots
- Portland Boundary

Source: Portland RLIS & Portland Maps

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North
Maximizing Pedestrian Connections

Walking Routes to the Things You Need Most

1. Learning Gardens Lab to Errol Heights Park
   25 minutes, 1.2 miles

2. Brentwood Park to SE 92nd + Flavel MAX
   38 minutes, 1.9 miles

3. BD Community Center to Woodstock Safeway
   23 minutes, 1.1 mile

4. Harney Park to Holgate Library
   48 minutes, 2.4 miles

5. Woodmere Elementary to Parker Field
   26 minutes, 1.3 miles

6. 72nd + Flavel to Woodstock Library
   37 minutes, 1.8 mile

7. Mt Scott to Lane Middle School
   26 minutes, 1.3 miles

8. Kelly School to Lane Middle School
   38 minutes, 1.8 miles

Legend:
- Walking Routes
- Starting Point
- Destination Point
- Move This Way!

Source: Portland Metro RLIS and Portland Bureau of Transportation
Brentwood-Darlington may have incomplete sidewalks, but it is home to many local attractions, and nearby to even more! Follow the routes below for a safer way to get to popular destinations.

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Get yourself from one massive natural area to the next by walking south on SE 60th then, turn left on Ogden. Make your way to 52nd and Flavel, stop by the Moose Lodge and say hello. Be cautious walking down the hill toward the park on the winding country roads. Enter thru the garden.

A lot of you cross BD to get to the MAX. Here is an easy and central route to get you safely to work, family and friends and your other destinations around the city.

With the Community Center in Lane’s backyard, you can head west to Woodstock for groceries at Safeway or dinner nearby after picking up your kids at school or the BDNA monthly meeting. From this general area in BD, Woodstock retail and amenities is a mere mile away!

After your early morning run with the dog, take some time to yourself and join the bookclub, Pageturners, that meets every Saturday morning at 10:30am. Holgate Library is open Monday and Tuesday, 12n to 8p, Wednesday to Saturday, 10a to 6p and Sunday, 12n to 5p.

Introduce this walk to your kids so they can access this great community ball field after school for a game of kickball! It’s just over a mile long and half way they can stop at Stonewalk’s Market for some Jojo’s or an ice cream to fill up after school.

After grabbing dinner at Grocery Outlet, have the kids walk to the library for the Woodstock Teen Book Club, offered Thursday’s from 4:30 to 5:30 while you relax and prepare something delicious.

Many of you walk to Mt Scott Community center, which is wonderful because it is a major asset to the area! Here is a safe route to get you back to a central area in BD near Lane Middle School, Learning Gardens Lab, Brentwood Park and the Community Center.

For those of you that trek from across 92nd in Lents to get your kids to school, here is a route to help you make your way safely. Utilize Ogden for a soon-to-be neighborhood greenway or detour off to Flavel after the sidewalk infill has occurred.
Learning Places

1. Whitman Elementary School
2. Woodmere Elementary School
3. Lane Middle School
4. Learning Garden Laboratory
5. Albina Head Start Program

Source: Portland Metro RLIS and Portland Maps Open Data
Brentwood-Darlington is home to three Portland Public Schools, a Community Transition program site, a multi-user 12-acre garden facility, and a Head Start program. All three PPS locations are Title I schools and are comprised of diverse students and families.

1. Whitman Elementary School (K - 5th)
   - 19.9% English Language Learners
   - Receives Title I funds
   - Average class size of 21.0, compared to a district average of 24.0
   - SUN Community School (through Impact NW)

2. Woodmere Elementary School (K - 5th)
   - 24.0% English Language Learners
   - Receives Title I Funds
   - Average class size of 20.0, compared to district average of 24.0
   - SUN Community School (through Impact NW)

3. Lane Middle School (6th - 8th)
   - 26.4% Hispanic enrollment
   - Latino Network sponsored Parents’ Group
   - Average class size of 20.0, compared to district average of 23.1
   - SUN Community School (through Multnomah County)

4. Learning Garden Laboratory
   - 12-acre educational garden facility managed in partnership by Oregon State University and Portland State University
   - Home of the Portland Public Schools Community Transition Program
   - Connected with Brentwood Community Garden and Orchard

5. Albina Head Start
   - Located at Lexington Court Home Forward multi-family property
   - Provides child growth and development services

Source: PPS, 2015-2016 Enrollment Profiles
Serving Spaces

1. ROSE CDC
2. Impact NW
3. Oregon Department of Human Services: Adult & Family Services
4. Moose Lodge #291
5. Apostolic Faith Church
6. Iglesia Del Nazareno Adonai
7. Flavel Street Baptist Church
8. Bethel Assembly of God
9. St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
10. Portland Insight Meditation Community
11. Slavic Baptist Church
12. St. Peter Catholic Church
13. Asian Buddhist Community Congregation of Oregon

Source: Portland Metro RLIS and Portland Maps Open Data
From neighborhood places of worship to local community organizations, Brentwood-Darlington has a variety of local service providers located throughout the neighborhood, providing resources from social services to multilingual worship services and gathering places.

**Community Organizations**

**ROSE CDC**
- Founded by Nick Sauvie in 1992 as Revitalizing Outer SouthEast (ROSE) Portland neighborhoods through housing and economic development
- Manages three properties in the neighborhood: Johnson Creek Commons, Country Squire, Woodmere Commons

**Impact NW**
- Major provider of educational and social services in the neighborhood for over 20 years
- Operates and manages neighborhood community center
- Location of monthly BDNA meetings

**Oregon Department of Human Services**
- Adult & Family Services
- Outer SE Self-Sufficiency Office provides assistance with SNAP, TANF, childcare services, and refugee services

**Moose Lodge**
- Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 291
- Building constructed in 1926
- Serves as a gathering site for neighbors

**Places of Worship**

**Apostolic Faith Church**
- Large campus in the neighborhood on Duke and SE 52nd Avenue

**Iglesia Del Nazareno Adonai**
- Services held in Spanish
- Homeless service provider

**Flavel Street Baptist Church**
- Services in Vietnamese as well as English

**Bethel Assembly of God**
- Pentecostal faith services

**St. Ignatius of Antioch Church**
- High percentage of congregation of refugees from Syria and Iraq

**Portland Insight Meditation Community**
- American Buddhism center
- Operates Care Committee for members in need

**St. Peter Catholic Church**
- Multicultural congregation

**Asian Buddhist Community Congregation of Oregon**
- Services in Vietnamese

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Moose Lodge

Asian Buddhist Community Congregation of Oregon
Recreation & Play

Source: Portland Metro RLIS and Portland Maps Open Data
One of Brentwood-Darlington’s greatest assets is its access to green space. Parks are scattered throughout the neighborhood, as well as three large garden locations, a community orchard, multiple sports fields, and access to the Springwater Corridor for running, walking, roller-blading, horseback-riding, and biking enthusiasts alike.

1. **Brentwood Community Garden**
   - First community garden to be a recipient of a garden enhancement project (2010)
   - Along with historic Green Thumb Orchard (Portland Fruit Tree Project), OSU Master Gardener Extension, PSU Learning Garden Laboratory

2. **Brentwood Park (1951)**
   - Large park, 14 acres, in the area connected with Lane Middle School and BD Community Center, across the street from the LGL and Community Garden/Orchard
   - Tennis courts, off-leash dog area, picnic tables, volleyball, soccer field, softball field, small playground

3. **Errol Heights Community Garden**
   - 28 plots with edible perennials
   - Created in 2011 with funding from the Community Watershed Stewardship Program

4. **Errol Heights Park (1999)**
   - Began as a privately owned and maintained natural area of Barbara and George Schnabel
   - 12 acres of critical stream and habitat area

5. **Flavel Park (1953)**
   - BEECN location (basic earthquake emergency communication node)
   - Adjacent to Whitman Elementary, small playground, soccer field

   - Land acquired in 1979; park renovated in 1991
   - Received additional funding support from the Trail Blazers, Rose Festival Association, and Precision Castparts
   - “Here’s an instance where Portland residents made a $50,000 investment and they got a park worth $200,000.” - Nick Sauvie

