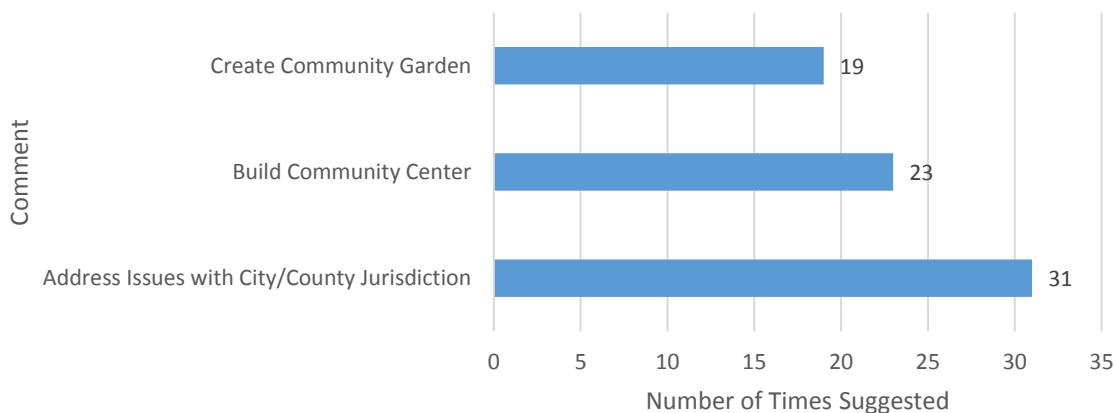


“My Idea for the Neighborhood” Activity Comments: Community

As part of the outreach for the River Road – Santa Clara Neighborhood Plan, residents were asked to draw or write their ideas for the neighborhood. This document summarizes the results of that activity related to community. The original “My Idea for the Neighborhood” materials that neighbors created are available to view [here](#) (large pdf), and show the breadth and depth of information collected.

The chart at the top of this document shows the most common ideas from residents and the number of times each was mentioned in a “My Idea” sheet. The comments that follow are additional ideas for the future that are not represented in the bar chart. Read through and see the creative, innovative ideas that neighbors provided!

“My Idea” Activity Comments



Emergency Services

- One emergency service provider instead of based on where you live
- Emergency services
- Like fire department
- Non-duplication of services for fire, water, power
- Consistent fire/emergency services, City fire station is wasteful duplication

Schools

- On the job training after high school
- Keep kids in North Eugene school district
- Drivers ed in schools
- Form partnership with SC, RR, school districts, and City to utilize buildings for evening classes/vocational training for young people
- Community events at school
- Maintain and fund schools, no school choice- keep students in district

Community Gatherings

- Music/gathering venue

- Community food swap
- More community events
- Outdoor concerts/movies
- More community events at Granges and open spaces, keep momentum going from public meeting & use input
- Value farmers, music events, bring neighbors together
- Communal compost, free pantry
- Community garden access and gathering/activities surrounding it, preferably within walking distance
- Build community by having more meeting spaces
- More community events, more murals/less graffiti
- Community gathering space
- Community events, neighbors meeting neighbors
- Community meeting place- plazas with farmers market, should be walkable & bikeable, mixed-use zoning for local businesses surrounding community center
- Copy Whiteaker creativity with food carts, festivals, etc
- Community orchards & gardens, more community gatherings
- Build community, more concerts in the parks
- Gathering places to build community
- Expand on Granges building- more activities in it, more cultural practices and traditions in the building, murals on walls and community art, places to make music
- Build community within the neighborhood
- More community gatherings
- Interactive art structures, improved/new community gathering sites
- Street gardens along River Rd with sculptures and art, events along greenway like Sunday Streets
- Encourage gathering "nodes"-especially where they already are, and make them walkable
- Know neighbors, skills to share, assistance as needed (rides, etc), art education, more venues for community action
- Art, more theatre in the area

