



GREATER FOREST LAWN COMMUNITIES

Local Area Planning Project

Phase 1 – ENVISION: What We Heard Report
Winter 2023



Greater Forest Lawn Communities Local Area Planning Project

Phase One: ENVISION Engagement & Communications Summary

Report Back – Winter 2023

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Project Overview

The Greater Forest Lawn Communities Local Area Planning project includes the communities and surrounding local areas of: Albert Park/Radisson Heights, Applewood Park, Dover, Erin Woods, Forest Heights, Forest Lawn, Forest Lawn Industrial, Penbrooke Meadows, Red Carpet, Southview, 09Q, and a portion of Golden Triangle.

Through the local area growth planning process, we'll work together to create a future vision for how land could be used and redeveloped in the area – building on the vision, goals and policies outlined in [Calgary's Municipal Development Plan](#) and [The Guide for Local Area Planning](#).

The Greater Forest Lawn Local Area Plan will fill gaps in communities / areas where no local plan currently exists and replace other plans that are largely outdated.

Communications and Engagement Program Overview

The integrated communications and engagement program for the Greater Forest Lawn Communities, provides participants the opportunity to join in meaningful engagement where we seek local input and use it to inform and successfully achieve city-wide planning goals at the local level. We also ensure the program allows participants to effectively navigate and access information on local area planning to raise their capacity to effectively contribute to the project.

The communications and engagement program for this project, has been created to allow citizens to get involved and provide their input which helps City decision makers understand people's perspectives, opinions, and concerns before concepts are developed. Council will consider public input and aim to demonstrate how input has influenced decisions or if decisions were not influenced by public input, explain why. Public input is an important part of the local area planning process and is one of many areas of consideration in the decision-making process.

Some of the considerations that influenced our overall communications and engagement approach, to allow for all participants to get involved and provide input in the project are listed below.

Phased Program

The communication and engagement process for the local area plans has been designed as a multi-phased approach where we will share information and collect feedback at key intervals throughout the planning process. For this project this includes four phases of engagement where:

- In **phase one** we look to gain a high-level understanding of the strengths, challenges, opportunities, and threats about future redevelopment in the area from the broader public.
- In **phase two** we will share the draft concepts that have been created and informed by the public feedback in phase one.
- In **phase three** we share refined drafted concepts that have been informed by public feedback in phase two and confirm investment priorities.

- In **phase four** we will share the final proposed plan and demonstrate how what we heard throughout the engagement process has been considered in the final plan.

Raising the Capacity of Community

Each phase of the project includes education to increase knowledge about planning and development to enable participants to effectively contribute to the process. This included starting the conversation with why growth and redevelopment is important and how local area planning fits into our city-wide goals. We also took a plain language and transparent communications approach in our materials.

Increasing Participation and Diversity

Recognizing that planning can be complex subject to navigate, we have used different tactics and approaches to increase awareness and participation for this project. We also recognized that the Greater Forest Lawn Communities are made up of unique and diverse populations, and after consulting with local community associations, businesses and organizations at project launch, we customized our approach to remove any barriers we could to allow for a broader diversity of participation.

To reach as many community residents and business owners as possible, we used drop box and mail-in engagement methods in addition to giving participants the opportunity to provide feedback at in-person sessions, virtual sessions and online through The City of Calgary Engage portal.

“My Idea Stations”: An innovative new approach that involved working together with Community Associations in the plan area and installing “My Idea Stations” – similar in look to Little Free Libraries – for people in the community to check out engagement content and provide their feedback.

Direct mail: People within the Canada Post walking routes in the plan area received a content package in the mail in April 2022. This package contained information on and questions to consider about the area’s past, present, and future, along with a pre-paid postage feedback form to mail responses back to the project team.

Pop-ups: To meet community members where they are at and support broader awareness of the project, we held pop-ups to share information at events and locations frequented by a variety of different demographics. Some of the pop-ups held were in collaboration with other local City of Calgary projects.

Virtual Engagement: Two virtual public engagement events were held with the public in addition to a feedback form available online through The City of Calgary Engage portal.

Inclusive Process

Throughout our engagement we work to ensure an inclusive engagement process that considers the needs of all participants and seeks to remove barriers for participation. We will do our best to make public engagement accessible and welcoming to all, despite resource levels or demographics that might prevent some from being included in the process. We will ensure that, at the very least, all participants in the area are aware of the opportunity to participate and know that we are interested in hearing from them.

Participation Interests & Intensity

Our engagement program has been created to cater to the different participation interests and intensities that participants are willing to commit to a project. This includes having a variety of communications and engagement tactics available for involvement so that people can get involved at the level that best suits their needs. We selected a variety of tactics to correspond with the different interest needs of the Greater Forest Lawn Communities.

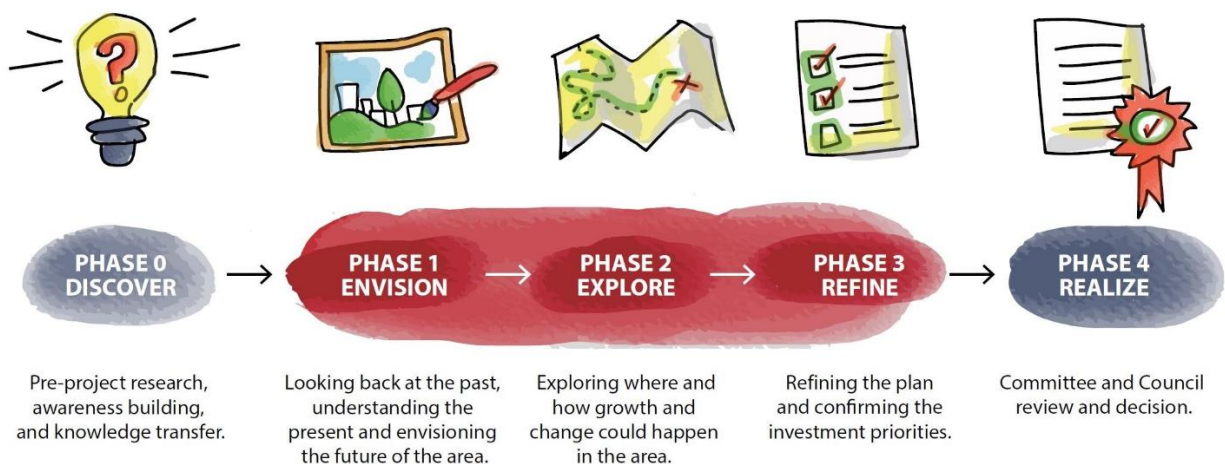
Greater Forest Lawn Communities Working Group

One of the foundational pieces of our program includes the development of a multi-community member working group (designed to accommodate those with more committed interests and more time to offer to the project) where we can have more technical conversations with the project team, dive deeper into planning matters and build off the knowledge gained at each session.

Through a recruitment process and community association representatives, 32 members of the broader community and development industry were selected to participate in dialogue on the broader planning interests of the entire area. Throughout the project the working group participate in sessions bringing their different perspectives and viewpoints to the table and acting as a sounding board for The City as we work together to create a Local Area Plan.

Grassroots Conversations

Throughout our engagement program we are taking a grassroots approach to create a sense of community, positive advocacy and grassroots community participation. We achieve this by empowering participants to have conversations and ignite interest about growth and redevelopment with their fellow community members.



Phase One: ENVISION Overview

Phase one occurred in Spring 2002 - Winter 2022 and focused on obtaining a better understanding of the local area and the Greater Forest Lawn communities. This helps the project team proactively explore ideas with participants' aspirations, concerns and viewpoints in mind. The feedback from this phase helps to inform visioning with the working group where we developed Guiding Principles for the project and started to draft concepts for the draft local area plan.

Engagement Spectrum of Participation

The engage spectrum level for the first phase of public engagement was 'Listen & Learn' which is defined as, "We will listen to participants and learn about their plans, views, issues, concerns, expectations and ideas."

Phase One: ENVISION Objectives

In phase one of engagement, ENVISION, we looked to:

- Educate participants about the importance of growth and redevelopment
- Create interest and familiarity with the project
- Increase awareness about what local area planning is and The City's planning process
- Encourage working group applications and select members to join the project working group
- Gain a better understanding of the communities in the local area and participants' values, aspirations, concerns and viewpoints

What Did We Do and Who Did We Talk To

Phase one was focused on looking back at the past, understanding the present and envisioning the future of the area. Engagement took place with targeted participants starting in January 2022, and with the general public from April to May 2022. We held 16 events and meetings and conducted 28 days of online engagement for the broad public and targeted participants. We also developed a comprehensive communications plan to inform the community about the project and all engagement opportunities.

In total over 517,000 people were made aware of the project through our communications and engagement program, and we connected with over 1,900 Calgarians online or in-person and received over 1,200 ideas and contributions across this phase.

The following is an overview of all the channels The City employed throughout phase one:

- 15 large format signs placed throughout the communities and at high-traffic intersections
- Community Association posts, website updates, news articles
- Councillor Ward email updates
- Mailed engagement booklets
- Paid social media advertisement campaign on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- Organic social media posts on NextDoor
- Paid geo-targeted digital banner ads and advertisement campaign on YouTube
- Ethnic radio ads on Fairchild (Mandarin/Cantonese) and Windspeaker (English/Blackfoot/Stony Nakoda)
- Email newsletter campaign through Greater Forest Lawn Communities subscriber list
- 11 Booklet pick-up locations through the area also supported awareness building
- 14 In-community info sharing pop-ups

The following is an approximate number of individuals reached through all of the channels during our first phase of engagement.

- Direct mail (engagement package) = 19,698

- Community newsletters / websites / emails (distributed) = unknown
- Bold signs & information boards = unknown
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, NextDoor): 224,546 impressions
- Targeted YouTube video ads: 139,761 impressions
- Digital banner ads: 133,515 impressions
- Email subscriber updates: 87
- Information boards in community: unknown
- Booklet pick-up locations: 11

Virtual Sessions with the Public	Metrics
We hosted two online Microsoft Teams events with the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two online sessions • 20 people registered for the sessions
Engagement & Communications	Metrics
The project launched April 12, 2022, with both online and in-person tactics used to share information and collect input.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We received 1,952 unique website visitors and had 52 online engagement contributors • 98 paper feedback forms were returned • We spoke with 137 people at events throughout the Greater Forest Lawn Communities • In total, 1,803 individual comments were collected and reviewed.
In-Community Info Sharing Pop-ups	Metrics
During phase 0 and phase 1 we hosted pop-ups to share information at events and locations frequented by a variety of different demographics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 In-Community Info Sharing Pop-Ups including 4 pop-ups in collaboration with the City of Calgary Forest Lawn Multi-Service Centre team
Targeted Community Engagement	Metrics
Community Associations Prior to each phase of the project, and launch of public engagement, we host joint Community Association meetings where we invite all the plan area community associations to meet and work through exercises with the team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We held four Community Association meetings on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jan. 25, 2022 ○ March 9, 2022 ○ April 5, 2022 ○ April 6, 2022.
Greater Forest Lawn Communities Working Group Throughout phase one, the working group participated in four workshop sessions (two in-person and two online). These are detailed below in the working group section.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 working group members • Four workshop sessions

About the Greater Forest Lawn Communities Working Group

What is the working group?

The purpose of the working group is to serve as a sounding board to The City's project team and participate in more detailed dialogue about the broader planning interests of the entire area including connectivity of the communities, transition areas and interface with a focus on big ideas and actions/opportunities for future growth.

Members of the working group will participate in focused sessions throughout the project, where they will engage in dialogue and discussion about the broader planning interests of the entire area as we develop a new local area plan. To review the terms of reference for the working group, please [click here](#).

How was the working group created?

At project launch, The City launched a recruitment campaign for Calgarians to apply to be a member of the working group either as a general resident of the Greater Forest Lawn communities or a development industry representative. Community Associations were given the opportunity to nominate and select their own representative. Through the recruitment campaign we received over 100 applications. City Administration analyzed all the applications received and efforts were made to ensure the selected members group included:

- both renters and owners
- a balance of men and women
- a diverse range of ages
- student, family and single professional perspectives
- business owners and those who work in the area
- both new and long-term residents

The spots per community were allocated based on the community's population distribution relative to the entire plan area population.

Unlike a research-based focus group, this group is not meant to be statistically representative of the area. Best efforts were made to include a broad demographic representation and range of perspectives were included based on the applications that were submitted.

Who is on the working group?

The working group is comprised of a broad range of participants and has thirty-three members. Membership is comprised of:

- Thirty-three members representing the general community
- Eight members from Community Associations in the plan area; and
- Three members from the development industry

Once accepted, working group members were asked to complete a "Planning 101" online information session to learn about planning for Calgary, and how we plan for growth and development, the local area planning process and the role of the public in the process.

Working group members were directed to learn more about local area planning in Calgary by visiting calgary.ca/LAP.

Working Group Session 1: Community Assets & Amenities

On June 20, 2022, the working group participated in the first session at Forest Heights Community Association. At this session working group members:

- Met the other working group members and project team members
- Learned about the high-level themes identified through the virtual Phase One public engagement
- Identified strengths in the area
- Identified weaknesses in the area and,
- Ranked draft key principles

Presentation from the session: [Working Group Session 1: Community Assets & Amenities](#)

Working Group Session 2: Building a Vision and Core Values

On September 21, 2022, the working group participated in the second session. In order to develop these important foundational pieces for the project, input from Phase 1 public engagement, Working Group Session One feedback and Key Directions and Principles of the [Municipal Development Plan](#) will be utilized to inform the draft Vision and Core Values.

At this session working group members participated in activities to:

- Learn from report back on outcomes from Session One
- Review and provide feedback on five draft core value focus areas based on the feedback received to date.
- Review and provide feedback on a draft Vision statement.

Presentation from the session: [Working Group Session 2: Building a Vision and Core Values](#)

Working Group Session 3: Key Growth Areas

On October 6, 2022, the working group members were invited to learn about [the Municipal Development Plan's](#) (MDP) planning building blocks of Activity Centres and Main Streets and how we can apply them to the Greater Forest Lawn Communities. This session focused on learning about the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) approach to key growth areas and discussion of moderate to large scale potential growth areas including:

- Learn about the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) approach
- Identify and discuss Transit Station Areas and Activity Centres
 - Concentrated areas of growth with high activity and a variety of uses
- Identify and discuss Main Streets + Corridors
 - Areas of higher density, activity, and a variety of uses along specified streets or routes

Presentation from the session: [Working Group Session 3: Key Growth Areas](#)

Working Group Session 4: Refining the Key Growth Areas

On November 15, 2022, the Working Group met for Session 4 and were invited to review the revised high-level draft Vision and Core Values and review and spend time refining the draft Key Growth Areas Map. The session included:

- Review of key considerations in the LAP process
- Presentation of refined draft Vision and Core Values (from session two)
- Small group discussion of draft Key Growth Map (Moderate-to Large-Scale Growth)

Presentation from the session: [Working Group Session 4: Refining the Key Growth Areas](#)

What did we ask through engagement?

We asked participants to answer the following questions to help increase the understanding of local assets, issues, opportunities, and trends. This was asked both in-person and online.

To help inform the first chapter of the local area plan, we wanted to hear about:

Past: the area's rich history and roots.

- What is important for people to know about the area's history? (i.e., significant people or places, heritage).

Present: the area as it exists today.

- What do you love about the area and your community and why?
- What are the challenges your area is facing and why?

Future: the next 30 years.

- What's important to you and for future generations when thinking about how the area could evolve in the next 10-30 years and why?

Rank Ideas: Review potential ideas and rank them

- **Please rank these ideas 1 – 8 (1 = High Priority, 8 = Low Priority)**
 - Promote housing options that are varied, inclusive and affordable
 - Provide opportunities to access goods, services, and amenities close by
 - Offer opportunities to gather and participate in civic, arts, cultural and entertainment activities, in both public and private spaces
 - Provide varied and inclusive spaces and facilities for recreation, play and outdoor activities close by
 - Provide spaces that foster a sense of place and are designed for everyone
 - Ensure natural areas, biodiversity and ecological functions are protected, restored, and enjoyed
 - Enable and support prosperity through diverse economic opportunities at a variety of scales

- Please share your thoughts about where or how these ideas could happen in the area

What did we hear throughout engagement?

Public Engagement

Public engagement was held between April 12, 2022, and May 8, 2022. We asked the public to answer questions to help increase the understanding of local historical assets (PAST), identify current strengths and challenges (PRESENT) and to gain a better understanding of how the community will change and develop in the next 30 years. (FUTURE). These questions were presented both in person and online. Additionally, the public was asked to rank eight principles in order of importance.

These questions were also presented at two virtual public Q & A sessions held on April 21 and May 3, 2022. There were 20 registrants total for both sessions.

The questions raised during the sessions were reflective of the online public responses. Overall, there was a high level of interest in the project and a wide range of input was received from the community.

For a verbatim listing of all the input that was provided, please see [Appendix A: Engagement verbatim responses](#) section.

The high-level themes that emerged throughout all of the comments received in phase one include:

PAST

Participants identified several additional historic sites and persons they felt should also be taken into consideration. Participants also mentioned cultural diversity, stigmas and stereotypes and outdoor features. There were also comments related to ideas about how to honour the history of the area.

PRESENT

Several themes emerged from the responses including proximity to downtown, amenities, services and transportation options, green spaces and diversity of culture, business and food. Participants highlighted safety as a key concern referencing social disorder, drug abuse, crime and homelessness as some of the issues they experience. There was also mention of the need to clean up the community regarding rundown homes, garbage and graffiti. Concerns were brought up about the sense that there is a lack of pride by renters and some community members.

FUTURE

Participants spoke of the desire for more green spaces and parks in their community. Comments also made comments about wanting a safer and more inclusive community. Participants were also interested in better alternate transportation options and having increased and improved amenities.

- Participants noted significant people or places, heritage in the plan area.
- Participants noted the area's cultural diversity.
- Participants noted the area has been given an unfair negative stigma and stereotypes.
- Participants noted unique outdoor features in the area.
- Participants noted they would like to honour the area's history.
- Participants love the proximity to downtown, amenities, services and transportation options.
- Participants love the plan area's green spaces.
- Participants love the area's diversity – cultural, business and food.
- Participants expressed concern about safety, social disorder, drug abuse, crime, homelessness.
- Participants feel the area needs to be cleaned up – rundown homes and amenities, graffiti, garbage.
- Participants noted they would like to see more pride of community and that the amount of renters may be a challenge to this.
- Participants spoke of their desire for more green spaces and parks.
- Participants were interested in better alternate transportation options.
- Participants would like to see increased and improved community amenities.
- Participants' comments reflected the desire for a safer and more inclusive and clean community.

RANK IDEAS

Participants were also asked to rank and comment on eight ideas (1 = high priority, 8 = low priority), that have the potential to be addressed through the LAP process.

For a full summary and description of individual themes broken down by each question with examples, please see the [Summary of input recieved](#) section. For a verbatim listing of all the input that was provided, please see [Verbatim responses section](#).

Summary of Input Received

Below is a summary of the main themes that were most prevalent in the comments received for each question, across all methods of engagement. Each theme includes summary examples of verbatim comments. These are the exact words used. To ensure we capture all responses accurately, verbatim comments have not been altered. In some cases, we utilized only a portion of comments that spoke to a particular theme.

PAST

Question 1 - What is important for people to know about the area's history?

Theme	Supporting Verbatim Comments
Participants noted the cultural diversity of the area	<p>Participants noted the cultural diversity of the area</p> <p>Sample comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "There is a huge diversity of culture and race here and this gives it a strong and unique flavour."

Theme	Supporting Verbatim Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “I grew up in this area and am versed in the multi-cultural aspects that make the GFL a treasure.”
Participants noted significant people or places, heritage in the plan area.	<p>Participants noted significant people or places, heritage in the plan area.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “I think it’s worthwhile to know that forest lawn and area was its own town before becoming part of Calgary. Albert Park was also created as part of a “scam” in around 1912. By Albert smith and faking railroad tracks, luring in people to buy land that’s potential was never realized (look up history of Albert Park).” “International Avenue was a vital highway through Calgary. This area had one of the first golf courses. This area has always been one of the most diverse communities in Calgary because of the TransCanada highway passing through.” “The area has a rich homesteader history and was not always a part of the City of Calgary.”
Participants noted the area has been given an unfair negative stigma and stereotypes.	<p>Participants noted the area has been given an unfair negative stigma and stereotypes.</p> <p>Comments identified that there is a feeling that this area is stigmatized and stereotyped and there is a desire for the community to be seen differently by the rest of the city.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “This community has been stigmatized and it would be nice to be rid of these harmful stereotypes.” “The stigmas about this community that exist throughout the city are not indicative of the greater population.” “I have been here for nearly 25 years and want nothing more than to see the opinion of this area changed.”
Participants noted unique outdoor features in the area.	<p>Participants noted unique outdoor features in the area.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Irrigation channel and surrounding park is a prominent feature.” “The park slated for this community hub should maintain plenty of natural greenspace because there is a shortage of outdoor natural areas in the neighborhood. During Covid 19, many people have enjoyed healthy, outdoor activities here.” “Access to the canal and Bow River pathways” “I like the bluffs overlooking Deerfoot.”
Participants noted they would like to	<p>Participants noted they would like to honour the area’s history.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p>

Theme	Supporting Verbatim Comments
honour the area's history.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Knowing the history & being able to see the growth of your community increases your connection to it & your pride in it. Having access to these sort of monuments is important & I would be incredibly proud to see them be multi-cultural & have for example indigenous focused plaques for important historical locations, events, or people if possible would be amazing!” • “Perhaps local schools could include a history chapter on the history of the communities & immediate areas that they serve. Placards at certain locations especially along 17th Ave if there is historical significance to a building or location. How & why roads developed the way they did” • “I found the history of the area from about 100 years ago interesting as I did not know about these developments. I hope the city will be able to maintain/add this background on the city's website along with other historical information for other parts of Calgary.”

PRESENT

Question 2a - What do you love about the area and your community and why?

Love about area and Community Themes	Supporting Verbatim Comments
Participants love the proximity to downtown, amenities, services and transportation options.	<p>Participants love the proximity to downtown, amenities, services and transportation options.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I love having playgrounds that are within walking/biking distance. Bob Bahan aqua center and the forest lawn library being so close is also amazing. The close proximity to the c-train, busses and Max Purple line and all the shopping and dining options!” • “It's close to downtown by car, walking, and biking” • “The area is close to downtown and has a nice view of the mountains and cityscape. It has two train stations which are convenient.” • “I love the diversity of shopping in this area and the fact that I don't have to go more than a 15 minute drive to just about anything in Calgary because of Stoney Trail, 16th Avenue, Memorial Drive and Blackfoot.”
Participants love the plan area's green spaces.	<p>Participants love the plan area's green spaces.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “All the green spaces and walk ability!!!” • “I do like the parks and pathways although I would like more connecting areas.”

Love about area and Community Themes	Supporting Verbatim Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “I love the increased amount of parks and greenspace because the area has always been heavily industrial.”
Participants love the area’s diversity – cultural, business and food.	<p>Participants love the area’s diversity – cultural, business and food.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “I also really appreciate the diversity of the neighborhood and I’m proud my children will grow up thinking/knowing that different cultures working together is normal!” “I love the diversity of businesses especially restaurants on 17 Ave that enrich the neighborhood.” “The community also seems to have more diversity than some other areas of Calgary and places for members with varying incomes and social situations.” “The culture, many mom and pop shops that offer new experiences make living in forest lawn exciting”

Question 2b - What are the challenges your area is facing and why?

Challenges in the area Themes	Supporting Verbatim Comments
Participants expressed concern about safety, social disorder, drug abuse, crime, homelessness.	<p>Participants expressed concern about safety, social disorder, drug abuse, crime, homelessness.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Sometimes it is worrisome when there are unstable (mainly due to substances abuse) people wondering down the street or yelling and swearing, especially in the middle of the night, as I don’t know what they might do as they are unpredictable.” “Ongoing thefts! There is a group of at least three men on bicycles who regularly break into cars, garages and yards. They steal bikes, tools, returnables and anything else they can grab. They even siphon gas!” “Homeless people. We need to have better support for these people and their pets too. Don’t expect them to go downtown for shelter and supports.” “Homelessness, drug addiction problems, dirty needles laying around (lack of safe disposal sites). Desperate people with no other means (this is a whole city and province issue) Lack of police doing anything useful...”
Participants feel the area needs to be cleaned up – rundown homes and amenities, graffiti, garbage.	<p>Participants feel the area needs to be cleaned up – rundown homes and amenities, graffiti, garbage.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Also finding used needles or other supplies at parks can be concerning, as I don’t want my child to accidentally get hurt.”

Challenges in the area Themes	Supporting Verbatim Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “It’s dirty! We need to clean it up and place some garbage bins around” • “Many of the small playgrounds in these communities are old, rusty metal with peeling paint & not well utilized because of this.” • “Let’s not hide the truth but for the better part of this area, it looks like a ghetto. Many of the houses and other buildings are falling apart and make the GFLA look very grim and an undesirable place to live and raise a family.”
Participants noted they would like to see more pride of community and that the amount of renters may be a challenge to this.	<p>Participants noted they would like to see more pride of community and that the amount of renters may be a challenge to this.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Slum lords renting to people who deal drugs, pile garbage in yard. More renters means less people care about taking care of their house.” • “I would love to see more pride of neighborhood/property.” • “One of the challenges we face is the amount of renters vs owners in the residential areas. There is a lack of responsibility from the property owners who rent out their properties to check on their properties to make sure they are well maintained” • “I think there are an equal amount of responsible homeowners and renters as there are ones who don’t bother with upkeep or maintenance on their property.”