7. **Hazeltine Park (2001)**
   - 1 acre park with a horseshoe pit, named after a longtime neighborhood resident Dick Hazeltine, considered by many as a “founder” of the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood, involved with the building of the neighborhood center, establishing neighborhood watch program, and organizing neighborhood cleanups

8. **Parker Field (1957)**
   - Home of Mt. Hood Little League

9. **Springwater Corridor Trail (1996)**
   - Major southeast segment of the 40-Mile Loop
   - Extends from downtown SE Portland to Boring, OR
   - Former rail corridor, developed initially in 1903
   - Rail to trail transformation and master planning started in 1991
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Introduction

In order to understand some of the pressing issues facing the Brentwood-Darlington community, we devised an engagement strategy with the intention to be as community-driven as possible. Over the course of six months we reached a variety of stakeholders both through city agencies and in the neighborhood, prioritizing under-represented groups such as renters and people of color living in the community. Here is a snapshot of our findings:

- Unimproved streets and lack of sidewalks are the neighborhood's major concern.
- Residents are concerned about the long-term affordability of the neighborhood.
- Neighbors want more community-serving businesses and gathering spaces.
- The neighborhood is in dire need of public trash cans.
- Crime is a concern for some neighbors, particularly for those close to 72nd Ave.
- Residents love their parks and greenspaces, and would like to see more investment.
- Low density zoning poses a challenge to neighborhood infrastructure investment.
- Local youth need more activities.

Outreach Timeline:

January
- Project Selection & Initial Client Meeting

February
- Metro RFF Grant Celebration
- Initial SRTS Meeting at Woodmere
- Second Saturday at the Moose Lodge
- Initial Meeting with BDNA
- Official Project Kick-off
- Technical Advisor Interviews
- Neighborhood Walking Tours
- Initial Project Presentation

March
- Technical Advisor Interviews
- Community Stakeholder Interviews
- Survey (online and in-person)
- SRTS Franklin Cluster Open House
- Focus Group Outreach

April
- Focus Groups
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Survey (online and in-person)
- BDNA Board Meeting & Networking Event
- Neighborhood Survey Canvassing - Renters and Businesses
- Learning Gardens Lab Earth Day Celebration

May
- Whitman Youth Focus Group
- BDNA Board Meeting - Preliminary Findings Presentation
- Technical Advisors Recommendations Feedback Session

June
- BDNA Board Meeting - Final Presentation
- PSU Workshop Presentation
- Community Celebration
Focus Groups

We held four focus groups at the Brentwood-Darlington Community Center, since the neighborhood association uses it for current meetings. The four focus groups were aimed at some of the most vulnerable populations within the community. Participants were offered translation services, childcare and dinner. We recognized that the participants were there as individuals, though we hoped they would shed some light into the varied experiences of different socioeconomic groups.

Design
We started by providing attendees with an overview of our project, and then asked them to individually reflect on what they consider to be the challenges facing the neighborhood, as well as possible solutions to those challenges. Our group then facilitated a group conversation on these topics.

Targeted Group(s)
Racial and ethnic minority groups, including: Spanish-speaking, Vietnamese-speaking, African-American, and recent immigrants. In addition, low-income renters.

Outcome
Although discussions were fruitful, focus groups had low attendance and no individuals came to the Spanish-speaking focus group. Because it was important to us hear from the Spanish-speaking community we made a concerted effort to reach the Latino Network parent’s group at Lane Middle School, which proved successful.

In addition, we were unable to connect with Vietnamese-speaking residents from within the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood. Through a collaboration with the president of the Vietnamese Community of Oregon (VNCO), five residents from nearby neighborhoods in East Portland and Happy Valley joined our discussion. This conversation provided insight into the Vietnamese community’s experience in East Portland, however it lacked the neighborhood specificity we were hoping to glean from the focus group.

Our conversations with renters and other community members were informative, if at times a bit contentious. Opinions were mixed regarding neighborhood safety, livability and services.
COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
JOIN US FOR DINNER!

ATTEND AN EVENT!
@ Brentwood-Darlington Community Center
7211 SE 62nd Avenue - Portland, OR 97206

Renters**             March 27, 2017          6-8 PM
Spanish-Speaking Community*     March 30, 2017          6-8 PM
Vietnamese-Speaking Community*     March 30, 2017          6-8 PM
Multi-Cultural Community**           April 4, 2017          6-8 PM

We thought of it! Dinner and childcare are provided.
Translation and interpretation services are here for you.*
These focus groups will be held in English.**

You are invited to a conversation to help create a more connected, fun and welcoming Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood. Join us for activities and discussion to develop a shared vision for your community and meet some friendly faces along the way.

Events are open and welcome to the community, but are limited in size so, reserve your spot today! Each participant is entered into a drawing for either a Fred Meyer gift card or day passes to the Mt. Scott Community Pool!

Please RSVP to gpsconsultingpdx@gmail.com or call us at (971) 319-1038.

Look for signs to find your space when you arrive at the Brentwood-Darlington Community Center!
Youth Focus Groups

After hearing from adults throughout the process about the lack of youth programming available at various parks throughout the community, we decided to ask youth themselves their thoughts about the kinds of programs they would like to see. Through connections at Woodmere and Whitman Elementary, we were able to secure two classes of 3rd-5th grade students for focus groups.

Design
We conducted three activities with the students: an exercise where we asked children about what types of activities they enjoy doing in parks, and what activities they like doing indoors, as well the words they would use to describe their neighborhood; a park design exercise where students were asked to share their desired amenities for their local parks; and a jar voting exercise where children were asked to vote on top three favorite activities: science, sports, art, ping-pong, cooking, pool table, theatre, reading, gardening, learning new languages, foosball, and puzzles.

Targeted Group(s)
Children in the neighborhood who would benefit from more youth programming.

Outcome
Our first youth focus group involved the Leadership Class students at Woodmere Elementary. Common themes used to describe their neighborhood included “dog poop” and “creepy people”. When asked to create collages for their ideal park space, they asked for water play features and fun/creative playground equipment, as well as opportunities for science lessons and sports programming.

The second youth focus group included eight 4th and 5th grade students at Whitman Elementary. Their most popular responses for play were skateboarding, biking, and video games inside. For an ideal park design they hoped for a skateboard park, water features, and a nature playground, while their most popular ideas for park programming were cooking, pool table, and reading.
Earth Day at Learning Gardens Lab

The Learning Gardens Lab is a 12-acre garden education site located in the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood that provides K-12, university students and community members hands-on and place-based education in sustainable gardening, healthy nutrition, and permaculture. The community repeatedly cited the Learning Gardens as a significant neighborhood asset.

Our team tabled the Earth Day festival, gathering survey responses and asking people to place pins on street intersections that they believed needed trash cans and street lighting. We also asked people to participate in our Polaroid art activity, posing with their reason they love their garden.

**Targeted Group(s)**
Any community member, but especially green thumbs and families

**Outcome**
The majority of people we met were from outside of the neighborhood. Many had heard of the Learning Gardens event through a listserv or Facebook invite. Nevertheless, we did gather useful information about where exactly neighborhood residents see the need for trash receptacles and street lights.

**Design**
We asked people to answer the question “I love my garden because....” by writing on a board and taking a Polaroid picture, which we then displayed on a cork board. We also provided a large map that clearly showed street intersections in Brentwood-Darlington, and pins were given to passersbys to locate where they thought more garbage cans or street lights were needed in the neighborhood.
Safe Routes to School Outreach

We partnered with Oregon Walks for an event at Woodmere Elementary where we walked with area residents, and flagged locations where pedestrian safety improvements are needed. This event also coincided with a plant sale at Woodmere Elementary.

**Design**
Starting from Woodmere Elementary, the walk focused on identifying hazardous intersections. After the walk, a participatory mapping exercise was conducted, followed by a discussion on the exercise.

