

IN UPTOWN

Recap from Walk Audit #1

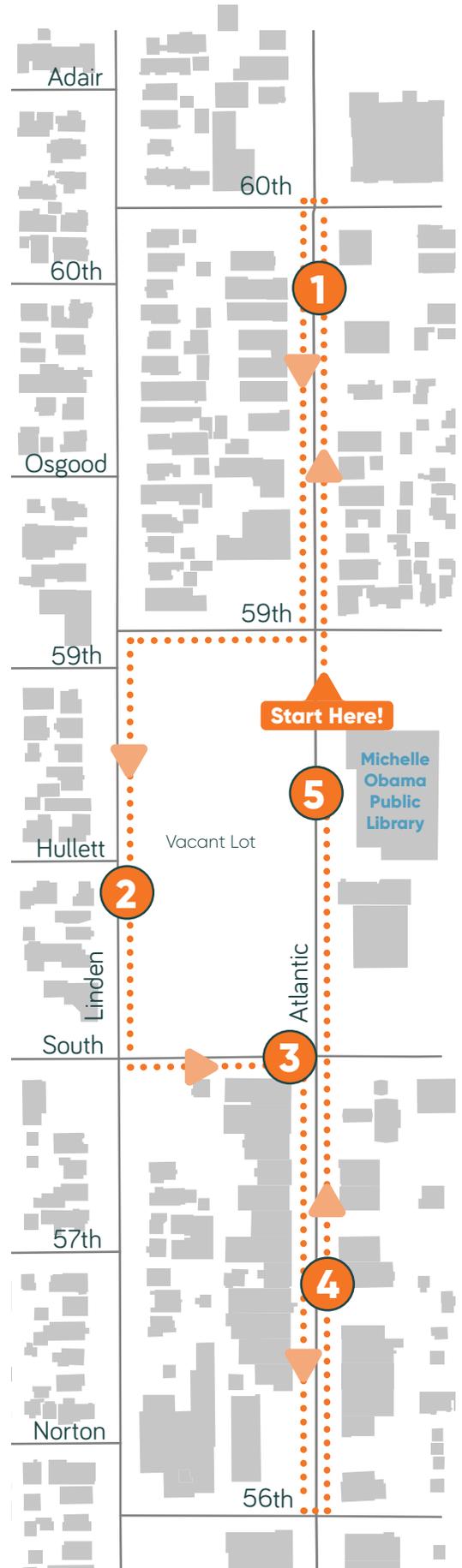
JULY
2018

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Participants

Atlantic Avenue

On July 14, 2018, Long Beach community members participated in an in-the-field “walk audit” to discuss conditions along Atlantic Avenue and Linden Avenue between 60th Street and 56th Street. Participants responded to a series of location-specific questions regarding building design, public space, land-use, neighborhood character, safety, and accessibility. The charts in this summary reflect participants’ written feedback on existing conditions, along with their suggestions for future improvements.

The following key themes emerged from community comments as desired elements: enhanced safety & accessibility, aesthetic improvement, more shade & green space, and an emphasis on mixed-use buildings & local businesses.



Walk Route Taken



KEY THEMES:



SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

Participants mentioned safety and accessibility 23 times. Auditors expressed a desire for increased sidewalk width, ADA and stroller accessibility, better lighting, sidewalk maintenance and cleanliness, and crosswalk visibility.

* Number of related comments

AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT

Participants mentioned aesthetic improvements 15 times. Auditors discussed a desire for updated building design, colorful façades, street art, painted pavement, alley beautification, and the removal of window bars.



SHADE & GREEN SPACE

Participants mentioned shade and green space 8 times. Auditors expressed a desire for shade trees along sidewalks, parklets, more vibrant landscaping, foliage along building façades, green open space, and public gathering spaces.

MIXED-USE & LOCAL BUSINESS

Participants mentioned mixed-use buildings and local businesses 5 times. Auditors expressed support for mixed-use buildings along Atlantic, including affordable housing, small local businesses, and creative community spaces for youth and seniors.



Summary of comments written by auditors at each stop along the walk route are included here. Each stop focused on a different topic. See below.