FUTURE

Question 3: What is important to you and for future generations when thinking about how the area could evolve in the next 10-30 years and why?

Participants spoke of the desire for more green spaces and parks in their community. Comments also reflected the desire for a safer and more inclusive community. Participants were also interested in better alternate transportation options and having increased and improved amenities.

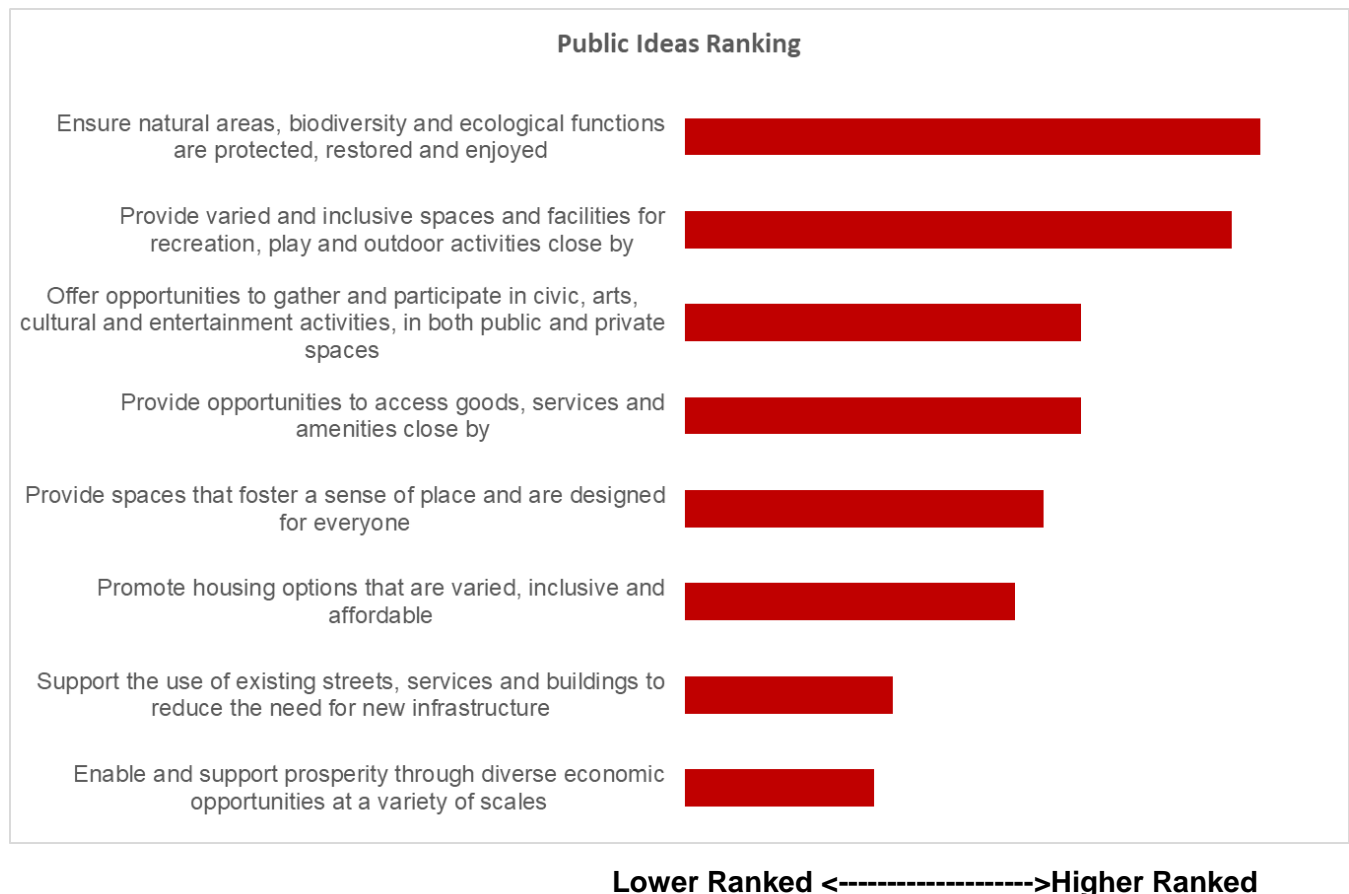
Theme	Supporting Verbatim Comments
Participants spoke of their desire for more green spaces and parks.	<p>Participants spoke of their desire for more green spaces and parks.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I think it’s important to focus on the outdoor gathering spaces and put effort into improving walkability, cycling, etc. making space for things like community gardens or multi use parks would be amazing for future generations to benefit from. Yes all the open areas around the parks it will degrade the esthetic of a park.” • “We need more spaces like Valleyview park - I walk my dog there every day. It is a vibrant with a wide variety of people walking daily. It is open so there are no places for crime.”

Theme	Supporting Verbatim Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Build green spaces and parks that will bring visitors from other areas of the city.” • “Sustainability is very important to me, making sure we still have parks and land where humans and wildlife can coexist is very important to me and many of my neighbors”
Participants were interested in better alternate transportation options.	<p>Participants were interested in better alternate transportation options.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Optimising existing transit corridors: Private automobile is still by far the most preferable option to move in and out of the GFE. I believe new Max BRT infrastructure isn't being leveraged for maximum efficiency. Increased priority of bus movement over automobile can attract more transit ridership in the area as well as increased foot traffic around the high street corridor.” • “It would be good to have bike lanes going to it. There is a lot of foot traffic in the area of Dover I live in.” • “Look for other ways for people to move - maybe covered moving sidewalks or public vehicles. “ • “put effort into improving walkability, cycling, etc.”
Participants would like to see increased and improved community amenities.	<p>Participants would like to see increased and improved community amenities.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “More places and spaces for people to walk and meet, such as cafes and walkable shopping areas (e.g. 1st ave in Bridgeland).” • “Focus on spaces that are activity based - where you can show up and play a round of dis golf, tennis or basketball. These are well used. Please don't take these away to replace with empty green space” • “Could benefit by an excellent outdoor skatepark area, a covered cement space for rollerskating and roller hockey or scooter kids.” • “The neighbourhoods are in transition from original purchasers in the 1960s and new families need better amenities to draw them here.”
Participants' comments reflected the desire for a safer and more inclusive and clean community.	<p>Participants' comments reflected the desire for a safer and more inclusive and clean community.</p> <p>Sample Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The biggest concern for me is that the community evolves to become a safe, friendly place for all.” • “Hope that this area improves in terms of safety for women and its elderly population.” • “Clean up some housing... clean up back alleys! The garbage. Landscaping, murals, Fix up the Albert park community park. Clean up the needles get more safe Injection sites. Get people some help instead of the circle of poverty that has caused the problems in this city.”

Theme	Supporting Verbatim Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “My neighbors and I don't feel safe. Our homes and fences get graffitied our properties collect litter I am constantly worried my house will burn because people throw cigarettes butts and hypodermic needles in my hedge and on our pathways.”

RANK IDEAS

Participants were asked to rank and comment on eight ideas (1 = high priority, 8 = low priority), that have the potential to be addressed through the LAP process. The results are presented in a visual form below. The chart below, along with the associated comments located in the **RANK IDEAS Comments** section of the appendix.



Comments submitted with the rankings are listed by idea (A-H and Additional Comments) and can be found in the [Rank Idea Comments](#) section of the appendix.

What did we do with the input received?

While project work is still underway to develop the draft concepts for the local area plan, all input collected through this phase has been used so far to inform planning analysis by The City and was shared with the Working Group to inform the sessions completed to date.

The Working Group and The City came together to prioritize the themes heard from the public and this information was used to help develop draft core values for the project. The input collected will continue to be used by the project team to inform work with subject matter experts as they draft concepts and policies. Next steps are detailed in the following section of this report.

These draft core values will be used to help evaluate ideas and concepts as the project progresses. These will also help inform our conversations about tradeoffs and benefits as options are developed.

These draft Core Values are:

Draft Housing Options: Support quality housing development that is diverse and accessible for people from all income levels throughout the Plan area, particularly near transit station areas, International Avenue S.E., commercial areas, major roadways, and community amenities areas, to meet the evolving needs of people in all stages of life.

Draft Mobility Choices: Provide safe, efficient, well-maintained, connected, and accessible year-round mobility choices through a network of transit, pathways, walking and wheeling infrastructure, and roadways, to locations including International Avenue S.E., Barlow / Max Bell LRT station, Franklin LRT station, Max Purple BRT transit station areas, and surrounding commercial and residential areas.

Draft Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities: Protect and invest in parks, open spaces, and recreational and community facilities for people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and abilities to promote overall community wellness and quality of life. Create a safe, accessible and connected open-space system that links neighbourhoods, parks, natural areas, and community amenities, such as the escarpment park, community hubs, Elliston Park and Max Bell Centre.

Draft Climate Resilience: Strength resilience to climate change and extreme weather conditions by reimagining the reusing and repurposing of existing buildings and infrastructure and prioritizing innovative energy-and resource-efficient building designs for existing and new development.

Vibrant and Diverse Culture, Arts and Business: Attract and support a variety of arts and culture initiatives, employment opportunities, businesses and services along International Avenue S.E. and commercial and industrial areas that enhance and promote the communities' vibrancy and cultural diversity by revitalizing the area into a creative and cultural destination hub enjoyed by community members and all Calgarians.

Project Next Steps

The project team is currently undertaking planning analysis and working with subject matter experts to develop draft concepts and policies for the draft local area plan. Your input, and the input of the public will help the project team understand peoples' perspectives, opinions, and concerns as they conduct this work. Other considerations include looking at: economic viability, technical feasibility, and other existing city policies.

We will be back in the community in 2023 for Phase 2: EXPLORE. In phase two, we will share the draft concepts and report back on what we heard in phase one. Phase two will include multiple engagement opportunities for the public to get involved, learn about the draft plan and provide feedback on the concepts in the draft local area plan for the Greater Forest Lawn Communities.

To stay up to date on project details and future engagement opportunities, visit the project webpage [Calgary.ca\GFLplan](https://calgary.ca/GFLplan) and sign-up for [email updates](#).

Appendix A: Public engagement verbatim comments

Verbatim comments include all written input that was received through the online engagement, in-person events and targeted stakeholder sessions.

These are verbatim comments and are reflected below as they were submitted and have not been altered in any way, except for removal of personal identifying information, or profanity.

What is important for people to know about the area's history?

- The area is rich with immigrants. There is a huge diversity of culture and race here and this gives it a strong and unique flavour.
- This is a diverse inner city community with hard working residents from all walks of life, including new Canadians and professionals. Many successful community and business leaders live here and have grown up here. I am a teacher and when people ask me where I live, they always react with surprise. But I am not surprised because some of my best teachers lived here as well. This community has been stigmatized and it would be nice to be rid of these harmful stereotypes.

The park slated for this community hub should maintain plenty of natural greenspace because there is a shortage of outdoor natural areas in the neighborhood. During Covid 19, many people have enjoyed healthy, outdoor activities here.

The community hub is a good idea to engage youth and help them to develop a positive and active lifestyle.

There should be facilities that seniors can enjoy and a coffee space with patio would be wonderful.

Thanks for seeking our input.

- Natural factor. The natural environment affects demographics . People must see development and perspective.
- I'd like to know more about the first settlers here and how particular buildings have evolved over the years.
- Irrigation channel and surrounding park is a prominent feature. We have only lived in community for 5 years.
- That it was once a separate town.
- Queen Elizabeth School Room 11

- I enjoy looking at plaques with archived photos of historical importance and making that comparison to the real, current world. Eg at Fish Creek park there are plaques with this information available. Knowing the history & being able to see the growth of your community increases your connection to it & your pride in it. Having access to these sort of monuments is important & I would be incredibly proud to see them be multi-cultural & have for example indigenous focused plaques for important historical locations, events, or people if possible would be amazing!
Having a variety of time periods as well would be wonderful, like all the way back to the shaping of the physical land we're located on, jurassic & the dinos, and so on & so forth to our current time would be really cool to see!
- 17th Ave is also known as International Ave. people should know it's a very multi cultural area
- How can the history of this community contribute to its present and future and become significant to its residents, making them want to be an active part of its development.. the present rental community members seem disconnected..
- The Indigenous history in the area.
- It use to be a vibrant place to be, lots to do, lots of sports clubs to join, people knew each other and would gather at sporting events, dances and suppers. The streets were a lot kinder then, not as many homeless and you felt safe walking and taking the bus.
- Significant places.
- Because it's interesting for any age group
- Not sure what is important. I don't know if we have any historical areas left. I like the bluffs overlooking Deerfoot.
- The uniqueness of retail on 17th Avenue.
- The area has a rich homesteader history and was not always a part of the City of Calgary.
- Multicultural input to the community
- My family moved to Forest Lawn in 1960 when it was a village. I believe it became part of Calgary shortly after. I was 9 months old. I loved growing up in Forest Lawn in the 1960's. It is my childhood home and my family has connections to it since then.

I tried to write a longer version of how I liked Forest Lawn growing up but this form wouldn't accept it. If you want to know about how I saw Forest Lawn in the 1960's you can email me.

- To show connection and how things change.
- I'd like you to know that Erin Woods is not greater "forest lawn".
- History of the local communities before they became part of the City of Calgary. Significant building or history of the area (including any indigenous history). Such as the Inglewood Golf Course. I had no idea it was once a farm & a military range. Perhaps local schools could include a history chapter on the history of the communities & immediate areas that they serve. Placards at certain locations especially along 17th Ave if there is historical significance to a building or location. How & why roads developed the way they did such as 34th Ave SE. It is 4 lanes wide with a boulevard. I believe there is a gas line running under the boulevard which I just noticed a sign yesterday. I've lived here for 4 years. I wonder if 34th Ave is so wide because there was a plan to connect it to a more extensive roadway east & west? As I am nearing retirement, I may have more time to research the local history. I could compile some history about Dovely Court & Dovely Park.
- Knowing the history of places you live in is important. It helps in understanding the areas history

- I found the history of the area from about 100 years ago interesting as I did not know about these developments. I hope the city will be able to maintain/add this background on the city's website along with other historical information for other parts of Calgary. The development of the Grand Trunk Rail Line is important in my mind.
- I'm not sure the history is all that significant. It's good to know briefly but the GFL area has many newcomers, many people who struggle just for basic needs as well as other issues. I think the focus should be the present and future.
- International Avenue was a vital highway through Calgary. This area had one of the first golf courses. This area has always been one of the most diverse communities in Calgary because of the TransCanada highway passing through. Affordable homes were built, shops were opened and a resident did not have to leave the area to do what they needed to do.
- Access to the canal and Bow River pathways
- The rich diversity of the area. While annexed by the city in the 60's and having a negative view by many in the City, I have always loved living here - warts and all. I grew up in this area and am versed in the multi-cultural aspects that make the GFL a treasure.
- I think it's worthwhile to know that forest lawn and area was its own town before becoming part of Calgary. Albert park was also created as part of a "scam" in around 1912. By Albert smith and faking railroad tracks, luring in people to buy land thats potential was never realized (look up history of Albert park). Ever since this side of the city has become a bit of a joke. Radisson became what it was between the 1970s and 80s. And looks the same only more run down.
- History
- Many residents in these areas identify strongly and proudly with them. The stigmas about this community that exist throughout the city are not indicative of the greater population. Cleaning up the area is of the utmost importance to the long-term residents, and helping raise the level of identity of the people will help revitalize the whole region. I have been here for nearly 25 years and want nothing more than to see the opinion of this area changed.
- The story of the Anglican Church is great, and knowing it became Calgary's first mosque
- Nothing
- That the area was it's own town and how/ when it became part of Calgary
- How unique the businesses are along 17th ave.
- That the Native School on Dover Ridge Drive was once Harold Riley School & public school.
- How it got named and when incorporated (annexed)
- Let's keep Calgarys million-dollar cowboy/ western theme while simultaneously showcasing our aboriginal and metis histories respectively.
- Could be great to have a museum/ art gallery in our area - perfect place to learn history and get kids and families involved in exploring our heritage.
- We need to know the area because it's important for history of our past
- I am not aware of significant people and places in this area so need to be educated myself.
- International Avenue, Global Fest
- What was there before, why it disappeared, historical sites
- I don't know too much about the area's history or particular places. I'm sure more could be done to highlight that. However, what I think is more important is to highlight the diversity of people and close neighbourhood ties that do exist here. I know all of my neighbours and we stick together. I think that is an important story to tell.

- Some of the 1950's and lower buildings need saving because we are losing our history. History tells us where we have been. Some iconic signs along 17th
- N/A
- The history is rich and full of diversity. Marlborough Mall used to be a thriving mall.
- This city has been unable to build and maintain existing infrastructure It should be interesting to see how this city maintains all the fancy landscaping on 17th this summer. Many many \$\$\$ spent. The corner of 17th and 28th is especially bad but of course its not the cities responsibility???
- Indigenous lands and Grand Trunk Rail Line.
- All of the above, sig. people, places and heritage & their surroundings etc.
- It's important for people to remember where we came from, and the people who came from Forest Lawn
- I do not know anything about the history
- Penbrooke Meadows was a wetland before houses were built
- The evolution of the city's expansion
- ??
- It would be nice to have a mural on 17th Ave with the history of the area depicted and a write up about the history of the community.
- Not that important
- We may have been a separate town at one time but we are part of Calgary and have been for a long time. We may not have as strong a voice as more wealthy areas but we need help to evolve into an accepted neighbourhood
- History is nice, my family has been here since 1977 so have been part of the history of this area. *These questions are not the right ones, ask people in person what they want.
- People, places, unique information positive economic numbers
- We have had way too much native attention
- Do people realize the area was named after the Forest Lawn Cemetary in Calif? It's because the developers wanted to make people think it was lush & green? It's always been a blue-collar, immigrant friendly neighbourhood.
- In order to appreciate it and to preserve Forest Lawns history, I believe that it is significant to further development in the area.
- So people can coment with the community
- David D. Oughton: A farmer and town councilor whom farmed the land where Forest Heights, Radisson Heights, and Albert Park now sit, he was a just man and a friend of the native peoples.
- That slavery & servitude is illegal, the present mayor is stealing our freedoms & rights to speak peacefully
- International Ave. was an important road to get through Calgary to have a golf course. Diversity has always been strong here because of our affordability and diverse shopping.
- The people of the certain area that made it happen
- New to the area, not sure of history but hope it is preserved
- I have only lived in Forest Heights since 2017, I'm not qualified to answer.
- Hub oil explosion, drive in movies, future transit rail?
- How did the areas get their names - knowing how we got to the present is important. This type of history must include the uglier parts of history - not to erase it but to understand it
- Rural communities: Forest Lawn, St. Albert/ Radisson heights, Hubalta. Historical-Mayor Cyril De Neve (Forest Lawn) Laid groundwork for initial water and sewer lines in 60's. Holy Trinity church corner (SE) Where Holy Trinity School was etc.

- A heritage of hard-working people where many immigrants moved to because it is affordable and working class
- So we don't repeat the same mistakes
- Prior to 1935, Forest Lawn was a small town on the outskirts of The City of Calgary (CoC). Over the years, the federal and provincial governments determined that the lands west of Forest Lawn would be annexed as part of the City of Calgary. This meant that Forest Lawn and areas immediately adjacent to Calgary would fall under the scrutiny of province and CoC.
- That crime is under control
- Date when this area was annexed to Calgary, maybe when 17 Ave bridge was installed across the Bow River?
- Erin Woods. Twin arenas - it's a hockey community. Greater Forest Lawn - all over the city there are distinct communities, except here; something newsworthy happens, it happened in the Forest Lawn area - how about our communities start getting recognized by their names?
- What has worked and what hasn't. School programs or community events. No development in environment risk areas.
- That Forest Lawn and Area Residents pay too much tax in relation to the services provided. Please stop wasting our money and time building the answers you want.
- missing...spend money on the future!
- People should know more about the first Natinos that used the area before it was developed much more emphasis should be placed on this connection. Also 17th Avenue SE is a neighbourhood built on cultures all over the world being able to bring their traditions as immigrants to Calgary. It's great for new immigrants and for Calgarians.
- OVERTAXED
- Forest Lawn was settled by grandparents of residents today. It was a vibrant community before joining Calgary. The old bridge to FL was a memory. John Zbryski and family, John Hawryluk and family - early pioneers
- To know where you came from to know where you are going, Forest Lawn before had lots of trees and a lot of them were cut. I came from Ottawa Ont. When I arrive here I live in SW different places, downtown, some places people don't talk or care about neighbours. Here people talk to neighbours and care about their neighbours & help them with their needs, shovel, cut grass, invite for BBQ, give rides etc. drive a hot meal, also different people welcomed

What do you love about the area and your community and why?

- I love the increased amount of parks and greenspace because the area has always been heavily industrial. The transition from industrial to livable is important.
- I love having playgrounds that are within walking/biking distance. Bob Bahan aqua center and the forest lawn library being so close is also amazing. The close proximity to the c-train, busses and Max Purple line and all the shopping and dinning options! I also really appreciate the diversity of the neighborhood and I'm proud my children will grow up thinking/knowing that different cultures working together is normal! I'm also really happy that Forest Lawn has The Homes for Heroes village, which is think is an awesome initiative.
- We must love what we have. And improve it. In my eyes all old SE requires attention and a help from the City.

- I love the diversity, friendly relaxed community, and proximity to services and transportation
- I love the green spaces, mature trees, and walking paths because it's important to honour nature in the city. I like the proximity to the train and rapid transit to allow for more environmentally friendly transportation options. I love the diversity of businesses especially restaurants on 17 Ave that enrich the neighborhood.
- It's close to downtown by car, walking, and biking
- I live in Dover, and love how many homes front onto a green space with walking paths. It's great knowing our children can play without having to worry about cars. I love how the path network can take you anywhere you need to go safely.
- I love the diversity of our community and the proximity of shopping medical centers. As well, the access it shares to other parts of our cities via Stoney Trail, Memorial Drive & Deerfoot Trail.
- I love that it's very family focused & has so many close amenities! Our neighbourhoods are quiet, family friendly & feel secluded while we can go to 17th ave for hustle & bustle. We live in between Deerfoot & Stoney Trail, & maybe a 10 minute drive from downtown, Inglewood & the East Village. Great view of the city & close to the river. We have a handful of amazing parks & playgrounds, and the renovated library. Forest Lawn high school has a fairly good reputation; however I can not speak for the catholic schools in the neighbourhood. Citizens have a lot of character.
- I love that the area offers great cuisine and a lot of multi cultural options
- Parks, walkways, and safe.
- The area is close to downtown and has a nice view of the mountains and cityscape. It has two train stations which are convenient. The area doesn't have the typical cookie cutter houses that lots of areas in Calgary have and you can tell the houses were built at different times. The community also seems to have more diversity than some other areas of Calgary and places for members with varying incomes and social situations. Community garden is nice.
- Love is too strong a word. I do like the parks and pathways although I would like more connecting areas. I find the Stoney trail pathway too noisy because of traffic.

I like being on the outskirts of YYC so I don't have to travel through the city to get home when coming in from the east.

I like Memorial Drive crossing across the city (mostly) - gives me nice drive through town.

- I love living in this area because I have lived in that same house for 30+ years. There is easy access to pathways and transportation. I am glad that gentrification has not happened widespread in my community.
- I love the older homes with large lots, the trees and the wide boulevards along with access to parks. I love the little strip malls with independent businesses. I love the unique decorations on some of the properties. I like that the neighbours say hello.
- I love the area because of its access to shopping, highways and good neighbours.
- Applewood is a community that most people don't know about; people think it is Applewood Village near Marlborough Station. I've been in the area since Aug. 1983 and it was quieter then, but more people and Stoney Trail have increased activity as one would expect. The area has good access to major roads and nearby shopping as well as part of the bike path eventually going around the ring road. It has taken about 40 years to get to this point with gradual growth of Calgary.
- I like that my community is well developed with many amenities nearby. The 17th Ave improvement has made a big difference, traffic was terrible before.

- I love the diversity of shopping in this area and the fact that I don't have to go more than a 15 minute drive to just about anything in Calgary because of Stoney Trail, 16th Avenue, Memorial Drive and Blackfoot.
- All the green spaces and walk ability !!! The height and spacing of housing and buildings allows the sun to hit the earth lol !!! No special parking zones so far !!! Sidewalks and alleys on all sides of the blocks .
- I love the diversity and I love how quickly I can access the canal and river pathways; both on foot and by bicycle. It's really important that the views of the mountains and downtown remain and there is no large highway that blocks this access.
- Easy to access via road. Lots of green space and parks. Good mixture of housing options. Transit bridge. Close to industrial area.
- House prices are cheaper than the median making home ownership achievable, 18 hole disc golf course, easy access to all major roads and downtown, close to Max Bell arena bike paths, down to earth people, ethnic variety of foods. Events like disc golf league is a cheap activity for residents and is so well used yet I heard the city will rip it down. Shame to take away an affordable activity, fastest growing sport too & our course attracts people from all over the city incl outside the city and the high course use means the green space has not turned into homeless and junkie central. It's one of forest lawns best assets. It is used year round!! Elliston Park fireworks in august and Max Bell concerts are both fantastic events in the area
- The residential lot sizes. We actually have backyards and space between our neighbours.
Access to everything - shops, green & recreational spaces, major roadways, the river, bike paths...
Streets with individual names instead of one name with a changed suffix (i.e. lane, crescent, drive...)