**Targeted Group(s)**
Children and parents of children who bike or walk to school everyday

**Outcome**
A group of four children with their parents attended the event. We discussed the barriers and challenges they face in their walks to school.
BDNA Community Networking Event

A community networking event was convened on April 6th, in the same space and right before the BDNA Board Meeting at the Brentwood-Darlington Community Center, where non-profits, business owners, school leaders, city agencies, and neighbors were invited to mingle with one another and share the resources they have access to with community members and the BDNA at-large.

Design
In an open house style, a table was setup for our workshop group at the Community Networking event held at the Brentwood-Darlington Community Center. Two people at all times were there to engage and answer questions about the project, while floaters went around the room speaking to agencies, as well as doing survey intakes verbally. At the table we asked individuals to write on post-its challenges of the neighborhood, as well as possible solutions to the perceived challenges. In addition, a voting jar exercise was used, where participants were asked to allocate their votes using beans into one of six categories they would feel comfortable spearheading for the community in a volunteer capacity. These categories included: streets, transit, business networking, housing, placemaking, youth programming.

Targeted Group(s)
everyone

Outcome
The event was highly attended by BDNA members, as well as white homeowners of the community. Additionally, we were pleased to see some of our focus group attendees return to the Community Center and engage with a group they were not regularly a part of. More information was gathered around perceived challenges of the neighborhood, such as traffic calming ideas, and the need for safe streets to walk on. In addition, this was an opportunity to network between city agencies involved with Brentwood-Darlington. Many were present, including: Oregon Walks, TriMet, BPS, Lane Middle School, Learning Gardens Lab, and Feast for Southeast. Some of these agencies also stayed to join and give input into the BDNA meeting.
Business Canvassing

We decided to go to 52nd Ave., one of the few commercial districts in Brentwood-Darlington, and canvass businesses that were present, asking about their perceived challenges with owning a business in the neighborhood. They shared with us their experiences of owning a business in the neighborhood, as well as fears or hopes for neighborhood change.

Design
The business outreach was done on 52nd Ave., which is in the jurisdiction of the Woodstock Community Business Association (WCBA). Though amenities have not yet reached this part of the neighborhood yet, we used a WCBA flier to prompt business owners with questions about their business, as well as gauge their interest in joining the Association. In addition, we administered our surveys again verbally in order to have more talking points with business owners.

72nd Ave. is also a commercial district in the neighborhood, but with fewer and smaller stores than 52nd Ave. Surveys were verbally administered along here, too, with an emphasis on the corner of 72nd Ave. and Flavel St.

Targeted Group(s)
Business owners on 52nd Ave. and 72nd Ave.

Outcome
On 52nd Ave. several of the businesses canvassed were found to be long-time businesses within the community (up to 40+ years). It was also discovered that a lot of the businesses were genuinely interested in helping out the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood, but did not know how to without devoting too much time outside of their business hours. Finally, business owners also gave more insight into accident-prone conditions along 52nd Ave. and Flavel, as well as sharing a desire to maintain the neighborhood as it is in order to minimize the impacts on parking spaces.

Businesses along 72nd Ave. and Flavel also seemed generally hopeful for the neighborhood. The owner of Pupuseria Imperial, a food cart in the vicinity, was engaged, as well as Jeff, owner of Clean-o-Rama, and the owner of Stonewall’s, a convenient store. Generally, they cited crime, drug activity, and houselessness issues as barriers to business, but they do see it changing in future years with the influx of younger families.
Renter Canvassing

This afternoon was a dedicated effort to reach out to renters living in the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood to expand on findings from the prior renter focus group. ROSE CDC, a housing affordability community organization happened to have two properties on 72nd Ave. We later discovered that there was an Albina Head Start housing complex, a Home Forward complex, La Hacienda, and two mobile home parks, all in the same vicinity of these properties as well.

Design
Using our surveys as in-hand prompts, we went door-to-door to talk to people about their experiences in the neighborhood, as well as perceived challenges and assets to livability.

Targeted Group(s)
Renters

Outcome
The rental housing units on 72nd Ave. seemed to have a more prevalent Latino and African-American presence, and a higher amount of small families than we were expecting. Through conversations, we discovered that a majority of these residents were receiving some form of government assistance, whether for housing or disability assistance. Compared to what we heard with BDNA homeowners, it seemed like these renters were less concerned with bus and sidewalk issues, but more concerned with neighborhood crime and rental rates increasing too quickly.
Survey

A two-page survey asking questions about transportation, public spaces, neighborhood challenges and assets was created and translated into Spanish. We distributed the survey at all the public events we attended, as well as online via social media outlets. In the end we collected 158 survey responses.

Design
We created the survey to ask questions about transportation, gathering spaces, and commuting behavior. The surveys were also translated into Spanish, and distributed through various tabling events, as well as through several neighborhood Facebook groups. We administered these verbally when possible, during tabling events and neighborhood canvassing.

Targeted Group(s)
Any resident living in Brentwood-Darlington

Outcome
Survey respondents were people living in and around Brentwood-Darlington. 120 of 158 survey responses (76%) were from neighborhood residents. The racial and ethnic make-up of survey respondents roughly matched the neighborhood demographics, with 81% of responses coming from people identifying as white and 19% from people of color. Many of the respondents from outside the neighborhood boundaries frequent Brentwood-Darlington because their children attended school there or they enjoyed events at the Learning Gardens.

Survey snapshot:
What neighborhood do you live in?
120 of 158 respondents live in Brentwood-Darlington

How long have you lived in the neighborhood?
9% said less than 1 year
42% said 1-5 years
49% said more than 5 years

Are you a member of a neighborhood organization?
66 respondents said “yes,” 54% of whom said the Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association
70 respondents said “no”

What is your race/ethnicity?
81% identified as white
19% identified as a person of color

What change would survey respondents most like to see happen in their neighborhood?
39% mentioned sidewalk improvements
33% mentioned street improvements
24% mentioned more commercial opportunities
18% mentioned neighborhood beautification
12% mentioned safety/crime
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY SURVEY

Thank you for taking the time to complete this brief survey! The following questions are meant to better understand your perception and experience of your neighborhood. Your individual responses will be confidential.

These questions are about the place where you live NOW. For this survey, “neighborhood” means the area within a few blocks of your home.

1. What neighborhood do you live in? Please indicate nearest intersection if you do know the name of your neighborhood.

2. How long have you lived in your neighborhood?
   - Less than 1 year
   - 1 to 5 years
   - More than 5 years

3. What was the main reason you moved to your home?
   - Less than 1 year
   - 1 to 5 years
   - More than 5 years

These questions are about the way you get to work:

1. If you have a job now, how do you usually get to work?
   - Drive Alone
   - Bike
   - Walk
   - Take Bus or MAX

2. You DO NOT take the Bus or MAX:
   - Why not? Check all that apply.
     - It takes too long
     - I cannot get there by bus or transit
     - It is inconvenient
     - There is not a nearby bus or transit stop
     - I drive with a carpool
     - I drop off and pick up other people in my household throughout the day
     - Other, please explain:

These questions are about what you do in your neighborhood and what you like about it.

1. Which of these things do you do in your neighborhood? Check all that apply.
   - Grocery Shop
   - Go out to eat
   - Exercise
   - Socialize
   - Attend religious services
   - Go to work or school

2. What are your favorite places in your neighborhood? Check all that apply.
   - Parks or open spaces
   - Bar
   - Restaurants
   - Place of worship
   - Coffee shop
   - Library
   - Homes of friends or family members
   - Shops or retail stores

3. Please list any places you like to go by name:

These questions are about changes you would like to see in your neighborhood.

1. What change WOULD YOU LIKE to see happen in your neighborhood?

2. What TWO words WOULD YOU LIKE to use to describe your neighborhood IN THE FUTURE?

Finally, we would like to ask you a few questions about yourself.

1. What is your age?
   - Under 18
   - 18 to 24
   - 25 to 65
   - Over 65

2. What is your race or ethnicity?

3. What is your gender identity?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for your time! Your responses are important to us. If you would like to be entered into a drawing to win a Fred Meyer gift card, please list your email address or phone number below. This information will not be shared and will only be used to contact you if you win!

Phone: ________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________

This survey was designed by six Portland State University graduate students who are working on a project in the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood. If you have any questions, please send us an email at gpconsultingpdx@gmail.com.
Where are people in Brentwood-Darlington going?

This heat map illustrates where survey respondents reported going most often. Areas in red indicate high frequency, and blue areas represent where people like to go in smaller numbers. Areas of note in Brentwood-Darlington where slightly less people said they go are Errol Heights Park, Harney Park, and Cartlandia, as well as the Johnson Creek Fred Meyer just to the south of the neighborhood.

1. Mt Tabor, Clinton Park, and restaurants on Division
2. Numerous bars, restaurants, & cafés on Foster Rd
3. Mt Scott Community Center was widely stated, along with an area restaurant and coffee shop
4. Various Businesses on Woodstock
5. Mehri’s Cafe and other 52nd Ave Businesses
6. Brentwood City Park
7. Various Businesses at 72nd & Flavel, such as Grocery Outlet and Stonewall’s Market
Outreach Summary: Challenges, Assets, Solutions

Participants were asked what they thought were the biggest challenges, assets, and solutions of the neighborhood. This is a list, by category, of their responses.

**Challenges**
- Infrastructure (lack of streets and sidewalks)
- Connectivity issues
- Dumping
- Lack of children’s activities
- Lack of understanding who to connect with at City, etc.
- Stolen cars
- Few adult programs (for those with language barriers)
- Junk/abandoned cars
- Lack of sidewalks
- Crime
- Homeless
- Trash
- Feeling ignored by the City
- Flavel St. Max Station safety
- Lack of activities for teens
- Drug issues
- Residents being displaced
- Graffiti
- Lack of communication with City staff
- Low business investment
- Lack of community feel
- Lack of park programming
- Crime at Woodmere Elementary garden
- Lack of response from police when called about abandoned cars
- Accumulated trash of all kinds all over, including disabled vehicle “homes”
- Speeding
- Some of the highest property taxes in the city with the least amount of infrastructure
- Funds
- Food desert
- Zombie house/public health issues
- Lack of street lighting
- No direct connection to Orange Line
- Vandalism issues
- Dumping trash into apartment trash
- Things getting more expensive
- Lack of community spaces
- Problems knowing who to engage with issues
- Petty crime by youth
- Lack of sidewalks discourages neighborhood community building

- Homelessness issues
- Property care/cleanliness of homeowners
- Burn out from volunteers
Assets
- Economic diversity
- Ethnic diversity
- Local activism & neighborhood involvement
- Low density
- Small apartment complexes
- Gardens
- Schools
- Large lots
- Blank slate
- Lots of potential
- Proximity to Mt. Scott and downtown

Solutions
- Fair compensation for those doing the work in the community
- Regularly scheduled events
- City resource phone numbers publicized
- Access to VNCO health care
- Broadcast announcements on VNCO radio and newspaper
- School take home notes
- Annual VNCO event in BD to create relationships
- Fines for graffiti through City
- Nuisance calls and responses
- More communication
- Speed bumps
- Community policing model in BD
- Discounted/subsidized childcare options
- 52nd/Woodstock needs left turn signals
- Art activities and workshops here
- Places to find funding from a range of places
- Organized list of agencies, organizations with funding
- Trash cans at bus stops
- Sidewalks
- Bike watch as a paid position
- Turning vacant commercial property into usable asset (stores, shops, gathering spaces)
- Sponsorship for sports teams for kids
- Funding to sustain activities
- Connection with SUN
- Gathering space open for flex use
- Theatre classes
- Dedicated person to find and connect resources
- Doing small projects with big impact
- Specific space for drop-in
- Rock climbing, skate park
- Youth sports in the park
Interviews

Interviews were scheduled throughout the process to include TAC members, neighborhood champions, former urban planners involved with past Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood plans, and old-time residents of the neighborhood. With each new interview emerged themes, ideas, and new folks to follow-up with.