1 RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS & USES

Desired Elements Include:
(See End Notes)

¹ Sidewalk Safety / Accessibility	8
Façade Improvements / Aesthetics	4
Landscape / Green / Sidewalk Trees	3
Outdoor Seating / Furniture	2
Deeper Setbacks	1
Pocket Parks	1
Street / Sidewalk Lighting	1
² Mixed Use	1

Undesired Elements Include:

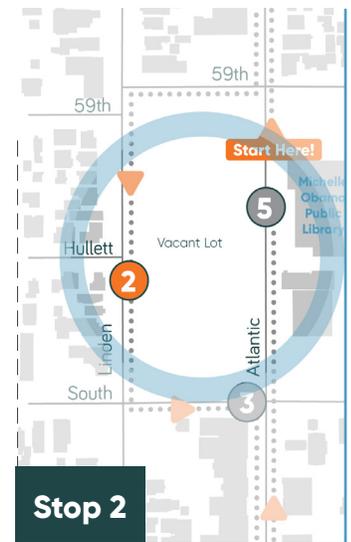
Bars on Windows	1
Poles in Sidewalks	1



2 MAKING A NEIGHBORHOOD

Desired Elements Include:

Mixed Use	4
Landscape / Green / Vibrant Foliage	3
Human Scale Façades / Updated Design	2
City Services	2
Street / Sidewalk Lighting	1
Outdoor Seating	1
Youth Institutions	1
Apartments	1
Colorful Pavement Art	1
Trash Cans	1



3 STREET CROSSING & ALLEY

Desired Elements Include:
(See End Notes)

³ Alley Beautification / "Alley"	5
Crossing Safety Improvements	3
Flashing Crosswalk Beacons	1
More Visible Crosswalk Paint	1
Expanded Crosswalk	1

Undesired Elements Include:

Traffic	1
Neglected Alley Space	1



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TOPIC:

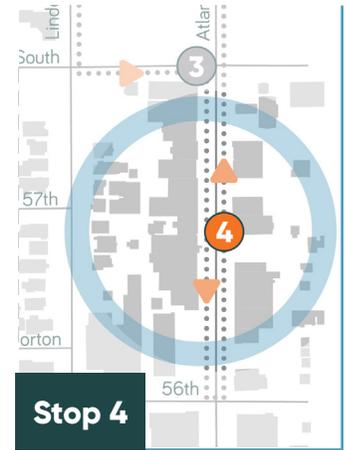
COMMERCIAL BUILDING DESIGN, PARKING, & SIDEWALKS

Desired Elements Include:

More Parking for Small Businesses	3	
Wider Sidewalks	2	
Colorful Façades	1	
Permit Parking per Building (Limited)	1	
Lane Reduction	1	
Street Art	1	
Better Pedestrian Crossing Signage	1	

Undesired Elements Include:

Faded Lane Striping	1	
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Stop 4

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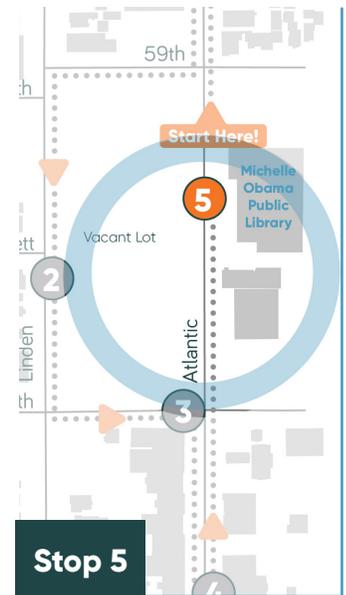
STREETS, BUILDING USE, & VISION

Desired Elements Include:

Clean / Wide Sidewalks	4	
Green Space / Sidewalk Trees	1	
Local / Family Businesses	1	
More Commercial / Job Providers	1	
Colorful Streets / Buildings	1	
Variety of Businesses	1	
Access to Water	1	
Movie Theater	1	

Undesired Elements Include:

Too Many Barber Shops	1	
Speeding Drivers	1	



Stop 5

Additional Notes

1. Sidewalks unsafe for strollers & wheelchairs.
2. Suggestions: Market, garden shop, art/music lessons.
3. Suggestions: Lighting, artwork, garden walls, seating.





MAJOR TAKE AWAYS

- Sidewalk walkability needs to be better for Peds + Businesses
- No street parking @ outdoor seating
- New family sidewalk walkability
- trees + plants for health shade + happiness
- Bsns that match the NHD nervous about nice stuff coming in and Res. Rents going up.

(6 word issue)

- Level of sensitivity (sign about coming soon Nelson Mandela)
- outside gathering spaces w/ shade + trees + hydration station
- Diversity of bsns + affordability of rent (300 for 8000)
- > creative spaces to serve young to seniors

Visibility of crosswalks (white paint)

Crossing speaker @ Inty sections + scrambles

X-115
Walk

- walkability
- parking blocks businesses visibility
- walkable for families
 - Outside community spaces
- Trees + Plants, green areas
 - hydration station @ Parkers
- Businesses that match area
 - Protect neighborhood, so residents don't get pushed out.
- Sensitivity to banners/Ads.
- Diverse businesses
- Creative spaces - for multi-generational.
- restripe x-walks.
- speaker goal at crossing for blind.
- suggest scramble crossing