I love that there is some heritage and character to the neighbourhood. That the houses aren't all cookie-cutter and the streets lead to one entrance in/out to major highways. There is a sense of freedom and openness to the design. There seems to be less traffic since it can travel different streets to get where it needs to be.

I love that we have ample parking and don't require permits to park on the street. We aren't overly densified nor do we want to be!

- I like all the different ethnicities in my area, there are many younger families and people because no one cant afford to live anywhere else! I honestly believe that this community can be an absolute up and comer..
- The culture, many mom and pop shops that offer new experiences make living in forest lawn exciting
- There is a lot of people who have lived here for a long time
- Location!! Such great proximity to downtown and the trendiest neighborhoods in Calgary.
- I've lived in Erin Woods for about 8 years now. I like the people and the diversity we have in this part of the city. it's also a very convenient location as i'm close to so many stores, restaurants, medical centres, leisurely activities etc. I attend FLHS and love the close proximity to the library and different local businesses.
- 1. Location
- I like that traffic isn't congested like a lot of places in the city, and the "small town feel" of the neighbourhood. As everyone is welcoming and helps each othr which is rare in a big city.

- Southview has wide streets and back alleys. Good green spaces. Well used community hall.
- What I love about dover is it is quiet.
- We don't have a proper community centre in Albert Park/ Radisson Heights. We are currently using the skate park, which has no parking or much space for events. We love the community garden!
- Ease in moving around.
- Pros: Easy access to Peigan/ Deerfoot lots of greenspaces.
- We need to know the area and the people around us. Why, because we know the danger and people who are dangerous.
- I love the parks and pathways. The redevelopment of 17 Ave. Turned out very well. We need more projects like that.
- Pros: Easy access, parks/ playing fields, playgrounds
- More parks, I love, more lights to make it safer,
- I love the diversity of businesses and proximity to nice places and parks in the rest of the city. There are lots of good services, food and a great library in Forest Lawn. Groceries are close. I also love my neighbours.
- I think it is important to celebrate the diversity of the area.
- I love how walkable it is, I love that we don't have to drive, we can walk almost everywhere for library, restaurants, transit, shopping mall
- I love how close I am to the river, Inglewood, Downtown, and the deerfoot. The proximity to bike paths is great too.
- I love how multi cultural it is, gives the opportunity to learn and grow from others.
- Like: The easy access to all amenities library, schools, hospital, etc. Dislike: The new bike lanes on 28 St SE are difficult for drivers to maneuver in winter.
- Bike path nearby for biking/ walking
- Love the ridge trail easy access to deerfoot
- we want everybody enjoy their lives with peace and dignity and happy
- I love the nature parks & planters near by, even if they're by busy roads. Maybe we could have more between Applewood and Stoney Trail
- Multi cultural, Elliston Park, Recreation Center, Many facilities within walking distance, Established transit and LRT
- I love ease of access to recreation and retail opportunities.
- We have many parks around, this helps us to connect to nature. For me I love Elliston Park as it is a closest form to a natural spot, which support wildlife.
- Sense of community is strong, Access to major thoroughfares and foothills industrial
- Pathways, proximity to Deerfoot, large house lots, big sidewalks (new).
- All the parks and nature that the kids can play in. It would be nice to have another splash park in the area. The one we have is great but it is always packed in the summer. The transit system here is better & more on time than other areas of the city which I appreciate, but can be improved ie. times, routes
- The Elliston Park, Pierce Estate Park, Bird Sanctuary, Bob Bihan Swimming
- Cultural facilities, community help in cleaning up, low income people have help with sprucing up their homes and properties,
- I live in Penbrooke Meadows and like the area. The houses are situated on good size lots and not so close to each other as in newer areas. There is more privacy and if are taken care of provide peace & quiet for all who live here.
- Close to varied amenities & shops walkability, helpful neighbours, arts, cultural events.
- I live at applewood park. Its a good location w/ stoney trail & 17 Ave. You can access all parts of Calgary in less time.

- Housing prices
- Everybody has your back here, neighbours are friends - we watch out for each other.
- I can walk outside and get good exercise.
- I love the proximity to downtown, nature (river valley) and the many shops and services, in the area.
- I love the fact that we have such quick access to anywhere in Calgary because of Stoney Trail, 16th Ave, 17th Ave & Memorial Drive.
- Close to Hwy 1, close to downtown, dover is quiet,
- The people. When I look at new areas in Calgary I see so much life that what I want for all communities in and around forest lawn, we were here first
- The large lots & established with large trees. The access to the ridge overlooking the city & mountains
- Love short walk to a beautiful view.
- I love being close to the river pathways, stores, and restaurants.
- Elliston Park nearby. Calgary East Arena and outdoor rink.
- I really appreciate all the green space and the ability to walk nearly everywhere.
- Upgrades to transportation and area environment; community involvement
- I love that Forest Heights, where I live, is relatively safe & free of homelessness & addiction social issues
- The people in the mobile home park are nice
- Things I enjoy about living in the Forest Lawn area: Proximity to Calgary, Strathmore and other small communities nearby. Reasonable noise from "feeder" towns outside of Forest Lawn (eg. New home owners choosing to buy and live in homes and commute to/from Calgary and surrounding boroughs.
- Close to downtown via LRT, Mtn. views are spectacular! Bicycle trails & paths are close too, shopping mall & groceries also nearby.
- Big park, wonderful sledding hill, love the cul de sac we live on and our neighbours, its quiet here
- Just keeping up with the maintenance and passing on the roles to others that love their community. Let us out of the house to connect or just individuals for a walk.
- Love the small businesses and uniqueness of restaurants and stores. This should be showcased. Love the walkability to amenities and major routes.

What are the challenges your area is facing and why?

- Elliston Park has been a long-standing amenity that is loved by the surrounding communities. I think Elliston Park could be improved by cleaning the water and potentially making the water recreational. It would boost the activity in the park and create a more lively community space. I understand that there may be limitations since the the water stormwater runoff/near a landfill. But really revitalization Elliston Park would make the community thrive economically (for festivals such as GlobalFest) and socially.
- Sometimes it is worrisome when there are unstable (mainly due to substances abuse) people wondering down the street or yelling and swearing, especially in the middle of the night, as I don't know what they might do as they are unpredictable. However, I do appreciate the decent police presence and do feel they try their best to keep everyone safe. Also finding used needles or other supplies at parks can be concerning, as I don't want my child to accidentally get hurt.

- We used to have duplex on 39 street SE. All back alley was and is a full of junk and garbage. Not all people takes a care about the property. Make a calculation if create one more service for each community with \$ 10/month/ each door can be like service or improvement to help with the fences. garbage on streets. It can help keep same property tax longer. You spend too much money for cleaning and do not see right result.
- The biggest challenges I see are drug use, garbage, and lack of pride in community for some community members. It's been a challenging few years for many, and this could be due to lack of services and opportunities for some.
- I think there are an equal amount of responsible homeowners and renters as there are ones who don't bother with upkeep or maintenance on their property. These eyesore houses make the neighborhood feel unsafe because they can invite criminal activity and also devalue the rest of the homes around them. I'd like to see more pride of ownership around.
- It's dirty! We need to clean it up and place some garbage bins around
- Ongoing thefts! There is a group of at least three men on bicycles who regularly break into cars, garages and yards. They steal bikes, tools, returnables and anything else they can grab. They even siphon gas! The police are aware of them, know where they live and even pay them visits, yet the thieving does not stop. Many of us here in Dover chat about these men on a Facebook community crime watch page, and we are absolutely sick and tired of it. These men look like drug addicts, and one of their immediate neighbours says they deal drugs too. Enough is enough! People like them are why Dover has a bad reputation. If nothing else, please do something about these men. I
- One of the challenges we face is the amount of renters vs owners in the residential areas. There is a lack of responsibility from the property owners who rent out their properties to check on their properties to make sure they are well maintained and that garbage isn't collecting behind their properties, especially in the back alleys. This reduces the value of responsibly owned and maintained homes while being an eyesore to those of use who have to witness this on a daily basis.
- Many of the small playgrounds in these communities are old, rusty metal with peeling paint & not well utilized because of this. Erin woods park is a very popular park & should have money reinvested into it. The playground should get some more improvements or an enlargement for how much it's used! The basketball court is ALWAYS in use. Some street lights by there would be beneficial for the many, many people who are there utilizing the space, some benches or bleachers would be nice as well for seating. A small skate park would also get very utilized in this neighbourhood & would be great for the youth in Erin woods. There are a lot of children in this space & that should be reflected in enhancing these spaces.
- The intersection of Erin Dale cres & Erin Woods blvd needs to be improved. The cross walk should have lights for pedestrians. The Petro needs an entrance for people westbound on Erin Woods blvd. People frequently drive into the oncoming traffic lane to enter Petro.
- food because while we have a lot of great options and while I enjoy little hole in the wall places, they are not very clean and not very aesthetic. Also as far as houses on the market now I realize it's a strong housing market and everyone is buying up properties and throwing money around but it would be nice to consider people who've grown up in the neighborhood and want to buy there and stay there and not just try to make quick money
- we are challenged to keep our area clean, and our greenspace, No volunteers to keep community going any longer, new people moving in or other nationalities don't want to be involved to run a community or volunteer.

- Reputation- seen as ghetto, poorer or having unsavoury members. The community has a reputation of having some drug dealers, gang members and sex workers.
- Depreciating Properties- Some of the houses are in disrepair to the point of abandonment.
- Open substance abuse is seen daily in the two train stations in the area.
- Alleyways, park and some of the businesses on 17th ave need updates.
- I was looking at electric cars but there are no chargers in the area.
- Looking at the future - with all the communities being built between Chestermere and East Hills - a lot of traffic - more lanes are going to be required along that path and flow into the community could be a problem.
- Homeless people. We need to have better support for these people and their pets too. Don't expect them to go downtown for shelter and supports.
- Walking / biking to East Hills from 68th AVE area. Need to cross over at Tims and then cross back at East Hills.
- Crosswalk on 17 AVE SE and 68th St - takes a long time to cross from se corner to park and no walk to go east on north side to get to second part of pathway.
- Airplane noise could be an issue once travel gets really going again.
- Albert Park/ Radisson Heights currently has no community center. At times it can feel like there is no sense of community.
- Crime and speeding. Three weeks after I bought my house last year, my garage was broken in to. We need to restart programs like community watch. Speed - I live in a playground zone near Saint Damien's school - people are constantly speeding - it is a high foot track area. The stop signs on 34ave and 28st se constantly have people driving right through them. We need blocked off bike lanes - there are a lot of crazy drivers around here.
- Upgrades of roads in the area. Maintenance of yards and back alleys. Forest lawn/Dover has a reputation as a high crime area. We need to try and remove that stigma by providing more statistics of crime in the area to the rest of the city.
- I don't think people see living in the area as desirable and people see the area as a starter area then moving to another area rather than staying for a long time.
- I would say one of the bigger challenges is a bad reputation. Not all unfounded, there is crime, homelessness, and it seems homes are bought as rentals, the owners themselves won't live here.
- I am a Senior and right now I am facing a big problem in the Mobile Home Park I live in. I absolutely love it here, I feel safe and my neighbors are caring and helpful but...this park (Mountview Mobile Home Park) was sold to an Ontario Company this past summer. In Dec of 2018, I was paying \$475/mo for lot rent, in Sep of 2022, I will be paying \$775/mo for the same lot. With my mortgage and the lot rent, I am being billed out of this place. I do have some mobility issues and am independent so can I find a place near here that I don't have to buy, don't have to my meals prepared for me, have a two bedroom suite? You try finding something - it comes down to The Gala, Applewood Village or Radisson Place (and Radisson Place's elevator breaks down a lot so I definitely could not live there). Plus I have a little dog. I live alone, drive a car, but I don't want to have to move outside the area because of the volunteer work I do. It's nuts.
- Lacking free activities for the youth !!! Need international sized (enormous) skate park and bike parks and splash park !!! One great location would be 16ave and 34 st se vacant huge green space . Elastin park needs more swings like it had . It needs a paved path way that goes all the way around the park. Finish the side walk from 17ave and 68st se to Stony trail so people don't have to walk on the road !!! Need cross walks at all the intersection to East Hills from location listed !!! The canal would make a great place

for public skating in theory could travel from Maxbell to Chestemere now that a skating track . People should be able to paddle board and canoe in Elastin(yes I know the water maybe lava lol). Please no more cell tower's there every where and they do cause health effects!!! Thanks for taking the time to listen to my input !!!

- I'm very concerned that access to Barlow trail will become limited and a highway will be built. I feel like this would be incredibly detrimental to our community. Being able to cross Barlow trail as a pedestrian needs to remain available and safe. There are also some empty lots in our community that could be developed. I would love to see more pride of neighborhood/property. I am occasionally worried about crime, particularly drugs.
- Lacks places and spaces for people to meet such as cafes and shopping centers (eg. 1st Ave in Bridgeland). Could be a more complete pathway system to connect between river pathways, 52nd st, and 17th ave.
- It's no secret that some of Calgary's most vulnerable citizens inhabit Forest Lawn. There is a severe lack of services in this area to assist people find shelter, food, employment, and social services. Because of this the area is plagued with issues ranging from domestic abuse, homelessness, open public substance abuse, and prostitution. City resources need to be redeployed immediately in this area to support this community and to ensure that the vision for Forest Lawn set out by City council is realized.
- Slum lords renting to people who deal drugs, pile garbage in yard. More renters means less people care about taking care of their house. Lack of investment in schools. If we had the best schools, it would attract more home owners to raise families. It's difficult to lift out of poverty without a great education. TOO MANY AGENCIES we have been a dumping ground in recent years for agencies. I've lived here my whole life & have never seen homeless tents & mass amounts of garbage & drug paraphernalia as I do now. The agencies have attracted people in need. At some point the city wanted to add a safe injection site here & almost extended a major highway thru 17 Ave. This area is historically working class who owned homes-school janitors, bus drivers and other city workers, construction workers, postal workers, artists. Figure out how to increase home ownership and things will improve. Stop adding affordable housing. This city is turning this area into a slum. Ticket ppl who hire hookers
- Increases in crime, littering, graffiti and other nuisance issues that are typically associated with the lower economic strata. The reason for this is neglect by the city through under-development in resources that will raise the economic prosperity of the area. Instead, we are the target location of low income housing, transitional housing, safe drug use sites and other initiatives that lower property values, increase crime and keep developers from wanting to build here and improve the neighbourhood. These initiatives have a negative impact on the current residents and dissuade appreciation. The clustering of these initiatives creates ghettos and safe havens for crime.

Noise pollution from the flight paths directly over residences. Air traffic could be routed over Barlow Trail and the industrial areas along it but they aren't. We have lost the ability to enjoy our large yards and the green spaces that surround us because it is so loud, and frequent. We can't even talk to each other.

- Homelessness, drug addiction problems, dirty needles laying around (lack of safe disposal sites). Desperate people with no other means (this is a whole city and province issue) Lack of police doing anything useful..
- The drug addicts that the police refuse to deal with that will openly do drugs on 17th ave
- We have a lot of homeless people around, being so close to 17ave. Quite a few stolen vehicles etc as well
- People misjudged the community as unsafe. It has pockets of crime, but it is old and lower income on average so is run down which perpetuates that judgement.

- Poor economic growth and infrastructure development; let's not hide the truth but for the better part of this area, it looks like a ghetto. Many of the houses and other buildings are falling apart and make the GFLA look very grim and an undesirable place to live and raise a family. sure the have been some private and public development in this area and that's a step in the right direction, but for the most part this isn't the case. This area of the city is also one of the poorest with a quite low median household income so a boost in economic investment from the city and private sectors would do lots for this place.
- 2. Liberal, leftist, thinking city council members are the biggest threat to our way of life!
- Challenges are neglected properties "slum lords".
- Homes ending their life cycle. Some have not been kept up and are ruining some blocks. Increase in homeless people in parks and churches in the evenings.
- Challenge: the c-train stops (Max Bell & Franklin) are unsafe. The drug epidemic has hit our community hard!
- Speeders are a big concern, children are still present and a lot more seniors are out and about.
- Cons: Homeless population needs more resources
- Prostitution, homeless people collecting garbage in back alleys, stealing shopping carts; drugs and weapons. I try not to go out; moreover there is not many places to entertain restaurants are poor; shopping is not good.
- Cons: Lack of community
- challenges: speed on streets! No one monitors
- The challenges include many "hostile" areas when you won't want to be - if I want a nice park I have to drive to Inglewood, If I want a nice playground free of garbage I have to travel outside my community. All activities - gymnastics, swimming, dance, sports for my daughter are outside the community.
- Need more support for substance abuse & homelessness
- Challenges of theft, vandalism, garbage & drugs along public pathways. Congested roads & parked vehicles leading to accidents, hit & runs. Accessible walkways especially in winter.
- Our biggest challenges are crime and bad reputation
- Growing population of seniors without much new growth of younger generations. Houses are old is my guess.
- We have low income housing that the city does not monitor. Forest heights has back lane sidewalks that were maintained by the city at one time 13St are now gathering places for the homeless and dangerous for homeowners
- Housing, narrow streets & noise
- Challenges would be addressing the homeless/ vagrant population, smoking and drug use. Also perosnally, unemployment is the hardest challenge.
- Challenge is that houses are being bought for express purpose of renting them out to as many residents they can squeeze into them. That makes a real problem for on street parking when there are 4 or more vehicles/ house
- Littering, we can see a lot of garbage and plastic on the roads or streets, which end up in the parks and lakes. A need for more garbage bins at Elliston Park, especially having the close to the lake
- Challenges: too many pawn shops & liquor stores, lots of houses that aren't taken well care of, snow shoveled/ grass cut.
- We in this area still have a stigma attached to us - "Forest Lawn" - Eliminate "slum" landlords! We are not "the hood"!
- Loud drunks, panhandling, drug sales/ use , break-ins, low levels of reducing, reusing & recycling pride of place lacking.

- Maybe an improvement on peace & order
- Forest Lawns community centre has been closed for almost 2 years we need help
- Over-development is ruining the area, Illegal activities like prostitution & drug deals never happened around here when I was a kid
- Challenges: Homelessness & crime.
- The challenges are worsening crime in the area. When I first moved here there was hardly any. Now there is something every day.
- The challenges this community faces is poverty and homelessness.
- Nothing its turned into a pig sty. Garbage all over
- A big challenge for me, an independent senior, is to find 55+ housing, to rent with two bedrooms, one level suites (because of mobility issues). Radisson Place is very old and the elevator breaks down a lot which would not work good for me at all
- dead city trees everywhere! Cut down dead trees it is an eyesoar! That will embellish our area.
- but we lack on parks & recreation
- Challenges are slowing down the traffic on the ridge & in the community
- Hate: Sound pollution! - Planes, trains © & automobiles.... Constant dull roar of deerfoot trail, barlow trail/ memorial dr./ ctrain bridge, we have no soundwall above Albert Park, other communities have old ones replaced! I am still walking on sidewalks from the 1960's. - Homeless people in our yards stealing, poor parks....
- It's hard to see people in my community struggle with addictions, hoarding disorders, and poverty.
- Require better - property theft prevention
- A big challenge (and one that the whole city faces) is the increase in social disorder that appears to be accepted as part of life by the city. More police would certainly help the problem.
- challenges: homeless population increasing in area. Seems to be an area where services/infrastructure being developed more so then other areas of city
- Not enough green spaces. Not enough bike paths in the area (non-street paths).
- but we have no sidewalk or greenspace. The owners are foreign and money hungry which hurts the residents
- I don't like the area and community any more. Used to be quiet. Speeping on the street now.
- Challenges? More policing less hookers, control drug activities. Impose strict cleanliness. Alleyways need help!
- but may bring transients & abandoned shopping carts. Needs more attention to Lawn/brush maintenance & litter.
- Your comic book presentation is offensive and leading. Government overreach is the biggest issue over the past few years. I dislike that everything that was good about the community has been torn down or left and large imposing institutional buildings have been put in their place. Now you get to kill more trees and add more garbage to the landfills with this shiny brochure.
- Provide trucks for community cleanup that goes down the alleys picking up garbage. People without cars can't get trash to community centers.
- However need bike lanes, and street lights for safety. Garbage and drug users are obvious and for the most part are harmless people. But the Garbage and vacant businesses are having a bad-impact on the communities. Something like "Big Taste Calgary" that is sponsored for rich people should be put on to showcase 17 Ave SE

- Get the councillor to help us!! Fix the parks, clean up needles, put biohazard bins up. Help the addicted to get better to decrease crime, more security at c-train stations, more peace officers for the NE as you only have 1 set
- All priorities will fall in place if you work on priority #1 - priority #1 is rebranding FL and fight the unfair stigma. Everything else is / comes second.
- OVERTAXED
- Better up-keep of some property should be enforced, encourage community pride. Develop green / play spaces.
- Violence, crimes but the corner I live we care about our neighbours. A new 4 plex across my house & children small from northwest territories in Saskatchewan, nice people, family with small children next door, neighbours on right are older and live alone, next people from Taiwan very nice people, work close to downtown, lots of close stores

What's important to you and for future generations when thinking about how the area could evolve in the next 10-30 years and why?

- The biggest concern for me is that the community evolves to become a safe, friendly place for all.
- I think it's important to focus on the outdoor gathering spaces and put effort into improving walkability, cycling, etc. making space for things like community gardens or multi use parks would be amazing for future generations to benefit from.
- Homeless ppl, prostitutes and drug addicts are seen often in the FL area, is there a way to help them so they get out of the problem that got them into that position. Or maybe it's not a problem and they just need a nicer place to be so they aren't just hiding in the backalleys
- Environmental impact & sustainability is important, especially given our current climate. Education surrounding this would be a good first step & creating events to raise awareness for things, like a "free household hazardous waste community clean up" where people can be more informed of the different chemicals in their households & how to get rid of them properly. Community resources like free pantries, little libraries, creation of a free store & a tool library would be great. This is a lower economical area so supports for communities would be great. Publicized events for volunteers like clothing swaps or other events at community centres. Events to get the community together as well, like the ice festival are great
- I'd like to go somewhere that has a nice patio and great atmosphere, something well designed like out of the English countryside and unfortunately I haven't been to a place to sit down and eat, usually just do takeout because they're not very nice. There are pathways for jogging and parks but it would be nice to have more adult oriented places to sit and to enjoy (like maybe an adult water park where you don't feel like a creep for trying to get cool during the hot summer months). The beach volleyball gets packed with cars and people during the summer but also there is no where to watch people play, it would be nice if we had a little cafe with seating there. or some food truck options
- Keep the green spaces open. I would suggest reviewing putting in baseball fields and uncomfortable benches into every park. I don't see many baseball games going on anymore.
- Look for other ways for people to move - maybe covered moving sidewalks or public vehicles.
- Look at non-profit or cooperative buildings for senior and families and singles where profit cannot be made. Look at 2 story 8-plexes 2/3 bedroom units which can be put up fairly quickly. Buy or rent with condo fees (regulated) to get best prices.

- Stop building single family homes.
- Preparing for future traffic flow.
- I am afraid that as the area develops, current homeowners in the community may not be able to afford living in this area any more. I hope that this area improves in terms of safety for women and its elderly population. I think the area has great connectivity with public transit and bike lanes. I hope that small businesses and restaurants continue their success on 17 avenue.
- We need more spaces like Valleyview park - I walk my dog there everyday . It is a vibrant with a wide variety of people walking daily. It is open so there are no places for crime. It would be good to have bike lanes going to it. There is a lot of foot traffic in the area of Dover I live in, we need better lighting to reduce crime and control over speeding.
- Attract More bugger businesses to the area that would hopefully provide jobs for people here. Upgrade of older houses thru grants or assistance.
- I think senior housing in the area, an area recreational facility / library would be beneficial. The area has good access to major roads, reinforcing bike paths and building on Elliston Lake area could be beneficial items for the area.
- Education! Number 1 is the schools. I hear lots of people looking for an area to live and if they have kids, the first thing they want is good schools. Teachers all have the same education to teach, so there really shouldn't be "better" schools. However with the GFL area, if someone asks what high school you went to, instead of conversation about your future, they want to know how many shootings you had. None, but that's the reputation. "Better" schools in upscale neighborhoods are only that because most of those kids will have the opportunity for post secondary education so the school prepares them for it. IB programs, pre university courses, and so on. I think we need programs like that and resources so kids actually have a hope of using the hard work they put into high school. Otherwise why bother? My kids went to FLHS and that was the prevailing sentiment. Why bother? Kids in the GFL area deserve to be proud of the schools they attend.
- More affordable apartment rentals need to be in this area. What would be the most ideal thing for me would be a 55+, one level suite, to rent (not have to buy) with underground parking included, individual apartments with a community area for the tenants to mingle and get together. I think that this apartment building should have two bedroom units (so an independent Senior) could feel as if they are living independently and if they feel like they want to socialize they can or not and be able to have grandchildren come and stay overnight once in a while. Nothing like this is nearby and I would have to leave my familiar surroundings and close friends if I wanted to be able to have this opportunity - I would have to either live in the SW or NW (which is much more costlier than this place).
- It's SO important that pedestrians and cyclists can still access Max bell arena/canal pathways/Bow River pathways from Radisson Heights. I cannot stress this enough. It is the best thing this neighbourhood has going for it.
- More places and spaces for people to walk and meet, such as cafes and walkable shopping areas (eg. 1st ave in Bridgeland). Increased pathway and bike infrastructure to connect between river pathway and 52nd street.
- We need green spaces that are heavily used like our disc golf course. This high traffic area gets people of all ages out and doing something active and the high activity means this space has not turned into homeless/junkie grounds
- Please stop adding agencies and approving projects line the T&C project run by victory outreach church who knowingly offers conversation therapy to our LGBTQ in exchange for a meal and housing.
- Part of the solution lies in adding things of value that will attract homeowners and not adding agencies to shift the city's homeless and drug problem to our area

- Community gathering spaces at this time needed as it will likely be tent city and the cops can't do anything about it. People here aren't the picnic type. We come from broken homes, work multiple jobs. Focus on spaces that are activity based - where you can show up and play a round of disc golf, tennis or basketball. These are well used. Please don't take these away to replace with empty green space
- Build green spaces and parks that will bring visitors from other areas of the city. Don't cater solely to who is already here. Find ways to improve the economic prosperity of the neighbourhood. For example, build or beautify what used to be David D. Oughton school site. It's been vacant and derelict for decades.
- Promote/incentivize building residences that are for profit and NOT designated for low income, transitional housing in this area.
- Reduce the number of pawn shops and loan outfits that are here and further impoverishing people.
- Encourage/incentivize better education in the schools that are here. They are consistently ranked low amongst CBE school sites.
- Make this an area to raise children again. Help the transition by building things for families - indoor water parks that people can walk to.
- The neighbourhoods are in transition from original purchasers in the 1960s and new families need better amenities to draw them here. Break the Forest Lawn stigma of poverty and crime.
- Optimising existing transit corridors: Private automobile is still by far the most preferable option to move in and out of the GFE. I believe new Max BRT infrastructure isn't being leveraged for maximum efficiency. Increased priority of bus movement over automobile can attract more transit ridership in the area as well as increased foot traffic around the high street corridor.
- Could benefit by an excellent outdoor skatepark area, a covered cement space for rollerskating and roller hockey or scooter kids. I'd suggest that if there was some big gentrification to happen at least keep the old vintage signs along 17th ave. Clean up some community spaces, make things very accessible. This area could be vibrant and "cool" This city has/had so much potential but there is very little vibrant life for young people to want live here.. many people live in forest lawn because they can't afford anything else.....clean up some housing.. clean up back alleys! The garbage. Landscaping, murals, Fix up the Albert park community park. Clean up the needles get more safe Injection sites. Get people some help instead of the circle of poverty that has caused the problems in this city.
- Sustainability is very important to me, making sure we still have parks and land where humans and wildlife can coexist is very important to me and many of my neighbors
- These communities have path access already. I would however like to see some re-routed or removed We live in raddison heights next to a path that people and kids use to get to school or go to Franklin Station. There are many of these paths that split between homes in our community which had become a problem with high transient traffic. My neighbors and I don't feel safe. Our homes and fences get graffitied our properties collect litter I am constantly worried my house will burn because people throw cigarettes butts and hypodermic needles in my hedge and on our pathways.
- For these communities to change a part of what is needed is for home owners like us to be able to invest into fixing our homes building new fences beautifying our community.
- No one wants to spend thousands fixing a fence to have it ruined a week later.
- I want to see a safe drug use site on 17th.
- I want to see those paths taken care of by the city. Ashe trays added. Local cleanup of the garbage regularly

- affordable electric or hybrid cars
green energy, solar, wind
jobs
- The area needs a fully fenced off-leash dog park or two. It needs a small dog (25lbs max) park. There isn't a single small dogs only park in Calgary at all. We have to go out to Airdrie to take our dogs to a small dog only park. This area has a large number of homes with dogs. Off-leash parks would be a very good use of space both now & for the future.
- This area has done fine, just started turning badly in the last decade because of leftist ideology!
- Sustainability is key, and preserving the charm. We do not need more giant box stores and giant parking lots filled with the same 5 fast food places it will affect everyone. If people want to have income properties, they should maintain them and be held to higher standards.
- Promote redevelopment of residential areas to increase density to look like other inner city communities currently doing this. Like, Altadore and Marda Loop. Increase the number of pedestrian signals along 26th street so people feel safe crossing it to enjoy the bike path and parks along the ridge.
- Do not have any more Cannabis stores in the area. There is more than enough now.
- Making it more walkable. Sidewalks end randomly or don't exist or don't slope down to assist people with strollers or in wheelchairs. There needs to be more crosswalks - specifically on Barlow & 26th Street. There have been deaths at this intersection.
- Keep things low cost, easily accessible and limit noise and speed for traffic on community streets and aves.
- It is important for us to have recreational facilities & to maintain green spaces and increase tree planting.
- We need sport centre! Big with swimming pools, playgrounds , etc. Not tiny community pools; but a big nice sport centre. Indoors and outdoors sports, skating rink, tennis, etc.
- We need to be able to do more things. Rents should never change. More money to call our own. We need to have more places to go out and spend time.
- Promoting small business in the area. Restore and preserve the natural areas. Promote tourism to the area with special events and activities
- Safety
- Better bike routes, better recreation spots, things for kids to do!! Eg. Sports area or pool table areas for teens. They get in trouble when they have no place to play.
- I think greater Forest Lawn deserves to be at the level the rest of the city is. I think we deserve the same services, amenities and opportunities that the rest of the city has, I recognize that the city can't be the end all be all, but then find a way to attract private business to offer things. For example I was looking up "bike camps" for the summer and then no offerings in East Calgary and numerous in SW, NW or deep SE. It's not that kids don't bike here. Why are these companies not offering opportunities in the east?
- Greenspaces are important for mental health so I think it's important to preserve these like Elliton Park. Supporting small businesses. The diversity of the area is important & supporting small shops to maintain that diversity & support the community
- I wish the pool area was better, public skating not just hockey, more workout spaces, more community programs, more kids programs, better library
- Accessible bike paths really make this area attractive so improving & expanding that will make the community more urban and pedestrian friendly. In addition the area needs an update. A new community center would be a great start. Something to make this area a destination, new schools don't hurt either (or updated schools)
- More multi family housing, recreation for kids

- The backlane sidewalk network in forest heights should be city maintained. They do connect to transit, schools, parks, etc, But are now overgrown & dangerous all home owners can not be held responsible to maintain them.
- Recreational, swimming, courts, etc.
- new & thriving businesses
- Housing is very important especially for seniors citizens because in other 10 yrs most of the people will be 65 years and over, they need hospitals, senior health care & affordable housing and good care.
- Keeping places safe and inclusive but also modern (?) (meaning things are upgraded but not destroyed if possible)
- All of the above
- I'd love to see a centralized space where people can go specifically to meet and interact with new people seeking the same. Ultimately though, I would love to see a killer indoor/ outdoor pool and volleyball shared space with sand.
- We need more parks and walking paths. Pave back alleys to stop the yearly expense of grading & maintaining the gravel. That would alleviate the mud & debris going in to the storm sewers as well
- Having a permaculture garden in the existing parks. Having housing for single persons that is affordable even for those with minimum wage.
- Focus on culture and entertainment, highlight access to downtown and improve mid town feel
- Pathways, green spaces, small boutique stores, encourage walking (& safety of pedestrians) variety of business, better use of space (lots of empty retail), maintain views of houses near 26th St.
- More senior housing. Better transit & bike paths. More community gardens. Affordable/ low income housing, parks, nature, forest lawn library, Bob Baha, community fridge
- More police to keep areas safe to use eg. C trains.
- Community gathering places, more options for seniors, get rid of old structures that are no longer viable! Incentives for improvement!
- I think for the future, people want the same as they do now. Redevelopment will not make housing cheaper for people as prices go up. The developers will make the money, this may be an older area, but is affordable and a nice place to live.
- ecohousing, ecotransit, computer, connectivity, greenspaces, arts, culture spaces. It contributes to a great, liveable area.
- additional school
- Bike trails and bike paths
- Too many communities don't have outdoor rinks in our area to many kids can't afford hockey or even skate at an indoor rink
- My niece & nephew would like to be able to enjoy mature trees & green spaces.
- Better housing - bike paths, upgrade comm centre - social hub perhaps?
- Better transit access going straight up 36th st. More bike lanes, a dog park and better access to the hall beside Peigan Trail. It is well used.
- I dream of a walkable/ bikeable community with less emphasis on the automobile. Look up the dutch word- Autolow
- Stop turning it into a prison & dump
- More 55+ rental housing with 2-bedroom ensuite laundry rooms for independent seniors - near shopping areas, preferably walking distance. Suites should be on one-level, no two level condos.
- Keep bikes off sidewalks they are very dangerous as they speed by. Bikes should be on the street w/ vehicles & obeying all signs like vehicles as per bylaw

- Convenience, transportation, pedestrian safety, recreation, stores
- The demographics are changing, encourage what is happening, young people and families are moving to the community. We have a community hall for gathering spaces. Hall for a library on 17 Ave would be great
- More bike routes to the river, bus service to the mountains, SAIT programs in the area, WBF should come to Forest Lawn Calgary
- Let's keep parks and greenspace open let's develop bigger urban bike trails
- There seems to be a good mix of community options - it is important not to reduce this. There seem to be enough community gathering spaces. The municipal ones need to be kept fresh & the small/ new community ones supported or given the chance to flourish. I believe this area needs to remain family friendly & not become more densely populated that is a reason many have moved here,
- New development of old David D Outon School (Demolished 3 years ago) which gained approval by city and community of St Albert/ Radisson heights stalled (no communication) Same Calgary company which started East Village. Loves idea for varied living spaces including seniors- affordability. No Community Hall (Gathering Place) (St. Albert/ Radisson Heights)
- Cycling safely through the community, outdoor recreation spots, outdoor cafes and social spaces, libraries and recreational facilities. Safety for residents & upgraded housing.
- The mobile home park deserves the same privileges as other communities but they don't. We don't get 3 bins, we don't have the option of not having tv or internet. We have to pay more if we make our lawns look nice. We have no bike paths, sidewalks or green space.
- Given that Forest Lawn and Area is about 10km East of Calgary it is an 'easy' drive from Forest Lawn to the East Border of Calgary. The commute is brief and the roads are kept in reasonably better than other areas connecting VIA HiWay 2 N&S, Hi Ways #1 & 1A, West
- Cell phones and computers have taken over libraries and community gatherings. Less rented houses and yards that are not kept up
- More shops on 17th Ave less auto repair shops
- The traffic noise pollution could be reduced by installing a 'sound barrier' along the SE corner of Barlow Trail & Memorial Drive. More side x side hosing. Dog park? Continued police patrols to serve & protect!
- Better transit routes to get around the city (not just downtown) Bike path along Peigan trail to Deerfoot trail. Bike path up 36 street. Grocery store
- More senior housing.
- Everyone needs the opportunity to gather and or learn. Keep the library active and friendly. Get others involved in the community through garbage pickup and small snacks events etc. Or garbage drop days
- Maybe some day the area that requires the train the most will get it. Oh and you might consider putting a hospital on that same line so all the people you don't want to rely on vehicles can get to a hospital without spending a small fortune
- 17th Ave SE was renovated in a big project for the MAX purple although sidewalk improvements were great it needs bike lanes! Every where on 17th Ave SE needs bike lanes. Build and maintain a desirable luxury retirement complex for seniors (AMCA) Make the neighbourhood safe for families and children. Provide a shuttle to drop in centers for people who need these services.
- NEVER LISTEN ANYWAY
- In general - beautify F.L. and make F.L. more welcome. A pick-up schedule for large items would be a good idea. Fridges, stoves, furniture, etc.

- On the corner I live too much vehicle not enough parking. 4 ple 1 side vehicle, 4 bikes, basement, vehicle & boyfriend, other side 2 vehicles, parking only for 2 cars, 2 double garage don't put vehicle. We don't have parking when 2 sons bring us groceries, in January I was in hospital firetruck ambulance park in middle of street - community gathering libraries one at the end of our street and libraries for kids and go on bike and scooter go on sidewalk. We don't mind!

Rank Ideas

The results of the idea ranking were combined with the results of the working group exercise and are presented here. Note: The associated public comments are provided in the [RANK IDEAS Comments](#) section appendix.

Public Rank Idea Comments

A. Promote housing options that are varied, inclusive and affordable?

Stop your promotion of racism
Affordable condos would make sense along the 17th Ave strip where density could increase particularly near transit access.
Rezone all current single family home lots from R1 to R2
lots of empty lots but keep 40% green space
In apartments, lodges no more rent increases
varied, inclusive and affordable housing makes the community more vibrant
More Senior housing
There should be a variety of housing in the communities. Currently there is and the development of new housing along 36th is exciting. There are a lot of dilapidated housing that could have better higher uses and landlords who are allowing housing to go into disrepair.
Still plenty of abandoned lots that could be repurposed. Would love mixed housing & retail along 17th ave. get more sense of ownership from subsidized tenants to upkeep
Increase population density near transit spread out low income housing to reduce clusters of low income households.
older homes being repurposed for multi generational living
Where?? The city must have an idea
Anywhere possible, maybe townhouses?
already exists - Maintain
Provide incentives to move into the area- such as recreation pass when it is finished
Leave R1 residential neighborhood as single family dwellings - Not Multi-Family
Housing projects should build houses that are small but still convenient, homes for heroes type is an excellent example for housing single persons. No one should own more
Already an affordable area in Erin Woods. We could increase value in this neighbourhood
Not a priority there is already a lot of this in the area- nice to see new homes being built and bringing up the property values of our homes
Within the existing communities & neighbourhoods using own tax dollars.

More senior housing for all levels (independent to full-care). With onsite amenities
This area at this time is an affordable area. A nice place to live for everyone. Leave it as it is.
Print media, radio, tv, social media, local social service agencies, apartment/ house rental websites
There is already enough low income housing in the area, we need more single family houses to make up for the ones destroyed by over-development
Lobbying business community & government to achieve more affordable options.
If lots & houses are big enough add rental units
Every multi family project should include a certain percentage of inclusive/ affordable housing.
Allow smaller homes to be build that use less resources to heat and maintain
Near shopping areas - walking distance
There is so much land in forest lawn that's able to be used for housing affordable to citizens of our future
Secure residential R1 community
Basement suites, tiny houses added to existing properties
The is a good mix however much of the government supporting housing seems in disrepair of need of TLC.
(NB Future comments)
Unsafe & unclean slumlord housing should be reappropriated, torn down & built anew
Subsidize lot rent for homeowners with limited income especially seniors
We realize that the properties/ citizens further away from Calgary must adapt to a "best service available" from CoC and be prepared for delay and longer trip times in & out of the community to CoC
Enough subsidized housing in this area
A senior's apartment
Programs to support others to get together community garbage pick up & skate or swim times
Too many people with no respect for their homes makes a bad place to live. stop making rental buildings here.
Tiny homes for seniors
A well cared for property for seniors with luxury amenities would be nice. This statement seems to refer to a subsidized housing complex which is not a good idea. These types of living arrangements the facility upkeep ALWAYS eventually goes down hill and is also built cheaply making the look of a poor neighbourhood quicker (5-10 years).
Need more low-cost housing & many more unites (i.e. veteran units for everyday people)
when it's more expensive people with low income can't afford only people with more income

B. Provide opportunities to access goods, services and amenities close by?

The market will take care of itself. Gov. interference of the free market is the problem
Community shuttles
Where it is at
Yes, we need LRT!
More shopping store, services closer to lodges & apt.
In some dedicated zones plus some in neighborhood
Encourage more high end shopping opportunities within various communities
The work being done on 17th Ave, by the city and the ISKZ is excellent. It's important that a variety of options are present there. The Forest Lane area (By Coop) has many empty storefronts. There is a lot of opportunity there to attract new businesses
Stones are disappearing due to theft; need to make over whole area make it loveable and trendier. Eg. Lost 7-11 in Dover and Forest Heights still lacking in premium grocery like Amaranth/ Sunterra
This area is already decent for access to goods. Amenities is lacking. A rec centre would help.
Maintain existing access - back lane sidewalks in Forest Heights
I think this is less important as we have great systems in place already
already exists
Link a specific location (centralized) to services to offer free pick up of paid (typically) services
Than one of this type of houses the owners should physically live in them and it can't not be for rental as these single persons marry and want
Groceries are not easily available in Erin Woods for those without a vehicle. Medical & professional also
Encourage + businesses into the area, including some big box stores
I think we are doing well in this area
Goods, services are accessible here because of roads & transit is good in this area.
We already have excellent access to the above
I live in Erin Woods and have little close except petro can & 711
Open up city zoning to allow for mixed use building especially along 17th Ave. Also front buildings to street and put parking in back - safer for pedestrians.
We have enough malls etc. already - need more mom and pop shops
Safer bus routes & more often appearing
People close by don't want to drive or go so far to certain businesses unless those stores are built close by, look at 17th SW for example
We have a variety of services/ amenities on 17 Ave
Keep improving Marlborough Wal Mart
The existing mix seems to work with 17th Ave being central to the region.
17th Ave SE, Forest Lawn Coop Plaza, neighbourhood shopping plazas, retail spaces
We need a signal light at 62 St & 17 Ave SE Traffic is dangerous
Current access to Forest Lawn is sufficient for time being but must be planned rather than waiting for levels of Gov't to defer/ delay such project
Don't need anymore
Everything already here

a grocery store within walking distance
in the general community is fine. We can walk a little for what we need / want
I never shop in the area if I can help it. The taxes on the business are too high and so are their prices.
already have that. provide AHS place for blood services, tests
The Salvation Army on 17th Ave SE was removed. It did attract a lot of people rummaging and spreading garbage. So hopefully that will be better. But the Salvation Army will be missed! The back area should be secured with a fence and security and re-opened!
Offer more family functions & more policing / security
17 Ave SE or around 26 Ave

C. Offer opportunities to gather and participate in civic, arts, cultural and entertainment activities, in both public and private spaces?

Larger parks would accommodate all of these Drive thru, like Bowness & Glenmore
Large rec center in proposed area where Bob Bahan currently exists could foster a lot of area for indoor & outdoor spaces.
I don't think this is important. We are close to city centre and can access it there.
a community centre for Albert Park / Radisson Heights
cost is prohibitive wow!
Closer to lodges & apt
Try to find ways to make it accessible to all
Promotion of public activities
Strong community associations are key to this. Some associations in the area seem like private clubs for the community. Easier to access to information on the associations and more effort to attract new members would be appreciated.
Need a place to do community plays clubs like toast masters and community theatre/dance
New rec centre with multi use spaces & better bike paths, transit to warehouse areas to incentivise new businesses.
Offering more rec centres, art spaces for indoor gathering
The City owns the parks, dry ponds, ball fields - charge reasonable rent and they could be used
Maybe more neighbourhood activities to participate in. Ex: Group Garage Sales, Bake Sales Etc.
already exists
Create a desirable enough area (Pool & [illegible]) that people will want to be in the area without a specific reason
to move to bigger houses they can sell the house to other single persons in need. This project should be
Limited entertainment options in Erin Woods many in F/ lawn are a bit on the seedy side

I think we are doing well in this area
This is not a big area (penbrooke) It is a place to live, there are amenities & services close by
Community centre
The old firestone site (Memorial & Barlow) is on the edge of the area - it could be utilized
I feel we pretty well have quick access to this already
Art is cool to a certain extent, anything light [illegible] is perfect because it brings life to the community
We have a community hall
If opportunities for this exist it must be done primarily at the behest of the community & similarly, must be funded by the community wanting it - the city can facilitate this but not to the point the city winds up paying for it & maintaining it
(NB Future comments)
Would like to see more outdoor venues & activities due to covid
We have a community centre but because of mobile home park tenancy laws no one is willing to use
Maintain, improve and prioritize upgrades or improvements to be scheduled on a solid committed and planned basis
Computers have taken over
Close 17th Ave to enable shops to have sidewalk sale, center bus remain open
Music afternoons in the park, outdoor market a couple times in the summer
at community centres
I really don't like most of the people in the area. I think open spaces with fewer people would be good, and more parking.
same question
Excellent. Farmers Markets should be added! Information about art installations, maps. Tributes and connection to the first Nations people. Events should welcome everyone and encourage those less fortunate to join and be respectful of the neighbourhood.
A central cultural / activity centre
It has to be where there are a empty land or older house it improve the look of Forest Lawn

D. Provide varied and inclusive spaces and facilities for recreation, play and outdoor activities close by?

Larger parks would accommodate all of these Drive thru, like Bowness & Glenmore
To continue, a rec center that could be utilized by the residents via our taxes. A lot of people in the area can't afford extra luxuries, But I have seen in other areas of the city where residents have preferred access like lake communities
We have the right amount currently. Just ensure funds are available to maintain.
see 4a
A place to gather for picnics, indoor rinks to skate closer to homes, apt, lodges
Promote activities as a benefit for health and well being

more designated off-leash areas within communities
The Radisson community hall was torn down and no new or concrete plans for a new one. It's important for communities to have a gathering place that offer the community an opportunity for gathering, connecting, and organizing activities
Need more workout, hang out & community space; aging getting yucky
a new rec centre (ie. Gym, pool, climbing wall, library) located off 17th would be pretty [illegible]
We have them now. The City makes needs to charge less and forget about their stupid extra rules
Build a good life
We just need more places to go and things to do in general
already exists
Same answer as C
Monitored by government. Many people have to rent shared spaces as they can't afford to buy, but many landlords, house owners, keep rising the rent even if it is
No swimming or water parks that I am aware of
Older parks need to be replaced. Create more parks based on nature.
Eliston Park is nearby and could be improved by providing more shaded seating or benches to get out of
Rinks
I don't think people know about the spaces already in the area, like the disc golf park - needs washroom facilities
A dog park would be great since we do have many here.
More parks with trees and benches, just a place to go and relax - there are enough playgrounds
Kids don't play outside anymore their face is glued to computers
Soccer & hockey are everywhere when driving past all communities but where is basketball? Courts need to be in Dover & Erin Woods
We have ample parks and playgrounds, keep them maintained
Adult playgrounds, climbing walls, giant swings
Existing parks & rec facilities need to be properly maintained & occasionally refreshed
Maintain the disc golf area or move nearby
We have park & baseball diamond nearby
Needs a review and reasonably firm schedule in order to assure citizens committing to the plan timeline and government funds to be available to sustain their commitment
Too busy on cell phones
Clean up Parks, get rid of drug users in them.
Picnic tables with shade in the big park, a small waterplay area
open rinks, swims, gyms, give everyone the opportunity
Stop wasting our money and give us a ctrain and a proper hospital
33rd St and 17th Ave has a huge vacant lot. A large recreational center or library and multi use building would be wonderful here. A park along would probably attract drug users and the community centers of Albert Park, Southview etc. are small. Should keep small ones for community gardens etc. but build a nice bigger one at the lot described

Thru-out F.L.
Close to schools family

E. Provide spaces that foster a sense of place and are designed for everyone?

Stop promoting culture, places are for everyone until you tag it with a culture!
I think these all tie together, so the ranking is tied, but I had to choose... If we had a rec center large enough, it could easily be a central "hub" for recreation, play, arts, cultural, & entertainment
Good as is.
We have beautiful views of the city and mountains, and should have ways highlight this. The viewend decks by Southview.
green space as in 4a
A safe place where all are included to have fun
Seek out opinions of what people would like to gather for
There are no "real" parks in this area most greenspace is directly tied to schools, so no dogs allowed and playgrounds feel "private" the ones that are not are littered with garbage and drug paraphenalia A lot could be sone to maintain better per [illegible] with children
Redo walking areas so accessible to all. Keep greenery more events to promote unity.
Plus maintaining improving parks
We have them now! Elgin Park!!
Places that feel safe to go alone if you must
already exists
Same answer as C & D
Unreasonable. Repossession of old and run down condominium to rebuild it.
Several available. Many are undesirable though because of the bicycle people and addicts.
Public green spaces that look nice, are kept clean
Doing well in this area. Erin Woods community centre has potential to be this place
This area is designed for everyone. People seem happy here as it has everything people need.
Community centre
Set up the old David D. Oughten school space as a dog park, it's already being used as such.
We have a lot of park, big & small & they seem to be well used
Every community is different and offers something special to the city. This should be reflected in the community.
Please include seniors - we're people too
Not clear on the question.
Not sure what this means - no space will work for everyone as we all have different wants & needs
The community hub being planned near Jack James High School. Maintain a lot of green space & bike paths
We have no access & are not included in city community activities because we live in the mobile home park
"The words in this item intimate that the public bodues involved in this item must have and provide their full commitment to assure the plan will b "on time performance
As stated above clean up parks already here, make them safe for childrent to play in

skateboard park. Evening classes at community center - yoga, cooking, etc.
Clean it up events. Plant a garden or flower bed and maintain it.
C-train, hospital
Making the area safer and with less garbage and obvious drug use makes it safe. Provide a shuttle to the drop in centers for free so that loiterers will be able to have a place to go. Please don't build anything here.
Item "C" Also Ellis Park could host more activities & security
In certain things need to make more room for places to build more places

F. Ensure natural areas, biodiversity and ecological functions are protected, restored, and enjoyed?

Set aside a large area of land instead of selling land for development
There aren't many "natural" areas to walk in this area, like there are in other areas of the city. Some areas have man made lakes, some have very nice walkable parks, it would be nice to have something unique
Maintain the ridge along 26th street from 17th ave to 34th ave SE.
The space by Max Bell & the Max Bell c-train and the canal area
We need to restore areas before we lose our wildlife.
Save and restore natural habitat. Educate the public on the importance and cost savings of natural habitat
Protection of the river valley and off leash area
There is very little park space in this area. Very little "natural" space Grass in fields overgrown with dandelions (I don't mind these at all) but that feels like the extent of natural space there are more biohazards than biodiversity to be honest
Need green spaces better maintenance better parks, [illegible] clean up (find needles/ broken bottles everywhere; more snow removal. Be nice to have in forest lawn.
Maintaining and improving parks with more bike paths and trees if possible
more green spaces
The dry ponds that \$\$\$ have been spent for trees. [illegible] be a good idea to maintain
Continue upkeep of ridge
More planters, bike paths, trees, plants & greenery in general
already exists
Lots of green/ natural areas and dedicated bike/ exercise paths & activities as possible
Plant more trees and take care of them so they don't die
We have many parks, but they don't support wildlife. We need to plant more wild flowers, fruit trees, plants that are perennial and low maintenance. Rainwater
See answer to 'e'
Clean up garbage left by homeless people along the canal & under bridges
Doing well in this area. More trees, stop cutting down old trees
Why all these questions, designed to promote redevelopment. Leave this area (Penbrooke Meadows) as is.
More bike trails
Stop building these gargantuan 4 Plus/ townhouses that take out mature trees, grass, & block sunlight

Make the trail on Peigan Trail permanent with easy access
Stop spraying the skies, stop geoengineering, stop 5g
Keep our views of the river, canal and downtown
Cut down dead trees
Protect the nature area along the ridge & enhance it as a natural park
Max Bell area along the canal
Protect Pearce Estate Park and all existing parks
The Bow River Valley is a great natural area with a good path network. More needs to be done to ensure it ceases to be a refuge for partying & camping. The activities harm the natural environment.
NB Present Comments)
Right now the only green spaces are rather distant, like Elliston Park &
Elliston Park is across a busy highway with high traffic
Businesses and/ or civic services toward these three requirements are incorporated with a view to current, secondary, and tertiary concepts and/ or plans.
This survey seems to be fishing for more support for new parks
Keep bike paths maintained and get volunteers in the community to help & basketball and social programs
You already give us toxic parks, a tiny library, and no parking. C-train, hospital
Area West of 26 Street SE, picnic tables
Please do something about the dog feces everywhere. There is no way to stop dog owners from allowing their dog to be off leash and defecate everywhere. Also the garbage in Albert Park, the city of Calgary should be ashamed of it! Lots of wildlife and birds in the area disturbed by dogs.
Bow river & Inglewood Sanctuary
IN my street and others around nearly only older houses. I live my house 2 years this summer we renew floor yard its new and needs repair

G. Enable and support prosperity through diverse economic opportunities at a variety of scales?

Stay out of the free market!!!
I would like to see some more big brand retail along 17th ave S.E.
Encourage small business with less taxes
what are you talking about. Simplify! We're not at the manager's meeting here.
Incentives for new or different businesses
Momentum, the BRZ and fuse are great ambassadors for the area, but I think more can be done to attract small businesses, there are many empty storefronts on 17 Ave I'm sure someone would love to be there.
Help with keeping shopping areas clean and upkeep to prevent crime. Local work co-ops w/ high schools. Subsidize mom & pop retail/ residential where they live where they work.
Increase population density
Difficult to say
The City was able to put many business out of business by building their inefficient 17th Ave Bow Line - The city will do what it wants

I think what we have around is good right now
already exists
Include concessions in new building/ area - mini 7-11 type shopping area including food athletes would purchase
Harvesting systems to support the gardens during dry periods. Starting at Elliston Park
We are diverse to lower classes & mid Let's attract more success
Variety of businesses beyond pawn shops & liquor stores
Invest in business, especially tech downtown
At this point people want a place to live, the opportunities are in other areas
Not sure what this even means, there are plenty of businesses in the area
We're close to the industrial area. So do have people here who work there but no direct transit access
Yes to local business it keeps Calgary running
Sure
Very unclear question this is a residential community
Local SAIT/ WBF apprenticeship programs offered nearby (Women Building Futures)
The 17th Ave corridor has a range of economic drivers. This needs to be maintained as an economic hub.
Community shopping & services Marlborough Mall is hardly thriving could be revitalized
To many apartments & not enough space for them
This is very vague and seems to be an item that could be developed (and possibly) reinterpreted when "formal" model & plans are developed
remove Red tape, loans for clean up and repair of storefront on 17th Ave
Encourage home businesses, provide a city directory for each community
Get different cultures to share their favorite traditions and challenge others to check it out
C-train, hospital
Put question in plain English - Provide jobs
This statement is far too vague to know what is really mean by it. The ambiguity of the statement suggests the opinion of my husband and neighbours. Please no safe injection sites!
Develop, promote & up-scale 17th Ave make the heart of F.L. a place to visit
protect existing building and jobs that people are working & create more jobs so we will have less crime

H. Support the use of existing streets, services and buildings to reduce the need for new infrastructure?

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If new large buildings are built, build parking internally or support walkability. There are too many places in Calgary where parking becomes a headache in residential areas.
Rezone residential areas to increase housing options in these areas that already have the infrastructure and save \$ by reducing need to build new communities
Speed bumps to slow traffic in residential areas
We need to keep our streets in great shape.
The historic and/ or existing can be good but new infrastructure can be vibrant and save money in the long run.

Increase public transportation routes in various communities
Bike lanes on exciting roadways and traffic calming measures would be great. More areas with 40 km/h better sidewalk maintenance and a more pedestrian friendly 17th Ave would be ideal
Consider creating mini parking hubs, scattered throughout community to help clear roads & make them safer. Enforce maintaining buildings.
Improving transit & paths to warehouse areas could lead to more consumer facing businesses ie. South of Peigan
We have demolished city owned schools, comm. Centre in Radisson - land sits unused
Join 26 st and Barlow
Think upgrade rather than replace
already exists
Bike paths through existing area. Bus routes connected directly to new rec center. Expand on pool building instead of tearing it down.
Fix the sidewalks that are lower or the same height as the ground around them. This causes puddles in the summer & ice when it is colder
Push out the addict with lighting throughout the 'nooks and crannies' of our communities. This has proven very effective
The area is old, so its nice to see the city investing in new infrastructure here.
Doing well in this area.
Redevelopment of Clifton Manor using same land now that Clifton house is complete
Yes, leave the area as it is, in these times of change leave things as they are
There are a lot of empty stores/ office/ light industrial buildings - use them
Improve arena access for other functions
Repair the current streets. - no more building bike zones.
Renovation of existing buildings would be good
Reduce traffic cutting through our community making roads unsafe
A major thing is to maintain in the existing traffic (pedestrian included) to ensure fairly free movement. Where new infrastructure is needed it creation needs to be integrated into existing neighbourhoods.
Regentrification of existing housing as it becomes outdated & rundown
We have no sidewalks or walkways.
Needs support from civic, provincial and federal bodies so that various interest groups can assure that they would realize benefits once infrastructure is fulfilled, per the plan.
Two many buildings now
Fix 26th street especially at corner of 17th-19th ave
have everything maintained so it is useful and people have the opportunity to use it
C-train, hospital 52nd + 17th already a great space there.
There are a number of vacant stores or commercial spaces in the forest lawn shopping center on 17th Ave SE between 28 and 33 Streets. Please use for business.
Maintaining backalleys

Other Comments

Public Q & A Session Notes – April 21

- Guest: When the project team was talking about the roads....is there a chance of having a shuttle bus up and down international avenue? Why isn't the city building with rooftop gardens and solar lighting? Solar panels on our roofs? I'm looking forward to cutting down emissions.
- Project Team: Great comments. Regarding the shuttle, as Transit reviews, they might make that change if they see the need. As for solar panels, that's very in topic right now. We're definitely looking at it. We have climate change and resilience policies.
- Project Team: We already have some actions to ask developers regarding sustainable design. Green roofs, solar panels.
- Guest: What's the plan to deal with homes that are showing their age and haven't been well maintained? We all know GFL doesn't have ideal reputation. Living here I can tell people it's 100% not true. It has gorgeous parks and is pedestrian and bike friendly. Having said that, there are houses that are boarded up and full of garbage.
- Project Team: So glad you like the community. An LAP will set out a shared vision for communities.
- Project Team: We can't force a landowner to fix a house however if there's a safety concern, you can contact our bylaw officers for a sight visit. You can call 311. (Breanne posts link to filing a complaint with Community Standards)
- Guest: Are there programs to help homeowners get their properties in order?
- Project Team: It won't be part of the LAP processes but in Chapter 3 there are things to help with the vision. For example, if a street doesn't have a sidewalk, we can add that when development happens, a sidewalk should go in.
- QUESTION: What is important for people to know about the area's history?
- Guest: It used to be its own town. My sister would take a big trip from SW Calgary to go to Forest Lawn bar. How did International Ave become International Ave? The diversity here is beautiful. It's nice to see the representation. But how did that come about? Like you told us, the first mosque was in 1960 and that's amazing to me. I didn't even know about that. We need more plaques to represent the Indigenous people and the Metis nations and things. Maybe little flower boxes or gardens we could look after.
- Guest: The Indigenous culture is very high in your area.
- Guest: I agree with what the other participant said.
- QUESTION: What do you love about the area and why?
- Guest: It's so diverse. There's all races, countries, ages. Moving into an older community we thought there would be a majority of seniors – which there is - but there are also young families. I've had WAY more conversations with my neighbours here than I ever did in Copperfield. More willingness and openness to engage. There are far more people out and about. This was so rare in the suburban areas. I see it so differently being in Dover. The parks are incredible and they're literally everywhere. I know we need more dense housing, but please don't take away the parks. My husband and I just have a dog and no kids. I find that a lot of programming is family oriented but we don't take part a lot. There hasn't been a lot of programming that we want to participate in. But I'm a huge user of the Forest Lawn Library. I'm there on the regular.
- Project Team: Do you see the need for infrastructure improvements?
- Guest: The shuttle bus idea. For people to go to Co-op or Giant Tiger. The shuttle bus that used to run downtown many years ago was free. The 'free zone.' I don't know if you could make that happen for seniors with mobility issues.
- Project Team: What do you think of connectivity in the area? Sidewalks?

- Guest: I still drive but I have heard others in motorized wheelchairs say that there's a lack of curbs in certain places so they have to drive down the road because they can't get on the sidewalk.
- Project Team: We're looking at ways that seniors can age in their communities.
- Guest: I never thought I'd leave the SW but I thoroughly enjoy the Forest Lawn area! I love it here.
- CHALLENGES?
- Project Team: I've heard from high school students that safety is an issue.
- Guest: yes, there are definitely areas I avoid. 17th east of 36th street. The commercial spaces are all relatively newer on the east side of 52 street. Lots of colourful characters that make me uncomfortable. But I don't need to go there; I have options in my area. I don't venture into the areas that I'm not familiar with. Homeless people around the Alex and obvious drug users.
- Guest: We've had needles in the park but some people take it upon themselves to clean them up. Maybe hire summer students to patrol and get the needles and paraphernalia out of the way. I understand there's an area west of 52nd where there are sex workers. But what are you going to do? They have a right to make their living and people know where to go to find them. But I feel safe here. My daughter tells me to stop talking to strangers as once in a while they follow you. Sometimes people are looking for change. There are poor people everywhere, but there are more poor people here.
- Guest: I want to see redevelopment but I also want to see affordable housing. There are a lot of people here that depend on it.
- Project Team: What kind of form would that take? Suites? Townhouses?
Guest: I'd prefer low-rise apartments. I see more rundown suites than I do rundown apartments. We need density. We can't continue to go out and out. Again, I'm going to say though...don't remove the parks.
- Project Team: What's important to you and for future generations?
- Guest: Don't just build cement buildings everywhere. Have green space around them.

Public Q & A Session Notes May 3, 2022

Question: What do you love about the area and your community and why? What are the challenges your area is facing and why?

Guest 1:

- Loves that there are lots of young families and kids play outside "the kids own the road is how we see it & it's the cars that need to be careful"
- Loves that it's a community of hard-working people. Lots of shift workers/front-line staff. When the bus stops in front of her how it's nearly full by 6 a.m.
- She feels relatively safe in her area but is still concerned about safety
- A challenge they face is the misconception about the community
- It's a racialized community, some there are struggling
- The pharmacy nearby has been robbed 3 times recently. What if businesses like this leave because they don't feel it's safe
- Lots of people in community would like it to be safer.
- Possible solution is for community to all be involved, like a Neighbourhood Watch program.

- To canvas people to be involved in things like this, need to keep in mind that many in the area are shift workers, so you have to reach them and schedule meetings when they're actually at home as they won't be working a standard 9-5.
- Safety can be grassroots, collaborative community effort.
- Also wonders if having a police outpost in the area would help. If people see there is police in the area or know that they will get there quickly, perhaps it would help prevent crime.
- There is a criminal element in the area but most people in the community are hardworking. She would like to get away from the notion that it's a bad community and be recognized for the fact that it's an affordable place for young families and the majority of the people are good and hardworking.
- Wonders if more youth activities would help

Guest 2:

- Agrees with Guest 1 that safety is a big issue – Crime is an issue seemingly everywhere in Erin Woods where he used to live, in Albert Park where he lives now and everywhere in GFL.
- Used to live near drug houses and it took forever to get them shut down. He didn't feel safe walking from his car to the house after hockey practice at night
- He's worried about his parents since he moved.
- In his new area, he sees shady types every day in his main condo parking lot, behind the FL COOP, by the dumpster – doesn't know how to fix this but sees it everywhere
- He move to be closer to LRT station as he was working downtown but has an issue again with crime/lack of safety around Franklin LRT station
- Project Team ask if any features like wider sidewalks or lighting would help?
- He agrees that lighting would help but you'd need a LOT of lighting. They put wider sidewalks and a bike lane in front of Bishop Kidd school and he thinks it helped.
- Seems to struggle to pinpoint something he loves about the area but says that during the pandemic he got into biking and he likes that where he lives in Albert Park is so close to bike paths – it's easy to get to the Max Bell, Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Zoo, etc.
- He also liked being so close to Elliston Park (for GlobalFest specifically) and Chestermere when he was in Erin Woods.
- He feels Erin Woods was a good community growing up until the increase in crime.
- Likes now that Erin Woods is so close to the East Hills Shopping Centre, it's a big plus – the best place for people in the area to go for amenities. He doesn't even bother with Marlborough Mall, the WalMart etc, anymore. So it was a welcome addition.
- Project Team asks if he's like to see more of this mixing of commercial and residential?
- He thinks so but not sure where you'd put it. Area by Shoppers could be revitalized. Near the TD Bank is a lot of parking lot. Feels like what happened along 17th near the Dairy Queen and No Frills where they added more amenities – this made things look nicer. Could that happen near the Shoppers/TD? Would give people more options/amenities. Could benefit from this new stuff.
- Project team wonders what his definition of 'nicer' is?
- The Coop/Shoppers/TD area has been the same forever & hasn't aged well. Even the Asian supermarket across the street has faired better. And what happened in front of Bishop Kidd. Having some new things in the area spices things up. So even something like wider sidewalks and more lighting could help.
- Project Team wonders of changes to 17th could help?

Guest 3:

- Wonders what kind of changes he means?
- Thinks that making a dedicated bike lane could help. He wants to ride his bike down there but it isn't clear if bikes are allowed or if it's just for pedestrians so he avoids it.
- He loves the ridge and being so close to bike paths. Loves the view from the ridge and that he can quickly and easily bike downtown and to Inglewood.
- Guest 2 & 3 agree that the ridge is pretty much the best part of the entire area. The views of downtown are great. It's a feature that brings people from other parts of the city into the area.
- Guest 3 wonders if there's a new development coming along the ridge? A nice new park in the area would be wonderful.
- The area is good due to quick access to Deerfoot but also, Deerfoot is an eyesore if you're trying to enjoy a walk or sit and enjoy a picnic at the tables there. Could some sort of sound wall go up like in other big cities?
- Challenges: he agrees with the others. Area is known as a bit of a ghetto.
- He points out that Bridgeland used to known as a bad area too and is still located right across the river from the DropInn Centre and still has crime but that nonetheless the area has been gentrified and revitalized. Could that happen in GFL? Maybe it's just that people with money decided to move to Bridgeland.
- Bridgeland also has great parks, destination parks.
- Guest 2 agrees – he will bike to Bridgeland to go for walks or to read in a park rather than stay in his neighbourhood.
- Guest 2 isn't sure what they can do to make the canal area nicer in his area. Who wants to sit along there and listen to traffic along the Deerfoot?
- Guests 2 & 3 -
- Definitely missing a nice park in the area but do have a good dog park
- Mention that the area is missing a good community centre with a good gym to use
- Guest 2 says that growing up the leisure centre was the place to be

Question: What's important to you and for future generation when thinking about how the area could evolve in the net 10-30 years and why?

- Guest 1 wants the area to stay affordable/in budget for young families, for people to buy first homes. But wants it to be safer so people don't need to be afraid.
- Guest 3 likes what they did with LRT down 17th but would like stations along the line to be safer and surrounding areas more attractive (but notes, they might get more vandalism)
- Agrees higher density building around transit stations could be a good idea. High density might help but for whatever reason the make-up of the community includes a criminal element and not sure how to change this.
- Again, Bridgeland has overcome this so maybe higher density close to the LRT and easing access to downtown could help.
- Guest 2 says we can talk about redevelopment and putting new stuff up but crime is a problem that underlies everything.
- Says maybe a nicer walking path in Erin Woods would be nice for his parents.
- Guest 3 wonders if something can be done with all the industrial space – some public facing businesses, fun park type stuff (like archery, trampoline centres) kind of like the area around the airport. Something that would help utilize the area.

Appendix B: Phase One – Community Associations Feedback

1. What is the most important aspect of the LAP process to you and your communities?

- All of it, so I know my kids are getting a better community / city than now
- Wanting it to be safer for my family
- To ensure that the IAARP is incorporated in
- To deal and alleviate oversaturation related issues
- Community safe
- To engage community residents and create a reasonable plan for redevelopment and appropriate density
- Community safety
- I would like to feel safe in my community & the number of social agencies decreased. Have our residents engaged & proud of their neighbourhood.
- Engagement priority
- Public involvement
 - Volunteering opportunities
 - Educational value
 - Restore connection to local politics, community associations, volunteerism
- Ensuring the process acknowledges the work already done (such as the BRZ work) and the goals already established (Area Development Guideline Draft)
- Providing community members the tools to better advocate for their community
- That there are actionable items created that provide community members the voice and power to advocate – such as clauses to reference when critiquing proposed developments
- The visions held by residents is respected & incorporated
- Key objectives are outlined & discussed – sustainability, heritage, etc.
- Development is demystified – including planning
- That the consultant / planner interpretation of engagement is brought back to interested stakeholders for feedback or critique – this is not an unreasonable idea to consider by the city

2. At first glance, did we miss any important features to you in this draft illustration?



- I find the above diagram is far too simplified for the purposes of this discussion. I would rather provide concepts for the planning team:
 - Small town feel – is very noticeable / vital to community function
 - This is very successful in communities like Bowness
 - Young – history – protecting existing heritage even though it is younger heritage
 - Prioritize green – prioritize sustainable development that promotes community wellbeing
 - See community wellbeing framework by conference board of Canada & Dialog Design
- Larger concepts
- Schools
- Positive / negative perceptions
- Valleyview Park
- Vietnamese Memorial Park
- Valleyview Park & birds
- Max Bell
- Calgary Canoe Club
- Unity Park
- Bow Waters Canoe Club
- Max Bell
- Soon to be 'Journey to Freedom' Park
- Fuse 33
- Since I am still new to Calgary, I don't think so

3. Over the past few years, we've been spending more time than ever in our communities. What do you love about the area and your community and why? What are the challenges your area is facing and why?

- It needs more work on the roads to get the community to slow down that we need help with other than that I love it
- Everyone is willing to help each other regardless of the above answer
- Love – art, landscaping, people, culture, small shops – businesses, food, lighting, old signs, patios, banners, big tree canopy, beautiful, sleepy streets, community associations
- Dislike – crime, litter, derelict properties, too much signage, chain-link fences, negative uses i.e. cash stores, liquor, pawn, etc., dumping unwanted uses here, rundown infrastructure in community, oversaturation of social services and / or transitional / shelters
- Our largest challenge is the city policies that have pushed social disorder into our communities & increased inappropriate social agencies. The City continually applies a lower standard to our communities.
- What I love is the caring neighbours & sense of community. The Community is well connected by roads and pathways.
- Our community is very walkable, diverse, welcoming
- Sense of community
- The close proximity to downtown
- Our area is facing high crime overabundance of social agencies & homeless people coming from downtown
- Strong sense of place with developments
- 'Green' infrastructure – LID – low impact development
- Safety
- Cultural hubs and inclusive spaces
- Walkability
- Too much grey infrastructure
- Deepen connection to the river
- Love – multi generational community
- Challenges – social disorder

4. What is the most important part of Phase 1 engagement for you and your communities?

- What are the values? What is the vision?
- Keep communication simple, but deliberate.
- Community member have a very strong “us vs them” attitude with The City and get side tracked
- Keep communication positive – ask the “likes” as much as possible
- Transparency
- To listen to the residents of the area
- To capture our community values and incorporate them into how our community develops
- In Southview younger families are moving here but schools are limited. Senior facilities are here already.
- Include all ages in consultation
- To be heard ☺
- Having more popups to help us with our future
- What have we done in the past and can the WG help do it differently

5. What's important to you and for future generations when thinking about how the area could evolve in the next 10-30 years and why?

- I am a multi-generational Forest Lawn family member. I believe that there is a 'charm' Forest Lawn / East Calgary is desperately trying to hold onto. It would break our hearts to see it lost
- KOLSS – Keep our lawn slightly seedy – it is vital the community does not become gentrified in the traditional sense of the word
- Planning is a very colonial construct, how can you ensure Indigenous communities in Forest Lawn are respected in the LAP? – how can this LAP re-think or break boundaries to create a new understanding of sustainable planning – 10 – 30 years is the wrong question – 1 – 7 generations is the right question. How can your impact better the lives of future generations?
- Connection to river & nature
- Public outdoor spaces that are more interactive and passive with events
- Pockets of green spaces that connect to each other
- I would like the area to remain diverse & have the small town feel
- Reduce stigma 'east of Deerfoot'
- Our area has great potential that I would like to see reached
- An area that people would be proud to live in
- This is one of the last inner city communities (Southview) to redevelop. The plan needs to account for a younger generation with children moving into the area. This mean more schools, recreation and safety.
- Green redevelopment
- Environmental sustainable principles
- That the plans of the GFL community, PC were able to have gone through 100% because it is all great work and planning

Other Comments? Questions?

- What level of sophistication do you want from this engagement? Would it be worth discussing base planning principals to get more complex answers
- Not impressed with history section – colonial history
- I feel that the residents should be able to have the most input in the engagement process
- To see a decrease in social disorder
- The City has had many planning initiatives & plans in the past. How do they integrate or over-ride the LAPs? I.e. Plan It, Transit Oriented Development, Green Line, ARPs...
- Thanks!

Can I get a copy of the slides for my CA?

Appendix C: Phase One – Greater Forest Lawn Working Group Feedback

Below is the summary of the discussions we have had with the Greater Forest Lawn Communities Working Group. We held four working group sessions in phase one.

Greater Forest Lawn Working Group Session 1: Jun 20, 2022 – Summary

Use the links below to quickly navigate to each specific session.

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[Strengths Mapping Exercise](#)

[Weakness Mapping Exercise](#)

[Rank Ideas](#)

Purpose of Pre-Session

Working Group Pre-Session Exercise: Planning 101

The purpose of offering a pre-session exercise was to:

- Learn about the project and the engagement process
- Build an understanding of The City's planning process
- Learn about the local context and key concepts that will be considered as we move forward with this plan
- Review the roles and responsibilities of the working group

Prior to the session, working group members were asked to:

1. Watch the [Planning 101](#) presentation for an explanation of how we plan for growth and development, the local area planning process, and the role of citizens and stakeholders in the process.
2. Think about the questions below in preparation for our first Working group session:
 - a. Do you have any questions about the Planning 101 presentation?
 - b. What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of the plan area?
 - c. What excites you most about being on the Working Group?