Design

Lists were compiled that included technical advisors and stakeholders (community members, CBOs, former community planners, school administrators, etc.). A standard set of questions were compiled for the initial interviews, and as the project developed, became more focused for each person.

Targeted Group(s)

Technical Advisors and Stakeholders

Outcome

Interviews were conducted, spanning a breadth of city agencies, Community Based Organizations, past and present community members, as well as non-profits that could have potential partnerships with the Brentwood-Darlington community in the future.

Zef Wagner - Associate Planner, Portland Bureau of Transportation
April Bertelsen - Portland Bureau of Transportation
Michael DeMarco, District Manager, Our 42nd Ave.
Vanessa Vissar - Transportation Planner, TriMet
David Sheern - Rental Housing Program Coordinator, Portland Housing Bureau
Tyler Bump - Senior Economic Planner, Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
Nick Kobel - Associate Economic Planner, Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
Katie Dunham - Portland Parks and Recreation, Southeast Parks Planner
Jeanne Harrison - Lead Planner for ‘92 Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Plan
Adam Brunelle - Program Manager, Green Lents
Nick Sauvie - Executive Director, Rose CDC
Alfredo Gonzalez - Public Trash Program Specialist, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
Marie Walkiewicz - Eastside Watersheds, Bureau of Environmental Services
Morgan Masterman - Prosper Portland
Rob Hanifin - Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association
Meesa Long - Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association
Patrick Burke - Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association
Ginger Martinsen - Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association
Meg Van Buren - Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association
Albert Zayha - Artistic Darlings, Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood
Xeandra Westcott - Impact NW and Woodmere Elementary Volunteer, BD Resident
Jacob Sherman - Resident and Former BDNA Chair
Jean Blackmore - Long-time Brentwood-Darlington resident
Carolyn Hauck - Brentwood-Darlington resident
Leah Fisher - SE Uplift
Thao Tu - Vietnamese Community of Oregon (VNCO) Vice President
Hazel Green - Long-time Brentwood-Darlington resident
Inna Levin - Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Oregon Walks
Nancy Chapin - Woodstock Community Business Association
Kate Cooper - Woodmere Elementary SUN Coordinator
Sean Bartlett - Woodmere Elementary SUN Extended Day Program Coordinator
Katherine Polizos - Woodmere Elementary Principal
Laurelee Wells - Whitman Elementary SUN Site Manager
Melissa Carabalbo - Latino Network & Lane Middle School Latino Parents Group Coordinator
Dianne Denham - Impact NW Operations Supervisor
Other Outreach

- RFF Grant Celebration
- Vibe Second Saturday
- 82nd Ave ODOT Walk
- Neighborhood Walks
- BDNA Board Meetings
- Informal Conversations
- Community Celebration

Sunday, June 25th
3:00 to 7:00pm
7211 SE 62nd Ave, Portland, OR 97206

Questions about the event or the BD Neighborhood Assessment + Action Plan?
Contact us @
gpsconsultingpdx@gmail.com
or (971) 319-1038.
Resource Library
Purchasing a Property for Community Development

Members of the community expressed interest in understanding the process for potentially purchasing a distressed, vacant or nuisance property. We spoke to Michael DeMarco, District Manager of Our 42nd Ave. to get his input on how a community can best approach trying to transform an underutilized property into a neighborhood asset.

1. Identify a nuisance or desirable property.
2. Approach property owner and establish site control through an agreement that the owner is willing to sell or lease the property to the organization.
3. Put $5K-$10K of earnest money in escrow.
4. Conduct due diligence process (determine financing, structural eval, environmental issues) and adjust purchase price accordingly. ($10K-$30K)
5. Find a matching marketable use, mixed commercial and housing, live/work, etc.
6. Put together proposal and approach lender with community development mission or Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), like Albina Community Bank.
7. Work with City staff or a commercial broker to find comparable property prices.
8. Find a developer with a common vision for the neighborhood who has experience developing similar projects, such as Rose CDC.
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<td>Micro-Enterprise Services of Oregon</td>
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