Planning Land Use & Neighborhood Strategy

# IN UPTOWN

## Recap from Walk Audit #1

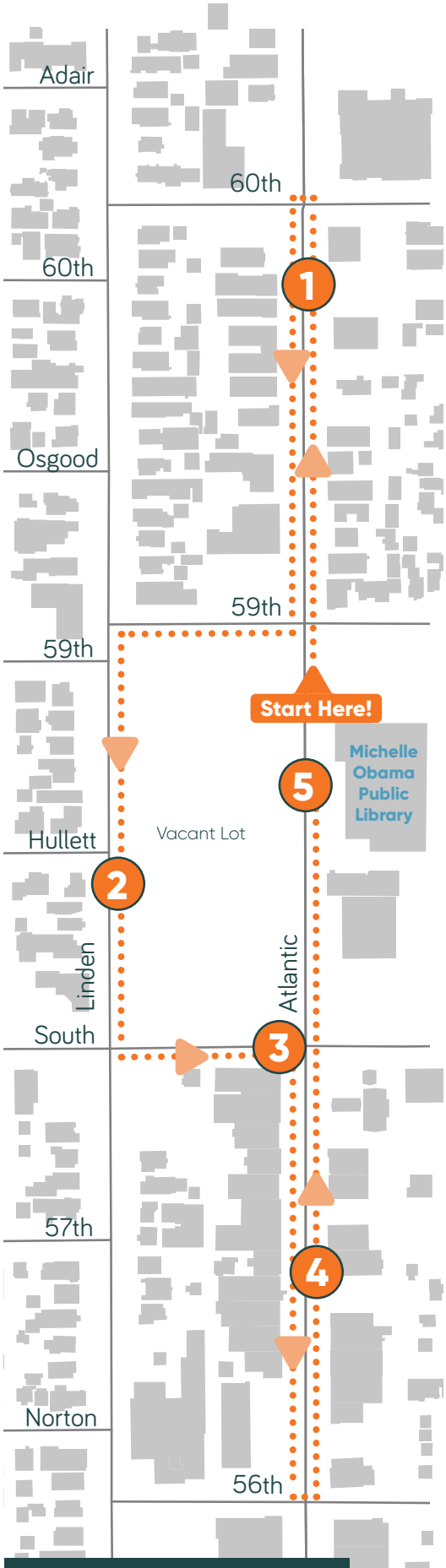
**JULY 2018**

**10 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

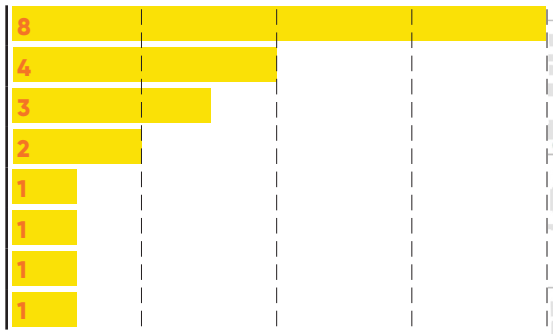
Participants mentioned mixed-use buildings and local businesses 5 times. Auditors expressed support for mixed-use buildings along Atlantic, including affordable housing, small local businesses, and creative community spaces for youth and seniors.

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.

TOPIC:

## 1 RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS & USES

Desired Elements Include:
(See End Notes)

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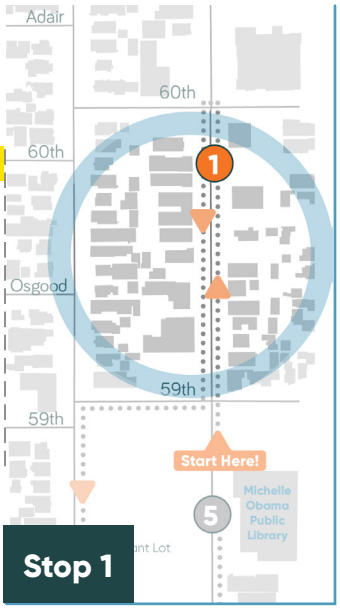


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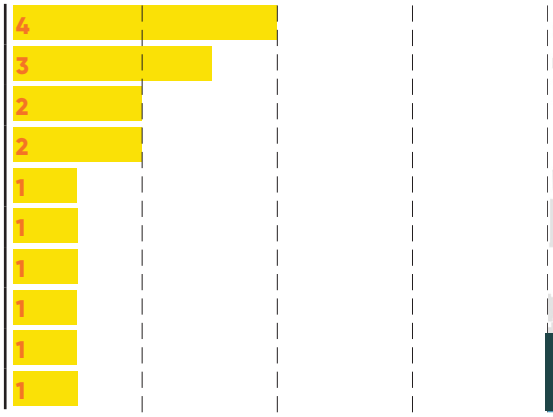
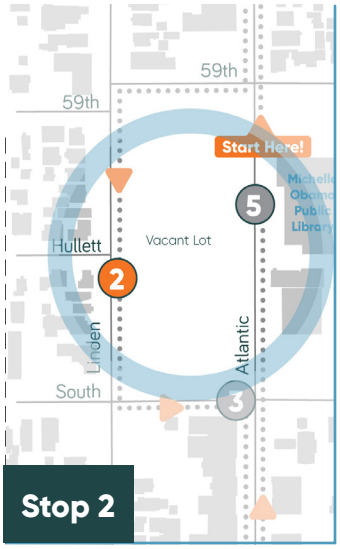
## 2 MAKING A NEIGHBORHOOD

Desired Elements Include:

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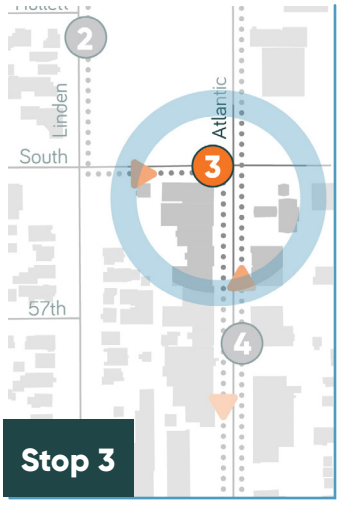
## 3 STREET CROSSING & ALLEY

Desired Elements Include:
(See End Notes)

Undesired Elements Include:



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## 4 COMMERCIAL BUILDING DESIGN, PARKING, & SIDEWALKS

Desired Elements Include:

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| **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:

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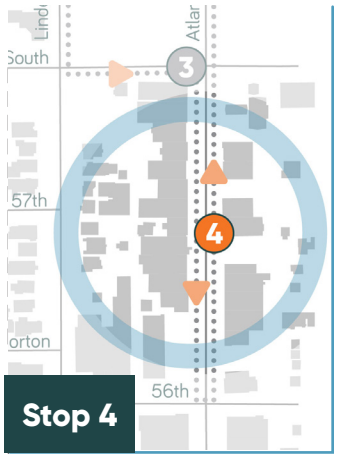
| **Faded Lane Striping** | 1 |

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## 5 STREETS, BUILDING USE, & VISION

Desired Elements Include:

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| **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:

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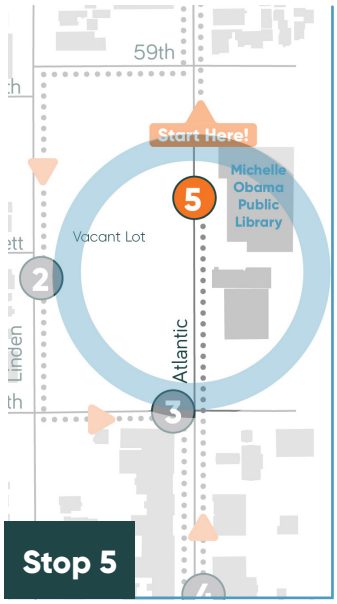
|---|---|
| **Too Many Barber Shops** | 1 |
| **Speeding Drivers** | 1 |




### Additional Notes

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

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NO PARKING
8:00 AM TO
10:00 AM
TUESDAY
STREET SWEEPING
STOP

# MAJOR TAKEAWAYS

- Sidewalk walkability needs to be better 4 Peds + Businesses
- No street prking @ 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. (G word issue)
- Level of sensitivity (sign about coming soon Neiman Marcus)
- outside gathering spaces w/ shade + trees parklets + hydration station
- Diversity of bsns + affordability of rent ($300 for 800 sft)
- > creative spaces to serve young to seniors

Visibility of crosswalks (white paint)

crossing speaker @ intersections + scrambles

- walkability
- parking blocks businesses visibility
- walkable for <u>families</u>
- Trees + Plants, green areas
- Businesses that match area
  - Protect neighborhood, so residents dont get pushed out.
- Sensitivity to banners/Ads.
- Diverse businesses
- Creative spaces - for multi-generational.
- restripe x-walks.
- speaker good at crossing for blind.
- suggest scramble crossing

- Outside community spaces
- hydration station @ Parklets