Working group members were also offered the following information and resources with the option to review:

- Watch the [What is Urban Planning?](#) video for an overview of what urban planning is all about.
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- If you're interested in learning more about planning and development in Calgary and the policies that guide how our city grows and evolves, the [Community Involvement Toolkit](#) contains a lot of helpful information.
- Learn more about local area planning in Calgary by visiting calgary.ca/LAP.

Greater Forest Lawn Working Group Session One: Community Assets & Principles

Purpose of Session One

On Wednesday, June 20, 2022, the working group participated in the first session at Forest Heights Community Association. At this session working group members participated in activities to:

- Review the highlights of the Planning 101 Pre-Session exercise
- Identify current strengths in the area
- Identify current challenges in the area
- Review and rank the guiding principles for the project

What Did We Ask? Session One - Homework

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As this was the first session, members had the opportunity to share why they are interested in being involved and to participate in three table exercises to help the project team to understand the strengths and weaknesses in the area and to rank the draft guiding principles of the project. These principles are based on the core values of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP).

Session one: In session questions

Large Group

What excites you most about being on the Working Group?

Do you have any questions about the Planning 101 presentation?

Table Exercises

What are the strengths of the plan area?

What are the weaknesses of the plan area?

Rank Ideas

Working group members were also asked to rank eight ideas that have the potential to be addressed through the LAP process.

- Promote housing options that are varied, inclusive, and affordable.
- Provide opportunities to access goods, services, and amenities close by.
- Offer opportunities to gather and participate in civic, arts, cultural and entertainment activities, in both public and private spaces.
- Provide varied and inclusive spaces and facilities for recreation, play and outdoor activities close by.
- Provide space that offers a sense of place in our design for everyone.
- Ensure that natural areas, biodiversity, and ecological functions are protected, restored and enjoyed.
- Ensure and support prosperity through diverse economic opportunities at a variety of scales.
- Support the use of existing streets, services, and buildings to reduce the need for new. Infrastructure.

How did we use your input?

Your input was used to draft the Vision and Core Values for the Greater Forest Lawn local area plan. The draft Vision and Core Values will help guide future discussions and will be used to evaluate ideas and concepts as the project progresses.

Strengths and Weaknesses Mapping Exercises

The first Working Group session included a mapping exercise around strengths and weaknesses of the plan area. Key points from the strengths and weaknesses discussions are highlighted below.

- David D. Oughton site – great views, benefit to whole area – opportunity for seniors' facility in Radisson
- Habitat for humanity – housing diversity, inclusivity, affordability
- Town houses like these with well lit space
- Tree lined street and individual bungalows
- Oversaturation of baseball – not enough community gardens – not enough funding for green projects in spaces not kept up – more lighting on pathways needed – lack of maintenance on city property
- Transitional housing clusters – street design is not pedestrian friendly
- No sidewalk on the south side of 17th Ave SE and people are speeding. Poor pedestrian accessibility

- Dumpsters facing the street – absent landlords, homeless camps, not safe
- Lack of green spaces and parks

Strength mapping exercise: Summary of input

Distribution of markers suggests that the greatest areas of strength exist along:

- Parks and open spaces

Examples include:

- Elliston Park
- Maplewood Park
- Penbrooke Park
- Unity Park
- Valleyview Park

- Civic facilities

Examples include:

- Libraries
- Outdoor pools
- Social Services Agencies

Weakness mapping exercise - Summary of input

Distribution of markers suggests that the greatest areas of weakness areas exist along:

- 17th Avenue SE
- 26th Street SE
- 52nd Street SE
- 34th Avenue SE

The emerging themes are:

- Pedestrian safety and mobility
- Traffic congestion and parking
- Social disorder, vandalism and crime

Results of Strengths Mapping Exercise



Table Notes

Table #1

1. 37 - Center St. underpass David D. Oughton – great views, benefit to whole area – opportunity for seniors facility in Radisson Heights

Poverty issues throughout

Diversity and culture – share city with newcomers

2. Affordable housing – delayed – city communication – opportunity to build trust
3. The ridge – the view – green space – opportunity to connect green spaces, bike lanes, natural spaces, green corridor, alley connections – the grid
4. Gateway – wide lots – public art along 17th Ave – opportunity for more pedestrian
5. Transit accessibility – building accessibility – can see everyone – safety
6. Elliston Park – industry adds depth – accessibility to work
7. Opportunity for complementary programming
8. Heart of the area – schools, library, recreation – all look out for each other – strength – opportunity to develop memorial – treescape is strength – transit – well serviced
9. 17th Ave – opportunity to densify to 6 stories – easy access to downtown – current development is benefit – new development needs to reflect community character – quality and endurance of building materials – contextual development – sustainability aspirations
10. Volleyball

*CAs – benefit to area

Table #2

1. Max Purple
2. Connection to Deerfoot and downtown
3. Max Purple station – connection to high school & No Frills stores
4. 52 Street Connector direct connection to South Health Centre

5. Elliston Park
6. Journey to Freedom Vietnam Memorial Place
7. Calgary Public Library – great location
8. Memorial Drive – great east west connection
9. The only off street bike facility on 19th Ave – east of Deerfoot
10. Escarpment – park area, views
11. Housing type provides great character
12. Experimental veterans housing and community support – housing diversity example , NO NIBY
13. Habitat for humanity – housing diversity, inclusivity, affordability, NO NIBY
14. Social Housing for Youth (homeless) – Support youth, opportunity for upliftment, Syrian refugee
15. Unity Park – lots of public art, event space, rotary clock
16. Prelude – low income housing
17. High School - most languages, supports biggest diversity
18. Radisson Heights – subsidized housing that is maintained well
19. Valleyview Park – connection to Bluff, proximity to church, proximity to seniors complex, beach volleyball, water park
20. Connection to downtown walking / biking

General comment – clustering need based housing in an area does not provide opportunities to break out and improve

Table #3

1. Elliston Park
 - Great Green Space.
 - Good community space for interaction, draws people from all over the city – Global fest.
 - Lot of nature enthusiasts, bird watchers, wetlands, 1000's of frogs can be found in the park.
 - People visiting the area, benefits businesses.
2. Elliston Park- Parking Space
 - Two separate areas for dog park and parking is quite sensible and helpful for the people living and visiting there.
3.
 - Beautiful natural view around while driving
 - Great Vantage point.
 - People enjoy walking, biking.
4.
 - Good potential for creating a memorial space, promote history.
5.
 - Amazing food spots, business hub, great dining experience.
 - Lots of cultural shopping.
6. Alex Community Food Centre
 - Very humble approach of staff
 - Community garden
 - Fosters community interaction
 - Healthy food option
7. Public Library
 - Community garden at the library
 - Well utilized

- Emergency shelter
- 8. Bob Bahan Aquatic Center
 - Lot of opportunities – hockey, swimming, well maintained recreation area.
- 9. Connectivity to downtown
 - Car, biking, walking
 - Proximity to downtown – quite accessible
- 10. Apple Wood Park
 - Cleanliness
 - Always being used by the community
- 11. Erin woods Park
 - Revitalized basketball courts.
 - Lot of programs, events keep it busy.
- 12. Forest Lawn Pool (Outdoor Pool)
 - Excellent place for teens, pre-teens.
 - Open swimming pool
- 13. Boys and Girls Club
 - Mentorship programs
 - Multi-Cultural profits.
- 14. Recreation spaces for all ages
 - Pilot program for kids
 - Community volleyball
 - Many pathways connecting communities
- 15. Southview Dog Park
 - Access to canal
 - Dog poo bags everywhere around to use.
- 16.
 - Outdoor exercise equipment for public in the park.
 - Well Utilized
- 17. Albert Park
 - Great community garden space
- 18. Franklin LRT Station
 - Accessible – University, downtown
- 19.
 - Access to major streets and downtown.
- 20. Access to major streets – Deerfoot, Stoney
- 21. Maxbell
 - Opportunities for upgrades.
 - Connecting bridge, pathways all over.
- 22. Proximity to schools
- 23. Penbrooke Park – access to the river
- 24. Group of schools
- 25. GFL 55+

Table #4

1. Canal (possibilities for recreation)
2. Forest Lawn library (expand & preserve)
3. parks like this would be promoted (multiple eyes) – edible forest plan
4. 26th Street (open space)
5. Journey to freedom park (thank you for Canada)
6. Park is nice for picnic & tennis court – add basketball courts

7. Great asset – community opportunities
8. Valley view park
9. Unity park
10. Housing option (that can be looked) (side by sides)
11. Town houses with well lit space (promote)
12. Park (Valley view) views to the river
13. Tree lined street and individual bungalows
14. Elderly people house
15. Overlooks wetland
16. Historical signs are important
17. Nice community
18. Wide lanes can have bike lanes
19. Divided road can be opportunity for bike lanes
20. Pedestrian / bike opportunities
21. Elliston park
22. Land fill – compost – combined as a park in future (with Elliston)
23. Fire training
24. Community garden (asset)
25. Outdoor pool
26. Buddhist Temple
27. Opportunities we have with lots of kids around with the open space
28. Hockey arena
29. Commercial asset (Fuse 33)
30. Commercial asset
31. Potential for a commercial development
32. If developed for more walkable path (labelled as 33?)
33. Senior centres shall be saved (labelled as 34?)

Table #5

1. Valley View Park – great design, amenities – volleyball, spray park, pond, sports – multipurpose, accessible by bike, free services
2. No Frills Arena – close proximity to the rest of the city ‘everything’, roads easy access to core, multi transit forms – car, bike, transit
3. Disk Golf – increasing in population, pickle ball, free services
4. Elliston Park – walk, bike, dog, multi-use, global fest
5. Unity Park – small but great – lots of – creating critical mass of positive interactions
6. Scarpment Park – walking, bike path, nature reclaiming (no mowing), places to sit (benches)
7. Baseball diamonds – well used – happy youth
8. Erin Woods CAT – well used by youth / sports
9. 19th Ave Bike Lane (in process) – important new link
10. 34 Avenue – will be nature corridor with bike park
11. Penbrooke Comm and Trellis (boys and girls club) – great place – lots of youth / kids programs , programs for steps and stories (AA), Girl guides
12. Sensitive infill redevelopment
13. Vets housing – tiny home
14. Tiny park – family friendly, safe, alley paved
15. Very green area
16. Free play spaces – walking track
17. Well treed pleasant road
18. 2 lane & 4 lane causing traffic congestion

Stickie notes –

General comment on real estate in GFL – Established trees – large lots – still affordable to live

About proximity – easy to get out of community but what if community had what we needed so we wouldn't need to leave

Traffic calming measures around the community

Positive – on surface level (things you can't see on a map) – playground zones – keep them even when there are no schools because still lots of kids (e.x. DDO)

Weakness Mapping Exercise

Results of Weaknesses Mapping Exercise



(Visual representation of table discussion notes)

Table Notes

Table #1

1. Limited connections across river
2. Poor paths and lack of public access – programming not aligning with community need
3. Oversaturation of baseball – not enough community gardens – not enough funding for green projects in community – green spaces not kept up – more lighting on pathways needed – lack of maintenance on city property – e.g. fence holes

4. Social disorder / unkempt
5. Alpha House – unsuitable for residential – overabundance of social service agencies
6. Illegal garbage dumping
7. Sex Workers, fire code – victory church – illegal land use
8. Homeless in Elliston
9. Noise pollution
10. Tenting – illegal camps
11. Run down businesses along 17th – lack of city communication on DP process
12. Slum lords – plan wide
13. Need blanket RC G or RC 2 to allow redevelopment – smarter density
14. Social disorder along CN railway

Table #2

1. Not enough amenities like basketball for youth
2. Poor pathway connection
3. Train track create division between west and east for pedestrians and bikes
4. No pedestrian access to Elliston Park from North of 17th Ave
5. No sidewalk on the south side of 17th Ave SE and people are speeding. Poor pedestrian accessibility
6. Wrong location of traffic light – 61 Street is very busy and no lights
7. Missing pedestrian connection to access East hills Industrial *Youth J-Walk over Stoney Trail – long walk from north to south to reach the bus-stop on south
8. Dog poo everywhere – require signs
9. Dumpsters facing the street – absent landlords, homeless camps, not safe
10. Industrial in nature – no sidewalk, bad intersection, foothills landscaping trucks cause visibility issues, bad design for turning
11. The kids cannot play due to needles (proximity to Alpha House) – not safe
12. Empty lots for over a decade – wasted potential
13. Homeless camps – throughout the year, increased during pandemic
14. Major intersection – poor pedestrian crossing, people are coming at 80 km / hr, speed limits need reworking
15. Three schools – everyone doing u-turn on “No U-Turn” very unsafe during pick-up or drop-off times, conflict with school bus parking creating visibility issue
16. Bad grade – very tight, dangerous for pedestrian, very busy / pedestrian and vehicles conflict
17. Bad intersection – unsafe for pedestrians, high employment area, speeding issues
18. Big fence not crossable – lack of mobility
19. David D Oughton site – empty spot for many years (16 Ave and 34 Street)
20. No stickie labelled 20
21. Many people cross 52 Street here to go pray at the Mosque – there needs to be a crossing here and traffic calming

General comment – lack of multi-modal options – intersections are not safe – automobile is prioritized

Table #3

1. Dog Park
 - Facilities could be improved
 - Parking should be improved
2. Lack of grocery stores
3. Loss of biking path
- 4.

- Big Potholes
 - Pathways could be better
 - Parking could be better
 - Poor design, lack of amenities
- 5.
- Confusing pathways for driving
 - People do not understand where to drive, to take a U-turn, bus line intersects as well
6. Confusing traffic patterns
- 7.
- Lack of spaces for homeless people.
 - Lack of mental, health support for people in need.
8. It got paved, thus lack of pathways and bike connections.
9. Way between 26th and 52nd street
- No double lanes
 - Safety issues
 - Traffic congestion
10. No Green spaces and parks
11. Lack of green spaces and parks
12. Lack of green spaces and parks
13. Albert Park
- Needs more park spaces
 - Lost the community centre
14. Need of traffic lights on the road to slow down the traffic
- 15.
- Poor signage
 - Need for parking
16. Poor bike lanes
17. Southeast Corner
- Lack of ramps for east bound way
 - Poor accessible design, lack of mobility facilities
18. Noise from stoney
- 19.
- Parking for the Global Fest is needed.
 - Poor accessibility
20. 27th street to 26th street going eastbound
- Lack of storm drains on the street – Drainage management issues.
21. 34th Avenue
- Need of bike access on the street
22. Not enough parking space for businesses to function and profit (all over the 17th Ave).
23. Trains should not go through major intersections during rush hours.
24. Trains should not go through major intersections during rush hours.
25. Trains should not go through major intersections during rush hours.
26. Trains should not go through major intersections during rush hours.
27. More investment needed for community development and engagement.

Table #4

1. Improved amenities – picnic table, dog parks, can be added in the proximity and made walkable
2. Not enough small parks

3. Ugly – sidewalks are terrible, garbage around
4. Not working for the community as a whole / safety concerns
5. Should be improved
6. Should be activated (studios & patios)
7. Should be changed (specifically redesign)
8. Transitional housing clusters – street design is not pedestrian friendly
9. Parking issues, safety issues, hoarded house
10. Industrial usage are problematic
11. Not a comfortable route for mobility
12. Safety issues for children
13. Densify commercial strip along 17th Avenue
14. Bad parking lot
15. Abandoned buildings, Safety issues
16. Safety issues with awkward alleys
17. Rundown houses
18. 17th Ave 4310 –(house is horrible)
19. Empty Gravel lot
20. Auto oriented usage (signage problem)
21. Driving (safety issues) no pedestrian friendly / lot of accidents
22. Social misbehave / strip mall behind which is rundown
23. (nothing written down)
24. Large open space with low usage (can add more recreation)

Table #5

1. No crossing near park
2. Penbrooke Drive speeding
3. DDO School demolished – not being used – (potential gem) – other sites
 - a. Eye on the street
 - b. Empty long – not developed – no school, under utilized playground, illegal dumping / camps, but the only thing being done is “No dogs allowed” Let me walk my dog in the area and you won’t have disorder.
4. Tent camp
5. 34 Ave – race track! Dangerous
6. Encampments – poor CPTED design
7. More encampments
8. More encampments – mustard seed influenced – low visibility area
9. Behind KFC – 17th Ave business face – 17th ave back of businesses not area friendly
 - a. Neglected area behind the 17th Ave frontage become places for illegal dumping, drug use, garbage piles up and then there is no ownership
10. Homelessness at canoe club
11. Only cul de sac in area along 17th – why?
12. 58th – 17th East – Dangerous
13. 17th Ave – 26 Street U turn issue
14. Barlow & 17th – confusing & dangerous
15. Still being used as barlow ‘short cut’ to South Barlow – Bizarre traffic lights due to BRT
16. Deerfoot to 17th East – too short merge
17. Bus shelter vandalism – bus shelter glass constantly broken and replaced with more glass

Rank Ideas Exercise Additional Comments

Working group members were also asked to rank eight ideas that have the potential to be addressed through the LAP process.



Greater Forest Lawn Communities Priorities

Greater Forest Lawn Communities Priorities

Place dots on the below goals areas to show what are most important to you. These goals will help inform the vision and core values for the Greater Forest Lawn Communities Local Area Plan.

- Promote housing options that are varied, inclusive and affordable. • •
- Provide opportunities to access goods, services and amenities close by.
- Offer opportunities to gather and participate in civic, arts, cultural and entertainment activities, in both public and private spaces. •
- Provide varied and inclusive spaces and facilities for recreation, play and outdoor activities close by.
- Provide spaces that offer a sense of place and are designed for everyone. • •
- Ensure that natural areas, biodiversity and ecological functions are protected, restored and enjoyed. •
- Enable and support prosperity through diverse economic opportunities at a variety of scales. •
- Support the use of existing streets, services and buildings to reduce the need for new infrastructure.

Time: 10 min discussion + 10 min report back

Activity: As a table, discuss and determine the top 4 priorities for the Greater Forest Lawn Communities

Direction: Everyone will have 4 dots to prioritize what's most important to them. Use sticky notes to capture additional thoughts.



The following chart represents the results from each table group in terms of the number of dots that were put on each of the eight principles.

Greater Forest Lawn WG Priorities Ranking						
Principles	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	Total
1. Promote housing options that are varied, inclusive and affordable.	2	2	2	2	7	15
2. Provide opportunities to access goods, services and amenities close by.	0	1	2	2	3	8
3. Offer opportunities to gather and participate in civic, arts, cultural and entertainment activities, in both public and private spaces.	4	4	3	6	1	18
4. Provide varied and inclusive spaces and facilities for recreation, play and outdoor activities close by.	2	0	3	4	4	13
5. Provide spaces that offer a sense of place and are designed for everyone.	2	0	1	0	0	3

6. Ensure that natural areas, biodiversity and ecological functions are protected, restored and enjoyed.	3	3	8	5	4	23
7. Enable and support prosperity through diverse economic opportunities at a variety of scales.	6	2	2	5	1	16
8. Support the use of existing streets, services and buildings to reduce the need for new infrastructure.	5	2	3	4	4	18

As seen above, the top four principles identified were:

- 6. Ensure that natural areas, biodiversity and ecological functions are protected, restored and enjoyed.
- 3. Offer opportunities to gather and participate in civic, arts, cultural and entertainment activities, in both public and private spaces.
- 8. Support the use of existing streets, services and buildings to reduce the need for new infrastructure.
- 7. Enable and support prosperity through diverse economic opportunities at a variety of scales.

Working group members also identified another value that could be considered:

- Rebrand East Calgary
 - If we don't remove the stigma people will not come even if we build it. "Forest Lawn" is a no go.
 - We need support at The City of Calgary level to help the communities of Greater Forest Lawn get rid of the stereotype that has surrounded the communities for generations.

Greater Forest Lawn Working Group Session Two (Online): Draft Core Vision and Core Values

Purpose of Session Two

On September 21, 2022 the working group participated in the second session. In order to develop these important foundational pieces for the project, input from Phase 1 public engagement, Working Group session One feedback and Key Directions and Principles of the [Municipal Development Plan](#) will be utilized to inform the draft Vision and Core Values. At this session working group members participated in activities to:

- Learn from report back on outcomes from session One
- Review and provide feedback on five draft core value focus areas based on the feedback received to date.
- Review and provide feedback on the draft Vision statement and Core Values.

Presentation from the session: [Session Two: Draft Vision and Core Values](#)

What did we ask? Session Two Homework

Prior to Session Two, Working Group members were asked to review a pre-session reading package to refresh themselves on the input gathered to date.

Session Two In-session questions

During the session, Working Group members:

- Reviewed what we heard from the last session.
- Learned the methodology and approach utilized to develop the draft Greater Forest Lawn Communities LAP Vision and Core Values.
- Participated in small group discussions regarding the draft Vision and Core Values and were asked to respond to the following questions:

Small Group Discussion

REFLECT – Do you feel that this draft vision/values aligns with the public and Working Group comments so far? Why / why not?

EXAMINE – What stands out about this draft vision/values? What is still unclear in the draft vision? Why?

CHANGE – Would you change any focus areas or wording in this draft vision/values? Why?

Draft Vision + Core Values Statements

Vision

The Greater Forest Lawn Communities will continue to evolve as culturally diverse and inclusive neighbourhoods linked by parks and cultural spaces and anchored economically by International Avenue and the industrial areas.

Core Values

Housing Options

Support the development of diverse, accessible, and affordable housing throughout the plan area, particularly near transit station areas, Main Streets, Neighbourhood Activity Centres, corridors and community amenities, to meet the evolving needs of residents in all stages of life.

Mobility Choices

Provide safe, comfortable, connected, and accessible year-round mobility choices, such as transit, pathways, pedestrian and wheeling infrastructure, particularly to and from International Avenue S.E., Barlow / Max Bell LRT station, Franklin LRT station and Max Purple BRT transit station areas.

Parks, Open Spaces, and Community Facilities

Protect and invest in parks, open spaces, and recreational and community facilities. Improve connectivity for people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and abilities to access local and regional destinations, such as the escarpment park, Elliston Park, Bob Bahan Aquatic & Fitness Centre, and Max Bell Centre.

Climate Resilience

Strengthen resilience to climate change and extreme weather conditions by prioritizing the reuse of existing buildings and infrastructure and encouraging energy-efficient and cost-efficient building design.

Vibrant and Diverse Economy

Attract and support a variety of employment opportunities, businesses and services, particularly along International Avenue S.E., Neighbourhood Activity Centres, and the industrial area, to enhance economic vibrancy and diversity.

How did we use your input?

This work resulted in the refinement of the Greater Forest Lawn Communities Local Area Plan Vision and Core Values. The results will be presented at the next working group session.

Working Group Comments Session Two

Working Group Comments: Draft Vision

Vision
<p>The Greater Forest Lawn Communities will continue to evolve as culturally diverse and inclusive neighbourhoods linked by parks and cultural spaces - and anchored economically by International Avenue and the industrial areas.</p>
<p><u>REFLECT</u> - Do you feel that this draft vision aligns with the public and Working Group comments so far? Why / why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I DO NOT think this draft vision aligns with the public because it misses out on the safety side as a welcoming community for families Fully Agree• I like to think of GFL as a welcoming safe communities for raising families and running businesses• This latter statement about economics should NOT be included.• I like to see the vision addressing: living, playing and working in the area
<p><u>EXAMINE</u> – What stands out about this draft vision? What is still unclear in the draft vision? Why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specifically mentioning culture aligns with what is unique about the area and reflects comments made in other core values documents.• This vision speaks more to the people who work in the area than those who live in the area but the first part is reflective of what people appreciate about the area. Fully Agreed• International Avenue is unique to the area though so it could be included as an example of what brings people together.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Having local businesses is an asset. Otherwise, we are indistinguishable from suburban areas. We also want to be a destination for people to come to.• We Community members do not have any thing to do with the working force.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Some people live and work in the area so we don't want to exclude them.• While a successful international ave is a great asset to the surrounding communities, the communities do have other priorities.• International Ave should be treated and developed as an asset for the entire city- not just the local communities. It should almost be addressed separately from the residential community revitalization. (i agree, it may need to be separate)• This should be about livability not workability. (I agree livability, also leaves no room for additional business areas, strip malls or mixed use buildings/areas. Only mentions IA and IP)

CHANGE – Would you change any focus areas or wording in this draft vision? Why?

- I think we still need to address the comments that were made at the first meeting about re-branding the area. I don't feel that the diversity of the neighbourhoods is properly captured in the name "Greater Forest Lawn". There are so many communities, why name the area after one? Also GFL is a large waste management company in Calgary (and Western Canada). When you google GFL this company is what comes up. We are trying to get rid of stigma, yet when people google the abbreviation they get "waste management" - is that what we want? Why not call it East Calgary?
- I like the brand of East Calgary - agreed! GFL is often thrown out without people knowing what the reference is.
- I like to think of GFL as a welcoming safe communities for raising families and running businesses As has been promoted by most of the aligned communities.
- I would respectfully disagree with my fellow colleagues, I appreciate that the vision statement includes something about work and economics. In my view, liveability should also encapsulate a person's work. Many cities that are reimagining their future often talk about being a "15-min city" where everything for one's social and mental health are accessible within 15-mins including work. I do agree that the reference to International Avenue should be removed since it 'boxes' the GFL areas/East Calgary to that specific area. There are other awesome, vibrant economic spaces within the GFL areas as well. :)
- The statement above is right. We would like to be a 15 minute community area however the city FATHERS like to spread us out not closer to each other.
- The area of International Ave is better to think of as a through put route rather than a fixed destination.
- Rather than focussing on economics in the value, also add the topic of accessibility to the area via several modes of transportation. It will help to support one of the core values on the topic of transport.
 - Economics shouldn't be excluded, only deemphasized or placed on equal footing with other important factors like liveability, safety, environment, or community engagement (things that the Calgary Foundation might measure in their annual report).

