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Recap from Walk Audit #3B

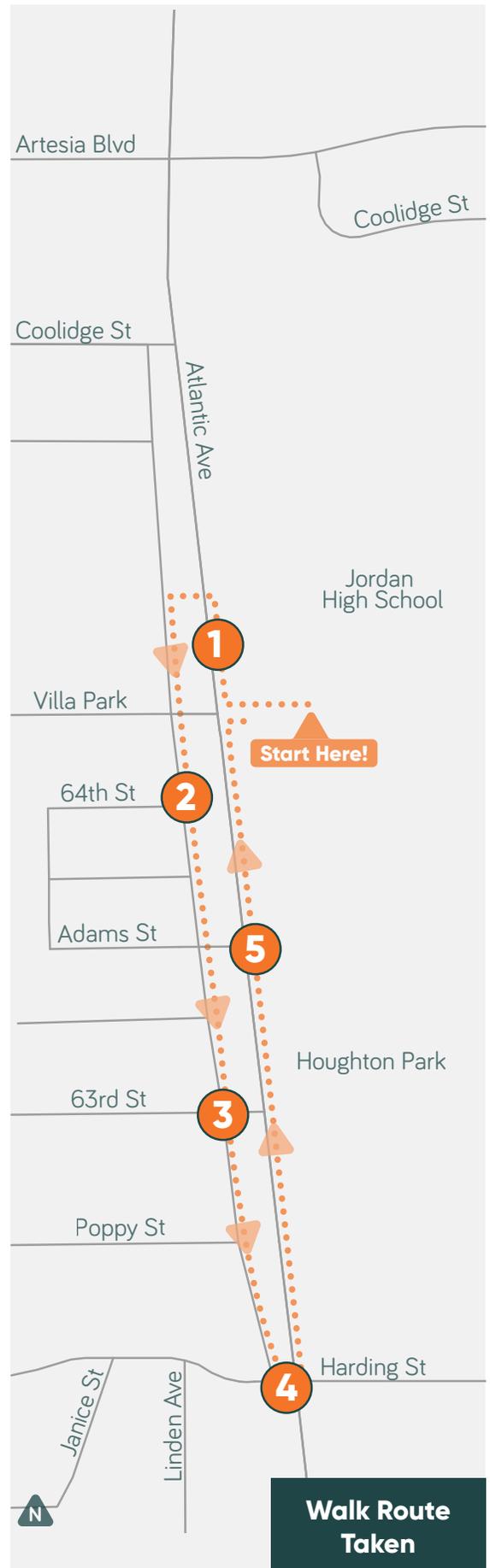
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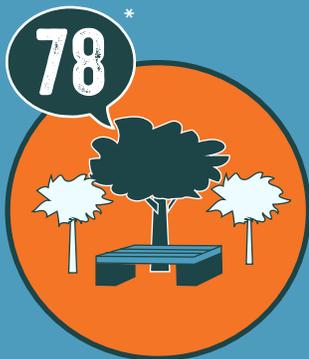
Atlantic & Houghton Park

On September 6, 2018, Jordan High School students and Long Beach community members participated in an in-the-field “walk audit” to discuss conditions along Atlantic Avenue between Jordan High School and Harding Street. Participants responded to a series of thematic and 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: park improvement and maintenance, street design & safety, lighting & security, and building renovation.



KEY THEMES:



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PARK IMPROVEMENT & MAINTENANCE

Participants recommended improvements, repair, and maintenance for Houghton Park 78 times. Auditors expressed a desire for better lighting throughout the park (e.g. hanging lights between trees to create an “instagrammable” moment), restoration of the grass and landscaping, and improved restrooms. Participants envisioned a rehabilitated sports field as well as new recreational amenities.

*Number of related comments

STREET DESIGN & SAFETY

Participants mentioned street design elements 44 times. Auditors expressed a desire for wider sidewalks, an improved drop-off zone for Jordan High School students, concern about pedestrian/vehicular blind spots. Participants noted that drivers come too close to pedestrians and do not comply with signage. Several students were hit by vehicles within the last year – one fatally.



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LIGHTING THE WAY

Participants mentioned lighting issues 36 times. Auditors observed a lack of pedestrian lighting around Jordan High School, Houghton Park, and Atlantic Avenue. Participants reported that the area was dark during evening hours and felt unsafe, expressing a desire for increased security.



BUILDING RENOVATION

Participants mentioned building renovation 26 times. Auditors mentioned the need for modernization and facade improvements to both residential and commercial buildings. Participants suggested integrating public art on building facades.



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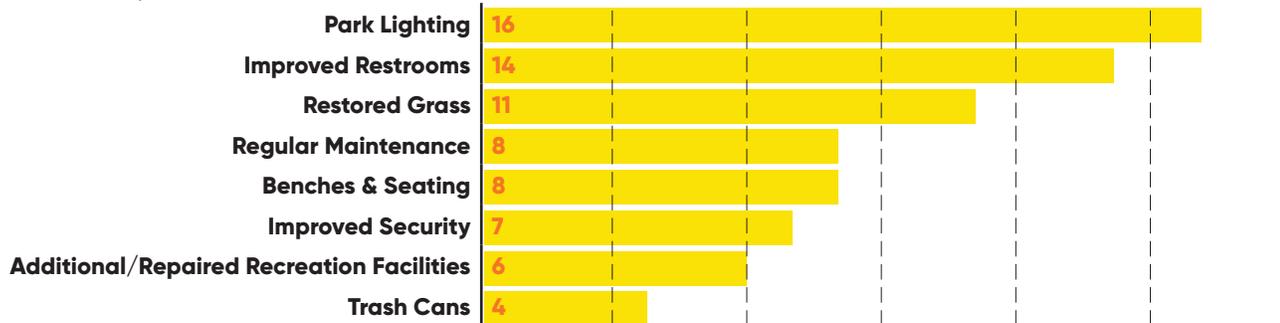
COMMENTS BY TOPIC

Summary of comments written by auditors are included here, organized by topic. Orange numbers indicate number of comments recorded. See below.

TOPIC:

HOUGHTON PARK IMPROVEMENTS

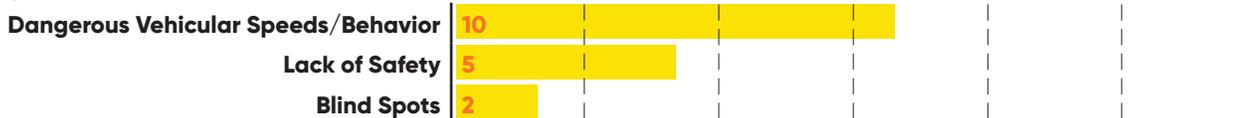
Desired Improvements Include:



TOPIC:

STREET DESIGN & CROSSINGS

Negative Conditions Observed:



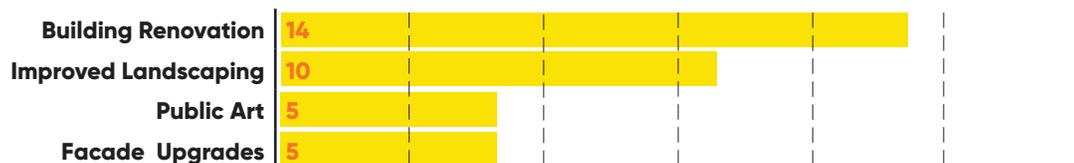
Desired Interventions Include:



TOPIC:

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING CONDITIONS

Desired Interventions Include:



Stated Preference for:



TOPIC:

PLACEMAKING & AMENITIES

Desired Amenities Include:

