

### Survey Question 8:

**Is there any special building, landmark, or site that you think must be preserved or protected in the plan area?**

| Most frequently mentioned  | Responses |
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| Starbucks/Crisp/Heroes building at Seventh and Pecan   | 16        |
| Older homes on Seventh now occupied by businesses (e.g. La-Tea-Das/Ooh-La-Las, Philosopher Stone, Cajun Queen, etc.) | 16        |
| Independence Park  | 15        |
| Non-specific historic buildings/houses   | 12        |

### Responses

- Some say **Starbucks/Crisp/Heroes building** is off-limits; I just think it's important for this corner to maintain similar small ground-floor retail spaces and sidewalk dining.
- I think **any existing building** in the neighborhood is important. NO MORE BIG PARKING LOTS.
- Just the **trees** and maybe **clean up the creeks** some??
- **large houses that are currently businesses** on 7th between Pecan/Caswell & Hawthorne; houses and their large lots on Clement
- make this a **local historic district**
- I hope that efforts will be made to protect the **bungalow style homes** so common in Elizabeth (which are often torn down and replaced with much bigger structures. Perhaps restrictions on building footprint would help prevent teardown to make room for McMansions.
- All significant **Historic Properties** should be preserved!!!!!!
- **Starbucks, Hero's**
- Many things that are left should be preserved. I think it is shameful that CMC tore down Mercy and put up that building that looks like it belongs in the 'burbs. Commercial buildings along Seventh should not be torn down--especially the **Starbucks/Crisp building, La-Tea-Das**, and other houses turned commercial along Seventh. Things that need to go--Strip Centers such as where Dollar General is and Jersey Mikes.
- I've always liked how the **Starbucks/Crisp building** on 7th is so close to the road.
- YES, the building now housing, **Starbucks, Hero's and Crisp**. There should be 6-9 blocks of 3-4 story buildings like these along 7th Street, that is why NoDa is not getting off the ground as it should, the Central Ave. funky shops/business district needs at least 6-9 blocks to be a success. Again, I have ton's of idea's for this area.
- I'm sure there are many - **anything built prior to the 1940s** should be maintained and preserved or restored.
- **Older buildings** should be more protected than the ugly newer things like Pecan Point.
- The memorial **waterfall in Independence Park**, the **water tower** plus three commercial buildings housing **Crisp, Starbucks and Heroes** are important landmarks. But most important is to keep our MIX of small **bungalows** with larger early 20th C homes, even when they are used for commercial businesses along Seventh Street.
- The several **houses of worship**.
- **Old firehouse on 7th** which is nicely incorporated into a new office park. **Cajun Queen, La Tea Da's** and some older historic would be nice to preserve, but awful shopping center with ray's flowers and dollar store desperately needs updating/replacement.
- Overall **Lower Independence Park** (the portion on the side of Hawthorne closer to uptown) is great. The other side of the park seems as if it isn't well utilized.
- **St. John's Church**.

- Yes the (Philosopher) **Stone, La-tea-da** tea shop and the other **historic buildings along 7th street**.
- All historical homes and buildings within the plan area should try to be preserved. The **craftsman/bungalow architecture** is a huge part of Elizabeth's appeal.
- I think **Hawthorne Methodist Church** is a beautiful building that adds a nice element to the neighborhood. I don't feel any strong attachment to any building on Seventh Street, but I fear that whatever new rules/plans are adopted will permit the construction of cheap buildings (full of rapidly degenerating materials like EIFS) that will not age well at all. I want buildings that are built well and built to last -- the form and design of the building is more important than their immediate use. The buildings should be of such a quality that they can be used for many years for a variety of purposes.
- **Crisp/Hero's buildings**, excessive infilling and remodeling oversized for existing lot. Lack of planning for enlarging existing homes without consideration of parking.
- The **outdoor dining options** on 7th, especially at Pecan should be preserved and/or increased.
- **Starbucks bldg!!!** Some of the quad bldgs on 7th are very nice and add some interest. The **Nolia house** (the way it used to look) along with the house next to it. The houses between Hawthorne and Pecan are beautiful. SO MUCH HAS ALREADY BEEN REMOVED!!!!
- The **single family structures along 7th** are important to me. They all house businesses, but the feel and scale of them is nice. I would like to see the old house on the corner of 7th and clement restored as a residence or turned into a business. currently its hidden behind overgrown landscaping and could add a lot to the architecture along 7th if this building was highlighted.
- I think the series of **large homes along the south side of 7th** that have been converted to businesses really add a lot to the neighborhood and should be preserved. The shopping strip on the northwest corner of 7th/Pecan could go and no one would miss it, as long as we figured out a way to keep the tenants in whatever replaced it. I'm very sad about the potential loss of the International House.
- **Independence Park. The Rose Garden.**
- Yes. You should check the Historic Federal Landmark Register and keep **historic structures**. There are several on 7th street. The historic structures make our neighborhood complete. Otherwise, we'd all live in Ballantyne. If run down, we should try to refurbish and use them for the community.
- I think **any older building which has character** should be saved. I think of my neighborhood I grew up in (Myers Park) and it is very sad of some of houses that were torn down to put up mcmansions and losing a lot green space and tree canopy.
- The building on the corner of 7th and Pecan that houses **Crisp, Starbucks, and Heroes** has significant historical importance. Some of the old homes on 7th occupied by **Royal Gardens, Cajun Queen, LaTeaDas**, etc are architecturally irreplaceable. St. Martins and the trees planted there in honor of sons lost in WW important. Several homes on Sunnyside and Clement are wonderful examples of **turn of the century architecture**.
- **Intersection of 7th/Caswell/Pecan must not be reconfigured.**
- **Independence Park** (both blocks) including re-planting/maintaining the rose garden and keeping all passive green space.
- **Independence Park**
- The whole Roy White section up to but not including Heroes is an eyesore and can go as far as I'm concerned. The parking lot is full of litter. The other side of 7th contains viable business which are self supporting and add to the charm of Elizabeth (**La Tea Da, the Stone, etc.**) and should stay. Was sad to see the brown house at 7th & ? torn down months ago. It had great bones and historic character, now gone, never to be replaced.
- **Trolley Path, rose garden in the park, reflecting pond** and environs. The bridge along Hawthorne would benefit as a pedestrian way from more aesthetic pole lamps, and maybe less asphalt where the lanes have been discontinued.
- None that I can think of