Working Group Comments Draft Core Values

CORE VALUE #1: HOUSING OPTIONS

Support the development of diverse, accessible, and affordable housing throughout the Plan area, particularly near transit station areas, Main Streets, Neighbourhood Activity Centres, corridors and community amenities, to meet the evolving needs of residents in all stages of life.

REFLECT - Do you feel that this draft core value aligns with the public and Working Group comments so far? Why / why not?

- I feel that this draft aligns with the comments made by the public and working groups because here they want the same things for housing. It hard to elaborate because I don't have the public and working group comments.

- To accommodate diverse housing we need to encourage high density especially along 17 ave and 2 avenues on each side
- I think it recognises the need to increase density in the area, while preserving some of the legacy single-detached units in the area.
- I think this is one of the more stronger core values that has been presented. Broad enough to cover the evolving needs of the GFL communities and try to channel different housing options.
- This is my favorite core value, as with the government's investment in the BRT, all the communities along International Avenue are poised for revitalization. New townhome, duplex infills, low rises and mixed uses, etc.
- Inner city with already greates transportation nodes, ie dearfoot, stoney, barlow, etc.

EXAMINE – What stands out about this draft core value? What is still unclear in the draft core value? Why?

- I support the overall sentiment of the core value but would be careful about vetting the housing providers so that there is not a saturation of social service providers in a concentrated area, which could lead to further issues (crime, addictions, etc.).
- Can you define what is meant by Neighbourhood Activity Centres and corridors? Are these public amenities like community associations, libraries, and parks?
- Yes potentially making the connection between HOUSING and community services like Libraries and Fitness Centres. Housing Options might be too limiting, potentially expanding to include the previous comment's concerns?
- I think that it may need to include more about what types of folks the area is trying to accommodate - families? Young professionals? Seniors?
- It would also be good to provide context on the current challenge that is experienced in relation to housing at this moment in time.

CHANGE – Would you change any focus areas or wording in this draft core value? Why?

- I think we need something that defines how it will impact our community. Having too many low cost/high density isn't what we want although we do want development.
- Address the safety side of housing and high density to encourage people to move to GFL
- How would you address Calgarians' desire to live in detached housing if most of the population ends up moving to the outskirts of the city for this option rather than the inner city?
- One thing I would make explicit is whether this value encourages the development of mid-to-high rises, multi-use developments. Or will it preserve suburbia? I would like to see more developments to increase density, but I know there will be pushback from NIMBY.
- Perhaps adding the word "**safe**, comfortable, connected...etc". Safety is an issue for some houses in the area (dilapidated, unsafe secondary suites)
- Can we possibly consider having a glossary for the terms, especially having real-world area examples for people. Like Main Street = International Avenue;

Neighbourhood Activity Centre = Forest Lawn Library, Community Centres; wheeling infrastructure = bicycle networks, wider sidewalks on international for scooters etc

- I think that this core value should not only focus on development, but also capture re-development of run-down housing areas in GFL.
- Instead of identifying the neighborhood activity centre, you should use specific locations in the area like, Bob Bahan Pool, Calgary Public Library.
- Perhaps a focus on accessible areas could be grocery stores and restaurants, and be a higher priority in the list of places.

CORE VALUE #2: MOBILITY CHOICES

Provide safe, comfortable, connected, and accessible year-round mobility choices, such as transit, pathways, pedestrian and wheeling infrastructure, particularly to and from International Avenue S.E., Barlow / Max Bell LRT station, Franklin LRT station and Max Purple BRT transit station areas.

REFLECT - Do you feel that this draft core value aligns with the public and Working Group comments so far? Why / why not?

- Public transit is important, and reflects a lot of the conversations in the first meeting. Possibly, needing to emphasise the need to increase service for Max Purple (especially Chestermere).
- This draft reflects the ideas and discussion from the first meeting.
- Covers all modes of transport and locations in the area that need focus for public transit and more/maintained wheeling infrastructure.
- Doesn't affect (me) but can see how it's a core value for the community with the multi-generational housing and an aging population.
- Would like to see easy access to other areas of the city like the airport and the cancer centre - it's been promised but hasn't happened in this area and it's frustrating. Need to improve the way things move. Ex. 34th avenue improving accessibility to Erin Woods, the bike path, industrial area - these types of things we need to look at for mobility. Had to fight naysayers for 17th Ave improvements, LRT system, single laneway for mass transit will be great in future for ppl in Chestermere and Strathmore.
- Not enough people looking 10, 20, 30 years in a row and how far Calgary will have expanded into other communities (ex. Okotoks) - how will we connect with those areas then?
- To get to places like the South Health Campus you need to go back downtown. No rings/circles of transport like major cities like Paris or London
- If you want to go anywhere in the city from these communities you need a car or to pay for an expensive Uber.
- Transit doesn't satisfy the needs of people living here so they leave
- Accessibility is one thing but the last group also discussed needing easy routes/connections to places like shopping centres (ex. For older people)
- Was just in Europe and there were lots of bike lanes, scooters all over for tourists. Not really seeing it too much in FL area but in inner city see scooters and bikes. (should we see it here more?) Yes, would say so. Has seen how in Europe they made use of

it. See they've put it on 19th ave, will just take time for ppl to get used to it. Not everyone rides bikes but everyone is using the scooter.

- I feel it is important to have the diverse options for travel around the area. I have my vehicle so would be using that to get to the few places I go to in the area.
- With reduced transit frequency and availability, are there other provisions made for people to access alternative transportation?

EXAMINE – What stands out about this draft core value? What is still unclear in the draft core value? Why?

- The emphasis on “year-round” is important - so I’m glad it’s in there.
- Parks, Open Spaces, and Community Facilities: there is no meaningful fitness or multipurpose centre in Forest Lawn, (e.g. Village Square or Genesis Centre). I’m uncertain how that fits.
- What about bicycle networks?
- How can we incorporate the need to fill sidewalks in certain neighbourhoods? Not having a sidewalk on either side of the street is common in some areas.
- Does this include rationalising the speedlimits in certain areas. The transition from 60km/h to 50km/h then back to 60km/h on Memorial Drive.
- What does comfortable mean?
- I think wheeling is unclear, so an example of what it is would be helpful “wheeling, such as ... example”
- Does wheeling also include scooters?
- Parking could be added closer to the ring road to support business along International Av
- I am glad that the core value mentions wheeling INFRASTRUCTURE. I think the GFL area is a prime candidate for introducing permanent and separate wheeling infrastructure (such as bike lanes) and being centrally located with a budding transport network (Franklin, Purple, etc.).
- I’m glad year-round is mentioned as we have limited wheeling infrastrucure modes of transport in the winter.
- Appreciate the focus on safe modes of transport - considering the stigma of the area, I like this word.
- “Wheeling” not clear
- Is there consistency in how bike lanes are rolled out? Some are protected; some aren’t.

CHANGE – Would you change any focus areas or wording in this draft core value? Why?

- I think the need to stress increasing density in the area, especially in International Avenue (filling up empty lots with mixed-development), is important. Especially since the area has a legacy of empty lots or abandoned housing.
 - To reduce the time and distance needed to access stores / supermarkets. Rather than pure suburbia. (promoting multimodal transport by increasing density of services).

- To not alienate people who drive (cars), could there perhaps something in the wording about “in addition to vehicle”. I think that the personal vehicle should have a mention even though I think the other ones are “more important” to mention? I don’t know if it makes sense. The car already has priority in the area, but perhaps it still needs to be mentioned.
- Marlborough and Franklin Stations are very dangerous at night. And maybe including the need to improve those stations and renovate them.
- INTRODUCE A PARK AND RIDE AT EAST HILLS, to allow people to access Max Purple by car via the Stoney Trail
- I think adding the specific area focus is good - however, it somehow implies that other areas aren’t important or won’t be a focus, which I know isn’t the case. Might want to reframe - instead of particularly, could state “including areas such as...”
- Although I do not take transit, I could see the snow berms were an issue to many people especially mobility disabled, moms with small children etc. This needs to be addressed.

CORE VALUE #3 - Parks, Open Spaces and Community Facilities

Protect and invest in parks, open spaces, and recreational and community facilities. Improve connectivity for people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and abilities to access local and regional destinations, such as the escarpment park, Elliston Park, Bob Bahan Aquatic & Fitness Centre, and Max Bell Centre.

REFLECT - Do you feel that this draft core value aligns with the public and Working Group comments so far? Why / why not?

- Yes, this does align with what was discussed at the last working group session, and with what I read in the pre-reading from the public. Also, I remember talking about maintaining and restoring existing parks, and making additions for amenities in existing parks.
- Encourage community gardens in empty space (waiting for development permits), and in parks to serve as a community hub for neighbors
- Maybe - I feel that the core value is lacking because it does not talk about why this is important.
 - Agree. Is the value for community wellness or attractive amenities, etc.?
- Yes, this reflects what I heard when I attended the last working group session.
- I feel this reflects the discussion I was in during our last group session.
- Yes I believe this does align with the public, people appreciate the parks and spaces, there are concerns about safety.
 - Yes, if safety isn’t addressed, it could prevent access to the parks and open spaces which negates making it available in the first place
 - I feel it does align - but I second the comments about safety

EXAMINE – What stands out about this draft core value? What is still unclear in the draft core value? Why?

- Three words stand out in this core value; protect, invest and access. These words seem to align with the overall values and direction that has been presented from the first working session.
 - Great point!
- I like that it talks about local points of interest and how it can be made more accessible to people. These points of interest really differentiate the GFL area from other communities (ex. Elliston Park with Global Fest). I appreciate that it takes into consideration people of different ages as well!
- If I had to add anything, you could provide more context about what protection and investment looks like. As a general value statement however, I think this covers quite a bit and has a good focus.
- Define protect and invest.
- I like the use of the words - protect, invest & connectivity
- The word “invest” is great! In this context I think highlights both a financial and time (perhaps even emotional investment), which is great. The financial aspect is key too!

CHANGE – Would you change any focus areas or wording in this draft core value? Why?

- No
- No
- No changes.
- Will the new Forest Lawn Hub be included in this list in the future? Or is that way down the road and therefore not relevant?

CORE VALUE #4: CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Strengthen resilience to climate change and extreme weather conditions by prioritizing the reuse of existing buildings and infrastructure and encouraging energy-efficient and cost-efficient building design.

REFLECT - Do you feel that this draft core value aligns with the public and Working Group comments so far? Why / why not?

- Recreation and outdoor activities were also emphasized in the last meeting. Generally believes the core value aligns with what was discussed. Climate change should form an integral part of the decision making process vis-à-vis building design and materials.
- I agree with what is stated above. It is important that we prepare for changes in the weather.
- Hail resistant roofing and other measures like siding to prevent issues like the 2020 incident in NE Calgary
- Energy efficient and resources efficient building

- Preferably buildings with solar systems that self sustain and feed the network with electricity
- Yes, although it would help people to be able to better access these options. The federal program for green homes involves a lot of paperwork so it would be nice to have local incentives.
- Like the idea of reusing buildings and retrofitting them; could enhance the heritage of the area and lend a similar feeling to Inglewood where old and new coexist
- Self sustainability development
- More of self sustaining building and development. It will be good if buildings can generate their own energy in order to contribute to zero gas emission (net zero). Follow in the steps of countries that have visions to eliminate gas emission.
- Needs to be an area of focus for this project. I don't really remember this being discussed at the first working group sessions, but I am glad that this has been included.
- My point of "contention" with this core value is really - to what extent does municipal policy/planning have to do climate resiliency (ex. Use of building materials for homes?). When I read this value, I think more of the resiliency that occurred during the 2013 floods and during the COVID19 pandemic.

EXAMINE – What stands out about this draft core value? What is still unclear in the draft core value? Why?

- What stands out for me is that idea we are preparing for extreme weather conditions and climate change BEFORE we are seeing how dire the effects can be. This is proactive.
- Alongside climate, this could be a good opportunity for buildings to be retrofitted for better ventilation as we saw those needs during the pandemic; however, explore ways to do this in a green way.
- Not many people can afford the cost of rebuilding, building or developing buildings that fit the demands of climate change.
- Reusing sustainable buildings: stating what the City would do specifically with the buildings would be more helpful. It seems pretty general without the how of how this core value will be achieved.
- The only item that is unclear to me is the word 'encouraging'. I'm not sure how City policy works on new building materials, but I would hope that this type of building to reduce emissions would be mandated and regulated.

CHANGE – Would you change any focus areas or wording in this core value? Why?

- It's pretty good, I think. How would they reuse buildings? That is what I mean. Yes! It would have to meet standards.
- Agrees with existing submission around this topic
- I like the ideas of reusing, repurposing existing buildings, does help hold on to history and identity.
- Is there an element where people are addressed in terms of climate change (like seniors not having access to air conditioning), and not just
- buildings? Helping communities face climate change as opposed to just having the city look after the infrastructure.
- Utilize existing emergency planning and disaster preparation as part of climate resiliency
- It might need a comma or something. I keep reading it as somehow retrofitting existing buildings can combat climate change. *"weather conditions by prioritizing the reuse of existing buildings and infrastructure, and encouraging energy-efficient and cost-efficient building design."*
- When infrastructure can be re-used it should be. I'm wondering what specific buildings in GFL would fall under this category?
- I wish there was something we could have in the community and with businesses that support idle free zones. And signage. Education is important as many still don't believe climate change is real.

CORE VALUE #5: Vibrant and Diverse Economy

Attract and support a variety of employment opportunities, businesses and services, particularly along International Avenue S.E., Activity Centres, and the industrial area, to enhance economic vibrancy and diversity.

REFLECT - Do you feel that this draft core value aligns with the public and Working Group comments so far? Why / why not?

- Yes and would like to see more innovative and startup businesses. Also more environmentally sustainable industrial uses and green tech
- Food, culinary and urban agricultural innovation
- Green technology and environmentally sustainable
- Solar energy
- Artists and spaces for makers
- Housing, siding and window makers
- In addition energy generation and recycling due to large landfill opportunity
- Training centers for newcomers/students and long time residents and trades
- Hubs for small/home businesses providing internet connectivity, other resources and work sharing spaces at affordable fees

- Empty lots could be used as temp community gardens till the plans are finalized for development like the school behind coop
- Is there a narrative for International Avenue to attract new startups.
- Is there a way for the BRZ to support local businesses not along the Avenue - businesses that are in the communities bordering the Avenue but in strip malls and other locations? If not, is there a different way to bring these businesses together so they aren't siloed?
- There should be a focus on bringing residents of other areas and city quadrants into the International Avenue business district. This would make local businesses more likely to thrive and create more jobs in the community. Could this be reflected in the core value?
- I know this is a long shot but I think it would be great for spaces to be mixed-used (ex. Ground floor is commercial like a bakery while the above floors are houses, or work share floors or maker's spaces :)).
- I second the comments about attracting arts/culture.
 - Just to highlight the importance of this - I'm amazed by how 17th Ave SW combines arts (with their Beltline Mural Projects and local art pieces) and the local business/housing apartments nearby! Business and arts are complementary!!!
- I 'third' the comments about attracting arts/culture
- I fourth it - whoop! We have some arts and culture here - public campaigns to promote it would be helpful to shifting the perception of the area.
- Not sure why the Industrial Area needs to be called out in this value?
- If we're talking about arts and culture, why does this vision not say anything about race and ethnicity? Appropriating the term diversity for economy, without actually engaging with race and ethnicity, is a disservice for the Forest Lawn, a region with a high population of visible minorities.
- I support the point above- this value focuses only on economy when using the language diversity and vibrancy - and there isn't a value that reflects diversity of culture - adding that language in to this core value - or creating a new core value that reflects this is important for members of the community.
- There is a key word missing from this core value. Sustainability needs to be recognized.
- Comment about facades of the 17th Ave buildings being so outdated

EXAMINE – What stands out about this draft core value? What is still unclear in the draft vision? Why?

- Address the numerous vacant lots by leveraging new businesses
- A number of places along 17th Ave are up for lease but have remained empty for decades (example: Forest Lane). Perhaps these property owners can be charged higher taxes due the impact on surrounding businesses and the community. Empty spaces should be taxed or given an incentive to fill with startups and fill retail leakage that is being lost to other areas for desired goods and services. And startup opportunities at reduced rents for short term
- Are there particular economic opportunities that would be of higher value and prioritization than others? For instance, coffee shops over cannabis shops.

- Negative businesses such as liquor stores, cash stores and pawnshops should be disallowed as per the IAARP as deemed by BRZ and CA's. And undesirable or well represented types of businesses dissuaded from locating in area
- How does this protect racialised business owners on 17th Avenue from being displaced as a result to potential future developments
- What is a neighbourhood activity centre? Is that like a library? Or like a park?
- What about persons of colour? How do we fit in, or how can we make this more explicit. It's one thing to say economic diversity, but in common talk, diversity is racial diversity. We need more language about how to preserve and promote the cultural diversity of the businesses. It's not just supermarkets but CHINESE Supermarkets, not just restaurants but VIETNAMESE restaurants. These are diverse populations that should be engaged with this vision.
- The comments about empty storefronts are great - make incentives for landlords to fill these spaces with uses that enhance the area (and probably highlight that uses that don't enhance are not incentivized - payday loans, pawn shops (no offense to them, but they don't enhance the area)).
- This one is my favourite core value - having a vibrant and diverse economy will help to generally diversify the area. Think about East Village - they popped in some very cool spaces for the community - including restaurants, businesses, and livened up the public spaces and then people wanted to live/work there. I think this would be the spark that revitalizes and energizes the area.
 - Very true. I second this point.

CHANGE – Would you change any focus areas or wording in this draft core value? Why?

- Encourage various providers to connect GFL to fibre networks to support home businesses and working from home as well as home schooling
- Work with existing organizations in the area that are training people how to start businesses - BusinessLink, Momentum (identify in the statement how 17th Ave differs from/is unique to other BRZ/BIA in the city because we have these additional resources)
- BRZ offers help already through Emerge Hub which is a partnership between BRZ/Momentum and ACCA
- When people hear vibrant and diverse, they think “cultural and ethnic diversity” not “economy.” For me, I think of International Avenue as a diverse community and economic hub. But there is no language here about racialized minorities. This is critical for Greater Forest Lawn, one of the most diverse regions of Calgary.
- Cultural and ethnic diversity are both important in order to have the strongest possible economy - but these should be highlighted in an appropriate way - not as tokenism or superficial “culture tours”
 - But it is “International Avenue” , an explicitly diverse and multicultural business area. So to talk about the local economy in Forest Lawn has to talk about the fact we are a proud, diverse community, and should make mention about empowering racialised folks. International Avenue is a “culture tour” and we’re proud of it, we should make it explicit that we also talk about race and ethnicity.

- Comment about changing wording to all Calgary residents and not only in the GFL area
- Make a new value about ACTUAL diversity. Ethnocultural diversity of the community. It's confusing to talk about a vibrant and diverse economy. Yet, whitewashing the neighborhood plan by avoiding talking about race.
- I think that the word 'sustainable' should be put before employment.
- I agree with employment comment above.
- Neighborhood Activity Centre should be specific locations within the area, for example, GFL 55+, Calgary Public Library, Paradise Lanes Bowling, Bob Bahan, Ernie Starr, Forest Lawn Disc Golf.

Greater Forest Lawn Communities Working Group Session Three (In-Person) – Vision and Core Values

Purpose of Session Three

On October 5, 2022, the Working group members were invited to learn about [the Municipal Development Plan's](#) (MDP) planning building blocks of Activity Centres and Main Streets and how we can apply them to the Greater Forest Lawn Communities. This session focused on learning about the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) approach to key growth areas and discussion of moderate to large scale potential growth areas including:

- Review what we heard from Session 2
- Learn about the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) approach
- Identify and discuss Transit Station Areas and Activity Centres
 - Concentrated areas of growth with high activity and a variety of uses
- Identify and discuss Main Streets + Corridors
 - Areas of higher density, activity, and a variety of uses along specified streets or routes

Presentation from the session: [Session 3: Key Growth Areas \(4+Storeys\)](#)

What did we ask? Session 3 – Homework

In preparation for Session 3, Working Group members were asked to review a pre-reading package to:

- Learn about the Municipal Development Plan's (MDP) planning building blocks of Activity Centres and Main Streets and how we can apply them to the Greater Forest Lawn Communities.

Categories within Calgary's Municipal Development Plan

Calgary's (MDP) is a city-wide vision for how Calgary grows and develops over the next 60 years. The city of Calgary consists of distinct geographic and functional areas that share common attributes with other areas across the city. Similar land use patterns, road layout, age of the building and the stage within a community life cycle help to define an area in terms of its

development form and how it functions. They also provide direction on how the area might change and transform in the future. The MDP categorizes these broad geographic areas into land use typologies and provides some high-level direction on how redevelopment should occur in the future. Specifically, three broader typologies of interest to discussions at this session are:

- Activity Centres
- Transit Station Areas
- Main Streets

Categorizing areas with common features together in this way helps us plan for growth and change in a manner that balances the needs of Participants today and their changing needs in the future while being cost-effective over the long-term. For example, it encourages transportation choice and more sustainable modes of transportation (i.e., walking and cycling) to-and-from plan areas and connections to the city beyond.

Activity Centres

The MDP recognizes that in the long-term we will need to identify and plan for strategic areas other than the Greater Downtown that will support long-term employment and population growth in locations and at intensities to support the Primary Transit Network. Activity Centres are intended to provide mixed-use destinations central to multiple residential communities or business areas. They are often on current shopping centre sites or around a specific employment area and tend to be located along Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) networks near transit stations or stops. There are four types of Activity Centres in the MDP that differ based on their scale with the Greater Downtown being Calgary's primary Activity Centre and the smallest being Neighbourhood Activity Centres. There are also Major Activity Centres and Community Activity Centres. The MDP identifies two Community Activity Centres within the plan area.

Transit Station Areas

The LRT and BRT networks and transit stations are important public infrastructure that help move Participants around the city. Development around these stations can bring more residents who will help ensure our transit system can provide the stable, long-term and frequent service that Participants desire.

The Guide for Local Area Plans reminds us that like an Activity Centre, Transit Station Areas allow for transit-oriented development of residential, commercial, office, open space and civic developments that are designed with the transit station in mind, creating compact and walkable areas of a community. Ensuring future growth and development around these stations also helps to support transit use and make the long-term operation of the system more efficient for everyone.

Main Streets

Main Streets identified in the MDP share many of the same attributes as Activity Centres, but are linear in form and are oriented along a street served by the Primary Transit Network. Main Streets provide the opportunity to integrate adjacent, higher intensity residential, and business uses within a walkable pedestrian environment. Main Streets often provide strong social and historical connections for a neighbourhood or broader communities across the city.

The Activity Centres, Main Street and Transit Station Areas within the Greater Forest Lawn Communities are shown in **Figure 1** below. Please note that only the two Red Line LRT stations (Lions Park Station and Sunnyside Station) are currently identified as Transit Station Areas in the plan area in the figure below. No Transit Station Areas for BRT stations are shown.

Figure 1

MAP 5



Session Three: In-Session Discussions

Working Group members were broken into small groups to discuss areas that would be considered for moderate to large scale growth. They were asked to discuss the following categories:

- **Transit Station Areas & Activity Centres**

- Concentrated areas of growth providing opportunities for a mix of residential and commercial uses

Questions asked:

- Where should development of 4 storeys or more happen around Transit Station Areas or at Activity Centres¹ in the plan area? Identify specific areas in your written responses or mark up the map with your ideas.
- Where else could development of 4 storeys or more be located? Describe in your written response or mark up the map with your ideas.

- **Corridors & Main Streets**

- Focuses on transportation and routes that connect to local businesses as areas for residential and commercial uses

Questions asked:

- Where could development of 4 storeys or more happen along Main Streets in the plan area? Identify specific areas in your written responses or mark up the map with your ideas.

→ Along which specific streets could development of 4 storeys or more happen? Identify individual streets or portions of streets in your written responses or mark up the map with your ideas.

- **Park Focus**

- Emphasizes areas adjacent to parks and open spaces as a location for new homes

Question asked:

→ Where could development of 4 storeys or more happen around/adjacent to parks and open spaces in the plan area? Identify specific areas in your written response or mark up the map with your ideas.

How did we use your input?

Feedback from the Working Group will be incorporated into the Plan and help inform the Urban Form Categories that will guide future growth and change in the Greater Forest Lawn Communities. We will discuss Urban Form Categories and Scale Modifiers at future sessions. More information on the Guide for Local Area Planning, Urban Form Categories and Scale Modifiers can be found [here](#).