City/County Jurisdiction

- Stop annexation
- Be able to build in RR area without being a "postage stamp" city resident
- RR-SC residents considered equals with other Eugene neighborhoods,
- Annexation of unincorporated properties to get police, library, etc
- Engaged community, no annexation
- Annex RR and SC- less confusion for police and fire calls
- De-annex from City and form own City not controlled by City Council
- Stop force annexation
- A sweetheart deal for annexation if it happens
- No City, no homeless places, let us vote if we want City to take us over
- Do not annex and raise property taxes, ideas can be implemented even with County resident status
- Keep County taxes

- Allow RR to be under City gov. for coordination of police, fire, emergency, services (library)
- City won't listen- the Council won't hear us
- Stop annexation
- A way for those in County to gradually transition to City taxes
- Communities operate independently of City, likes Lane Rural Fire & Santa Clara Fire
- Support annexation of River Rd community, City designation is essential to efficient management and services (fire, police)
- Want to annex to vote for Mayor and have more representation
- Vote for more taxes if you want better public services
- City representation
- City Code needs to be updated- current plans & codes are outdated, City and County work together to address who will be manning the issues
- Reorganize wards to represent true boundaries of SC- more representation of Coburg Rd area
- Get rid of water district, bring Emerald Park into City parks
- "City" residents-more access to services (i.e. library, recreation), more representation on City Council

Safety

- Safe for kids to play outside, no drug dealers
- Safety, less theft
- Better safety
- Safety, no illegal camping or trash
- Increased safety
- Safety, less transients on River Rd
- Security/safety
- Increased patrols to remove illegal camps and drug use off river front, police currently don't come to complaints, needles everywhere in bushes near home
- Neighborhood watch has no impact- no police response, drugs are rampant- find needles in bushes
- Better security around shopping/gambling areas
- Better safety-security, less drug dealers/pushers
- City coordinated neighborhood watch groups
- Neighborhood watch groups that connect with law enforcement
- Want a safer neighborhood (less crime, less homeless camping in brush), wall along Beltline might help
- Bottle drop center, improve/regulate rules on homeless camping/condemned areas, police sub station, graffiti abatement program
- Police patrol at parks, limiting illegal fireworks, consistency in safety services between City vs. County
- Safety (less crime/graffiti)
- Proper lighting for public safety
- Want families to feel safe walking/playing outside
- Public safety, no vagrant parking or vandalism

Natural Resources

- More green jobs
- More gardens
- Community gardens and greenhouses, grow food
- organic farming
- Promote sustainable farming
- Neighborhood clean-up of waterways
- Urban ag. and community gardening, organizations manage large communal gardens, neighbors trade and have gardening workshops
- Organic gardening, community gardens and produce sharing, less pesticides and herbicides
- Mixed ornamental/produce gardens for neighbors to work in and share produce, at least one community gathering house for each block or walkable neighborhood
- Want to keep neighborhood safe and nature-focused, ban pesticide spraying
- Community group monitoring of shoreline, more community events that close the streets
- Don't cut down the trees, we need them
- Community gardens, safe places to recreate and educate community members
- Community solar net metering project
- Green thinking
- Encourage organic/bee-friendly/non-GMO farming

Homelessness

- Enforce camping ordinance, offer hosted site for homeless camping
- Homeless be eradicated
- Assistance for homeless residents
- Integrate homeless/immigrant/troubled youth into mainstream
- Too many homeless on Howard Ave/River Rd/Evergreen
- No homeless camps, security for surrounding residents when warming center is open
- Natural preserve by Bennett Ln has homeless camping and garbage

General

- Stop panhandling
- Walkability and rideability build community
- Start calling it the Garden District instead of RR Area
- Keep SC and RR quiet, low crime, family friendly
- City/County may already have plan in place and not use neighborhood input
- Keep with County, City plans in general
- Provide signs, bags, and receptacles for people to pick up dog poop, enforce leash laws
- Want people to care about the neighborhood
- People collaborating to reduce stress, happy & healthy neighborhood
- Aging in place shared resources
- Use for Goodwill building that meets community need
- Better funding for RRPD

- Inclusiveness
- A more walkable/bikeable/runnable community would help bring us together
- Community development investment pool
- Move Head Start out of Ross Lane Apartments so parking is only for tenants
- Family fun center (building with grass around it)
- Bring families into community
- Neighbors know and visit each other