Session Three: Working Group Comments

Table #1:

- 36th and Peigan Trail as an activity centre
 - Franklin station as an activity centre
 - Near Elliston Park as an activity centre
 - 4 storey & 3 bedroom housing on either side of International Ave.
 - 36th street as corridor/main street from Memorial to 26th Ave.
 - 36th street from 26th Ave. to Peigan trail as residential
 - All of Peigan Tr. As a corridor
 - Transit parking lot by Elliston Park
 - Corridor along 8th Ave. from 36th St. to Memorial
 - 26th Ave. is a corridor from 26th St. to 47th St.
 - Make a distinction to what is real park space vs. school land that is not useable by public. Also, want to maintain a certain amount of greenspace
 - Access to some identified park space are seen as unsafe due to proximity to main roads and lack of lighting as well as lack of updates to pathways
 - Security needed at transit hub
 - Generally safety a concern in terms of walkability around communities
 - Need general upkeep/maintenance of sidewalks, pathways. Lots of potential looking at map but disarray/lack of maintenance an issue
 - Concern about prevalent drug use/social disorder
- Fixing the crime issue will make a huge difference

Table #2:

- Current map is missing future LRT stations; need more of the (drawing of a dotted line circle)
- 44th St. and 17th Ave. – future station missing
- More 4+ in area south of Memorial (activity centre)
- Q? Is the new multi-use recreation centre also an activity centre?
- Several blocks west of 52nd St. SE could be an activity centre
- Pink area around Barlow would be great for more density – perhaps needs to be a different colour to separate it from pink – transit area
- Pink area just south of International Ave. & west of 52nd Street as there are services going in there
- Could also add a pink area kitty corner to the square highlighted on 36th St. SE
- North end of Fonda near firehall & along Memorial could be transit focus/mixed use development
- Can the area coloured pink at the north-end of the landfill ever be used?
- CMLC site would be good for mixed-use/multi-development
- All of the green spaces near the transit station area circle to the east are misleading as they are school fields not parks/open spaces
- Area highlighted pink along 34th Ave. is a strip mall

Corridors & Main Streets:

- 36th St. and 52nd all the way from Memorial to Peigan could have 4+ storeys the whole way
- 44th from Peigan to 26th Ave. (will be the heart once LRT comes through)
- Just northside of 26th where highlighted
- North side of 8th Ave. between 36th and 44th
- Main corridors with baby corridors spreading out – creating transition of density out – do this south of International Ave.
- Comment that Applewood is isolated → but density not necessarily the answer
- Comments on leaving Southview along
- 26th Ave. reasoring is walkability and connections to parks

Parks Focus

- Area highlighted of 34th as there are a number of green spaces around it
- Area highlighted near memorial – dry pond?
- Red Carpet area near 68th street – highlight in case they ever want to go higher – help remove barriers to do so

Suggestion that at CMLC site they spilt the space and make some 4 storey and separate space

Table #3:

Activity Centres

- Concern that land owned by different levels of government will nullify ideas that are being brainstormed in this activity
- A lot of discussion about how the Hub Oil site may never redevelop due to existing contamination
- Existing industrial land west of 52 street (south of tracks) should remain as industrial and not be an activity centre
- Maintain some green space at the large activity centre that forest lawn highschool is within
- Franklin station development inhibited by brownfield land contamination
- Max Bell station not seen as having much redevelopment potential (unless the Max Bell centre itself is redeveloped)
- Desire for a Rec facility in proximity to both Train station
- North corner of Red Carpet (68 street and tracks) shouldn't go above 4 storeys (4 storeys or below)
- Parcel(s) south of former Target store (17 av & 52 street) could be an activity centre but maybe too small
- Existing park south of 17 and west of 36 street (provincial govt land) potential activity centre...even through developing it may be challenging since it's owned by higher order govt

Main Streets

- Challenge with southern portion of 36 st main street because many existing parcels don't front onto 36 street.

Park Focus

- More trees needed through out the plan area
- Lots of existing parks which is good – not all available land should be developed

Other Comments:

- Idea to explore for next time: it is about 5% of the delapidated properties in the neighbourhood (Forest Lawn) that are responsible for 90% of the crime
Could re-zoning encourage the absentee landlords to re-develop?
- Need update 8 Ave near park to (East of 52 St.)
- No parks should strip away
- Redevelop the lighting
 - Put security on transit
 - More police in the area
- Potentially City led rezoning aligned areas
- Create incentives for development to happen in spots that are already empty. There are lots of vacant lots and empty commercial properties in all of the areas.

Also, will there be any discussions on renaming the project area? As I noted previously, GFL is a major waste management company and when you google “GFL Calgary” you don’t get Greater Forest Lawn – you get waste management. I don’t think that is the association we want in an area that is already struggling with stigma and negative perceptions. I think we should seriously reconsider the name of the project and the report/plan (LAP) coming pass this engagement. Also..the area is so much more than Forest Lawn. It should be rejected in LAP.

- There is a lot of opportunity with the David D. Oughton site – per higher residential density (mixed use, community center, services and similar à BUT there is also opportunities in terms of giving residents some greenspace. It looks like the Albert/Park/Radisson Heights, Forest Lawn have a lot a green space, but it is really not the case. The “green” is mostly schools and there si actually not a lot g park space within walking distance of most homes in these areas. HOWEVER, due to the some social disorder in the area a very large park space without any activation could be problematic. You’ll need some eyes on the street at that site – without doing development so heavy that it takes “enjoyment” out of the homes immediately adjacent to the park.
- Thinking of more interesting ideas and way to mix programmes
- Be mindful of sun(sp?) paths and avoiding development that casts a shadow existing houses
- Not sure how feasible it would be to convert these million-dollar views to dense housing, especially with Barlow Tr. Access
- Barcelona Blocks
 - Pulled back from streets allowing for sidewalk to be activated

Reimagining the industrial areas on a time approach

- Meat Packing District à Copenhagen

Greater Forest Lawn Working Group Session Four (In-Person): Refinement to Draft Vision and Core Values

Purpose of Session Four

On November 15, 2022, the Working group members were invited to review the finding of the previous session, and to further refine the initial draft of the vision and core values.

Presentation from the session: [Session 4 – Refinement to Draft Vision and Core Values](#)

What did we ask? Session 4

Session 4: Homework

No pre-reading or preparation was required for Session 4

Session Four: In-Session Discussions

Working Group members were invited to participate in the following presentations and activities:

- Review What we heard from Session 3
 - Vision / Core Value methodology
 - Presentation of high-level refined statements
- Presentation of initial draft Key Growth Map (Figure 1)
- Next Steps and Preview of Next Working Group Session

Revised Vision and Core Values Statements

Based on the feedback from Session 2, the revised Vision statement and Core Values were presented:

Revised Draft Vision Statement

Initial Draft	Working Group Feedback	Revised Draft
The Greater Forest Lawn Communities will continue to evolve as culturally diverse and inclusive neighbourhoods linked by parks and cultural spaces and anchored economically by International Avenue and the industrial areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It speaks more to people who work in the area than people who live in the area• Having business is an asset.• More future-focused• Make the community welcoming and safe• Promote culture diversity, livability, and safety	The Greater Forest Lawn Communities will continue to value the cultural diversity and inclusiveness found throughout the plan area and continue to evolve into thriving, welcoming, and safe neighbourhoods by providing well-connected mobility choices, inclusive open spaces, various housing options and business opportunities for people in and beyond the communities.

Revised Draft Core Values

Based on the discussion during Session Two, the five Core Values were revised:

Housing Options

Initial Draft	Working Group Feedback	Revised Draft
Support the development of diverse, accessible, and affordable housing throughout the Plan area, particularly near transit station areas, Main Street, Neighbourhood Activity Centres, corridors and community amenities, to meet the evolving needs of residents in all stages of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Neighbourhood Activity Centres? Corridor? • Plain language needed • Quality of development is important 	Support quality housing development that is diverse, accessible, and affordable for people from all income levels throughout the Plan area, particularly near transit station areas, International Avenue S.E., commercial areas, major roadways, and community amenities areas , to meet the evolving needs of people in all stages of life.

Mobility Choices

Initial Draft	Working Group Feedback	Revised Draft
Provide safe, comfortable, connected, and accessible year-round mobility choices, such as transit, pathways, pedestrian and wheeling infrastructure, particularly to and from International Avenue S.E., Barlow / Max Bell LRT station, Franklin LRT station and Max Purple BRT transit station areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connections between neighbourhoods are important • Mobility needs to include driving • Support calling out locations • The word wheeling is unclear 	Provide safe, efficient, well-maintained, connected, and accessible year-round mobility choices through a network of transit, pathways, walking and wheeling infrastructure, and roadways , to locations including International Avenue S.E., Barlow / Max Bell LRT station, Franklin LRT station, Max Purple BRT transit station areas, and surrounding commercial and residential areas .

Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

Initial Draft	Working Group Feedback	Revised Draft
Protect and invest in parks, open spaces, and recreational and community facilities. Improve connectivity for people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and abilities to access local and regional destinations, such as the escarpment park, Elliston Park, Bob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support local point of interest being listed • Support on words like protect, invest & connectivity being included • Provide reason why this is important • Safety is important 	Protect and invest in parks, open spaces, and recreational and community facilities for people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and abilities to promote overall community wellness and quality of life . Create a safe, accessible and connected open space system that links neighbourhoods, parks, natural areas, and

Bahan Aquatic & Fitness Centre, and Max Bell Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include natural spaces 	community amenities , such as the escarpment park, community hubs, Elliston Park and Max Bell Centre.
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Climate Resilience

Initial Draft	Working Group Feedback	Revised Draft
Strengthen resilience to climate change and extreme weather conditions by prioritizing the reuse of existing buildings and infrastructure and encouraging energy-efficient and cost-efficient building design.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include new and existing buildings • Support the idea for reusing, repurposing existing building • Need to reimagine reusing and repurposing existing buildings • The word encourage is confusing 	Strengthen resilience to climate change and extreme weather conditions by reimagining the reusing and repurposing of existing buildings and infrastructure and prioritizing innovative energy-and resource-efficient building designs for existing and new development .

Vibrant and Diverse Culture, Arts and Business

Initial Draft	Working Group Feedback	Revised Draft
Vibrant and Diverse Economy Attract and support a variety of employment opportunities, businesses and services, particularly along International Avenue S.E., Neighbourhood Activity Centres, and the industrial area, to enhance economic vibrancy and diversity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and culture is important • Need language on promoting cultural diversity and businesses • Support vibrant and diverse economy • Focus on bringing people to the area to make local business thrive 	Vibrant and Diverse Culture, Arts and Business Attract and support a variety of arts and culture initiatives , employment opportunities, businesses and services along International Avenue S.E. and commercial and industrial areas that enhance and promote the communities' vibrancy and cultural diversity by revitalizing the area into a creative and cultural destination hub enjoyed by community members and all Calgarians .

Key Growth Map Exercise

Working Group members were then broken into small groups to further refine the initial draft Key Growth Map. (Figure 1).

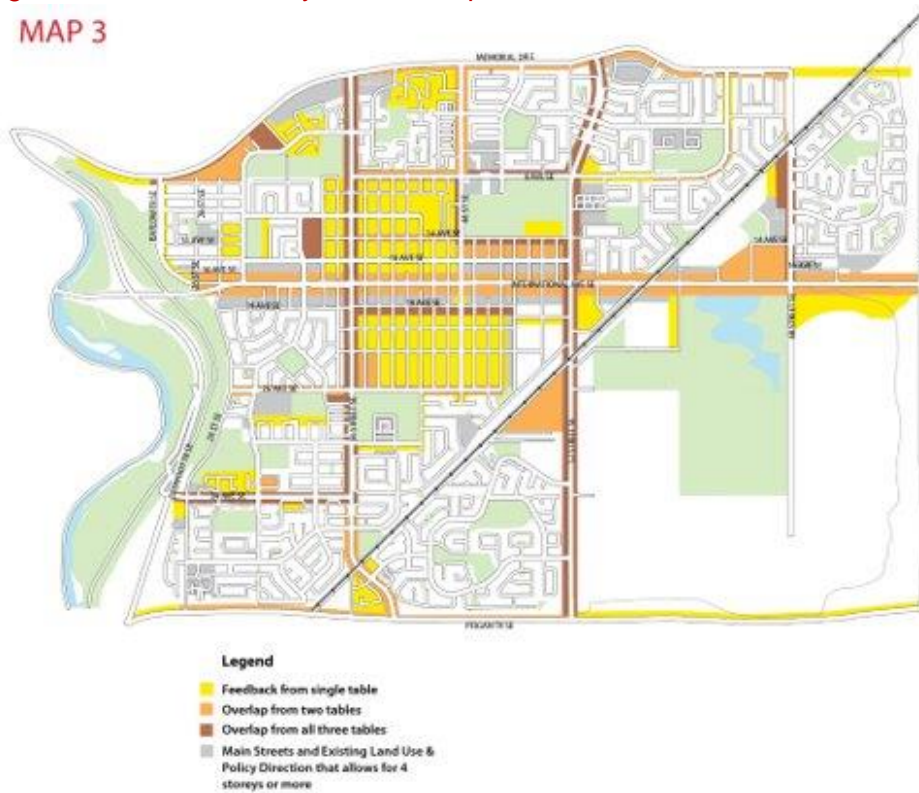
Questions asked

- What additional areas should be added to these key growth areas of common interest? Why?

- Would you change any boundaries or remove any identified key growth areas of common interest?

Figure 1 – Initial draft Key Growth Map

MAP 3



How did we use your input?

Feedback from the Working Group will be incorporated into the Plan and help further refine the Vision and Core Values for the project as well as to help further refine the Urban Form Categories that will guide future growth and change in the Greater Forest Lawn Communities. More Urban Form Categories and Scale Modifiers will be discussed at future sessions.

More information on the Guide for Local Area Planning, Urban Form Categories and Scale Modifiers can be found [here](#).

Session Four: Working Group Comments

TABLE #1

- Remove brown south of 26 Ave. and across 34th.
- 34th is primary R1 but there's been lots of applications for RC1 which we're trying to prevent.

- People were trying to understand what's going on 34th Ave going from 4 to 2 lanes
- The City and Calgary Housing own
- Not enough parking in this area between 26th Ave, 36th Street and 34th Ave – no frontage. I've got a house of 3 adults and 3 cars, don't want high density here as there's no options for parking. Area is very complicated
- 1970s development with 1960s mindset
- On 34th and 36th trying to put up a 6-plex on an R1 lot and we're fighting it... where will you park? Where will fire hydrants go?
- 8th Ave SE west of 44th St could be 4+
- Green space between 44th St SE and 8th Ave SE – looking at a Geneis-style complex – don't think we can make any proper assessments as we don't know what's going in there. 4+ there does make sense based on current level of knowledge but not when we don't know what's going in here. So outlining 2/3 of that space in blue for exploring development.
- But... do we want to lose park?
- Question? How many times have you visited that area? Answer: a lot as my work is there. Scotty doesn't think that many ppl go there, they go to regional parks or small parks. Could this be Calgary recreation instead.
- There is now a bike path and lights to control traffic near FL vet to turn it into a main street.
- Discussion about whether area in brown at Franklin LRT should stay or be repurposed.
- Amend the area by 15th Ave & 16th Ave SE... where the CA used to be should be added, where the yellow is should be removed as that's school property
- Along 16th Ave on north side in Radisson heights should be added as an explore area
- Where the coop is on north of 16th Ave should be explored
- Consensus that all of International Ave should be explored
- Last time discussion on where along Memorial is appropriate for 4+ but others not. Where single family homes are, maybe not. Other areas maybe yes. Don't remember specific areas discusses.
- Looks like everything follows the grid pattern so...
- What about 26th Ave? You don't have a lot of redevelopment. They've put in a church and a daycare but now butted up against duplexes, don't see many landlords wanting to take down a duplex to put up a fourplex.
- Some housing in Hubalta area that could get redone, older, needs to be updated.
- Dover loop in area near 36th Street, development in there is pretty old. Marked in blue on map
- Train track won't be here for at least 10 years at rate CN discussions are going. Once they do that, the entire corridor and that piece of Erin Woods will be huge.
- When they measure tracks they measure from centre of line, cars have grown in scale and are bigger than the community, if they derail they'll wind up in someone's garage. That's a lot of the push here, to sell my house do I buy a million dollar retaining wall? Or do they move the train
- While Hubalta area in blue should be included (near train tracks)
- The train track area corridor is one to explore as once CN is out of there it's perfect for a developer to go in .

- Discussion on triangle area along tracks, along 68 street and Intl ave and then smaller square area below that used to be Hub Oil. – area to explore. What’s there? Just a liquor store and some other shops.
- Karen is hesitant with this much as it’s privately owned. – it depends on type of growth... residential to residential? Commercial? Offices?
- The old drive-in, nothing has happened there.
- Growth... changes in a generation, every generation, doesn’t agree that gov’t can force a family to sell. Explained that this isn’t about that. She’s been relocated multiple times over generations by AB government has acres surrounded by Indigenous land that she can’t sell as there’s no access and government won’t buy as they feel they’ve already paid -so has trouble with suggesting too much on private land.
- 52nd street south of tracks should stay commercial. Doesn’t want any development on east side.
- Explanation for no growth in that area, there’s already stuff there not detracting or contributing to the people in the community, you’re there for a specific reason (to use amenities there).
- Curious about what’s going into the orange triangle under tracks by 52nd Street.
- Peigan trail by tracks triangle could have growth.
- Area south of Memorial by 36th marked, mini mall there, can add explore colour
- Lose the identity of Forest Lawn if you grow too much (area drawn in red on map)

TABLE #2

- Add gateway at the end of International Ave/17th Ave. towards Stoney Trail, its very run down and a contrast to the other end of International Ave. has a beautiful structure
 - Might be part of the provincial land so out of control
- 36th St. by Marlborough Mall
- By Franklin Mall
- Red Carpet – 68th & 17th
 - There is a bus hub there and Globalfest brings the whole city here but this area often looks empty and dead
 - The corridor near east hills could be considered for additional commercial or mixed use but people in the area are worried that there is a lot of commercial/retail there. Lots of small businesses are struggling to compete with East Hills shopping centre. Maybe considering small boutique shops and pedestrian walk ways.
- Need to consider pedestrian spaces to support Climate resiliency and encourage transit use. Many people are interested in staying in the area because of walkability and transit access.
- Encourage developers to build 3bd 2bath type homes for young couples so that we have true diversity in housing options. This can allow for people to remain in the area without having to buy a larger home. Young couples have shared they don’t want to be house poor, still want to travel etc. So 3bd type homes can encourage them to stay in the area.
- Explore condo and other diverse middle housing in other areas. Currently can only find them closer to Stoney Trail

- Change all the yellow parts in the middle. It doesn't make any sense because they are smaller streets near homes with no access points like others on the map.

TABLE #3

- 34 AV seniors housing to remove in order for high rise in its place would not be inclusive.
- This exercise is about where density would be acceptable not necessarily how much
- TOD is where it is acceptable
- It is appropriate how acute the brown areas are – the pockets of density
- Suggest pairing it back in some areas for example the yellow south of 19 AV and north of 16 AV – intentions were not the best and that is too much
- Yellow if fine it doesn't necessarily mean density it is duplexes and fourplexes
- If the areas are opened wide up for zoning than the community will lose their input on the new development – developers buy up entire blocks
- 4 and up is not family feelings anymore like Kensington and Bridgeland
- Too much shade not enough sunshine – no gardens
- South of 17 av and east of 69 st should not be yellow or orange – that is a green area
- Remove the orange south of 17 AV on the wetland side
- It might be good to have more development around Elliston park so that it can be used more
- The mobile housing park area and apartments in Red Carpet – would be good to re-zone for more development, more intense add brown along the corridors
- The brown does not need to continue further down 36 Street – it is already a mobile home park and condo developments
- Add to the orange for the developments around the mobile home park
- Homes north of 34 AV is the newest homes in the area – would not make sense for 4 stories or higher
- Remove the density from south of the grey area on 26 AV – there is no road there if there is density there then build a road there
- Taper the density along 19 AV – remove the brown as that will take away from the character of the street
- International av is already 4 stories and above
- Like the buildings with the shops on the main floor for international AV
- Building articulation is important
- Plazas would be nice as a model for intersections along international avenue
- Southview is planned as Olmstead – some of these are protected with Restrictive Covenants – want to continue to protect these as there are pockets all over Calgary
- School on 8 AV and 44 ST: don't mind density because of the open area
- The high school would really benefit from an increase in density around it and build it out.
- A comment about fire halls?
- Like the density around the High school – existing townhouses and duplexes could go higher

- Where there is density make sure there is transit connections – don't put it one way streets and block them off
- Don't overload streets with parking
- Density around the church and 7-eleven would be okay but mostly not appropriate in Penbrooke
- Density around the edges where there is transit access but not in the core
- Densify the corner south of memorial drive "triangle"
- Peigan trail is undeveloped and bermed so not developable
- Don't take away Lucky's
- Podiums of density at gateways along international avenue intersections 36 st and 34 av and 26 AV
- Gradient density – stepping down of density behind international avenue

Additional Comments

- Very important in Forest Lawn ARP and also in Intl Ave ARP, each new development needs to be as good or better than last development. Raising the standard, would be useful here too. More and better development.
- The guidebook has a very clear description of what 'affordable' is. We want revitalization in area, we want something for everyone. Diversified, multi-level, multi-income housing is what we need, not stigmatizing attitudes from the past.
- Diverse is better than affordable.
- Words we keep hearing is 'stigma' in area and need for 'revitalization' – so why are we sticking with GFL communities as the description, if we want to do something new and different, why can't we use a different name. We use 'East Calgary' to describe our area, can we use this as a bigger umbrella name for the entire area.
- No other areas are referred to as 'the Greater' area, (ex: there is no Greater Beddington area) and it's stigmatizing.
- Feedback at beginning is that we want to be referred to as East Central or East Calgary – were not heard when this was raised. The point has been made already, does more engagement need to be done, when it was already raised?
- We always hear that 'we need to listen to developers but WE live here.
- Name suggestion: Inner East Calgary (focus on the 'Inner' as it's attractive to name things a 'inner Calgary').
- 4 storeys and above should be 2 categories. I see areas around residential areas where 4-6 stories makes sense. Greater than that, etc 10-12, should be a different category as they don't make sense in the same areas.
- Re: economic feasibility.... The City was able to find funding to create parks in West Calgary and we expect that here in East Calgary too.
- Other local area plans, is there similar core values?
- Regarding housing – want to ensure it's not only affordable housing. Area needs a balance. Want to ensure way it's written is not only affordable. As don't want East Calgary to be known only for affordable housing. Spell it out differently. Unless it's strong simple language, it can be interpreted in different ways. Housing for all different incomes, don't have to say 'affordable'. Can we remove this... housing for people of all income levels. Putting in affordable is stigmatizing the group. –

- Unless it's about reducing red tape, how can the City guarantee affordable housing? Quality not affordable.
- What is meant by boundaries?
- 4 plus stories is too broad where 4 stories is appropriate more than 4 stories might not be
- Take the word affordability out of the booklet
- What will the public engagement piece look like?
 - Answered by City of Calgary staff
- Will the booklet incorporate what the working group has completed for the public?
 - Answered by City of Calgary staff

Appendix D: In-Community Info Sharing Pop-Ups

To build awareness and meet community where they are at, the project team hosted 14 information sharing pop-ups. The different pop-ups were:

- **Greater Forest Lawn Agency Collaborative Meeting**
 - March 10, 2022, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (virtual)
 - Project introduction & feedback gathering
- **Ernie Starr Arena (Joint event with Forest Lawn Multi-Service Centre team)**
 - March 13, 2022, 9-11 a.m.
- **Bob Bahan Pool (Joint event with Forest Lawn Multi-Service Centre team)**
 - April 23, 2022, 5-8 p.m.
- **Forest Lawn High School (Joint event with Forest Lawn Multi-Service Centre team)**
 - April 6, 2022, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 - Info gathering and engagement activity session with a group of students including an ESL class and an Indigenous class.
 - Conversations from this session were included in a graphic recording by Sam Hester (see below)
- **Bob Bahan Pool (Joint event with Forest Lawn Multi-Service Centre team)**
 - April 23, 2022, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Greater Forest Lawn 55+ Society**
 - May 3, 2022, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - Attended the society's weekly lunch program
- **Elliston Park**
 - May 6, 2022, 12:30-2 p.m.
 - General Greater Forest Lawn Local Area Plan session
- **Bob Bahan Pool (Jane's Walk Event)**
 - May 7, 2022, 12-4 p.m.
- **Southview Community Association**
 - May 10, 2022, 5-6:30 p.m.
 - General Greater Forest Lawn Local Area Plan session
- **Alex Community Food Centre**
 - May 27, 2022, 9-11 a.m.
 - Attended the Alex's weekly breakfast program

- **Penbrooke Meadows Community Association**
 - June 4, 2022, 1-4 p.m.
 - Attended Penbrooke Meadows CA 50th Anniversary
- **Greater Forest Lawn 55+ Society**
 - June 9, 2022, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
 - Attended Brenda Stafford Seniors Health and Wellness Expo
- **Southview Community Association**
 - June 15, 2022, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
 - Q&A at the Southview Community Association Annual General Meeting
- **Albert Park Radisson Heights Community Association**
 - June 18, 2022, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 - Albert Park Radisson Heights Neighbour Day event



A local graphic recorder, Sam Hester, created an illustration that included feedback received from the pop-up at the Forest Lawn High School on April 6, 2022.