- One of the great things about **Independence Park** is that it has a lot of open space -- it's great to sit or stroll down one side and look across the green grass, and see all the trees. What a shame it would be to pave or otherwise mulch that over to make a playground, when there's a perfectly good playground across Hawthorne in the other part of the park. I have seen people sunbathing, throwing Frisbees or footballs, or simply sitting on the grass and I think we should preserve that. Also, we need to preserve the character of residential architecture throughout the neighborhood and prevent it becoming too generic.
- No. Not one in particular, but the **overall look** we have now.
- Preserve and enhance the unnamed **creek between Kenmore and Vail**
- I like **older buildings** with character and/or history. The corner of 7th and Pecan is not exactly attractive, but should be saved as the intersection is what makes Elizabeth interesting and quirky.
- **St Martins**
- Are there demolition plans in the works that we don't know about??
- **Independence Park** and the **water tower**
- I think that all of the **old houses on 7th** that have been renovated so nicely should be preserved and protected. Whether they have since become businesses or not their charm is what has made our neighborhood special.
- 1. The building at 7th & Pecan containing **Crisp, Starbucks & Heroes!** (We lost the vitality of Fireman's Hall to the developers and medical community!) 2. All buildings along Hawthorne, especially the **Rec Center** (DO NOT TEAR THIS BUILDING DOWN) 3. We should become a **local historic district!** We have been ignored for way too long! 4. The **water tower** at 8th & Pecan. 5. The remaining buildings along 7th St. that contain apartments and residential uses. 6. The **churches**. 7. Contain the hospitals to their current sites and DON'T let Mercy line the streets with parking again!!!!!! (Perhaps the worst urban design in the entire city.) 8. Elizabeth Avenue has been given over to the development community with little concern for its potential contribution to the residential fabric of the neighborhood! This needs to be rectified.
- All of **Independence Park** including the section behind the Charlotte Metro Credit Union, Memorial Stadium, the original Presbyterian Hospital building, Charlotte Pipe and Foundry building and the adjoining green space, the **water tower**, the building that encompasses **Crisp, Starbucks, Heroes**, and the Barber Shop, **Fireman's Hall and grounds**, Lupie's restaurant, **Martha Washington complex** and green space.
- I really appreciate the history and look of the building at the corner of 7th and Pecan that houses **Crisp**, the barber shop and Heroes are Hard to Find.
- **Independence Park**, especially the upper portion, with the flower garden, should stay exactly as is.
- **Double Door**, International House, the parks around 7th st!!!, **Firemen's House**, Lupies, Greenway, that church and park off of 4th, the new sculptures at Halston,
- **Memorial Stadium, Independence Park**, Elizabeth Elementary School, the churches, **Palmer Building**, Lupies, all of the **older homes** and buildings in the area.
- **Rose Garden**
- Do you remember what happened to the beautiful old houses on Seventh that were torn down to make way for a Blockbuster, which was never built, and those properties are now empty and neglected? The **really nice houses on Seventh**, some in bad disrepair, the one on either Clement or Lamar which has had stacks of slates beside it for years, the **small houses on Pecan**---all houses on every street in Elizabeth like those which were what made the Elizabeth neighborhood in the first place, should be preserved and restored so they can again be lived in.
- **Oh-La-Lahs**. Many of the **older houses along Seventh Street that now house businesses** -- like the Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs, Cajun Queen, and many of the businesses on that side of the street.

- I guess I would want as much **historic property** to be saved as possible. Charlotte has all but eliminated a lot of these buildings and this is what I believe gives a city its character.
- **Independence Park**
- **Veteran's Memorial Stadium** as well as the old **Memorial Auditorium/Grady Cole**. It would be nice to recreate a bit of the old rose garden at the CPCC end of Independence Park.
- Building occupied by **Crisp** at corner of 7th and Pecan -- this is the **heart of our neighborhood**.
- The **Starbucks bldg** at Pecan/7th. La Tea Da's and Savvy historic buildings.
- I used to think that La Di Da's was important until it was painted that awful color and now it appears as an eye sore. I like the Quads and other apartment buildings. I love the **businesses in the older houses**. I would not like to preserve the Roy White stretch of businesses up to the Hero's... building.
- I don't think there is one building left in Elizabeth that is worth protecting, with the possible exception of the **International House** on Hawthorne Lane. Every significant historic building has already been lost. **Independence Park** is one landmark that should be preserved; it is our front yard.
- Preserving **character and old buildings**, where possible is important.
- **trees** must be kept.
- Mixed residential/commercial feel/use on 7th street. 7th street must not become just a thoroughfare to downtown. I would oppose widening 7th b/c of the inevitable increase in speed of vehicles and loss of connectivity to the Eliz. neighborhood.
- Actually, the opposite. I would do anything I could to encourage the sale, teardown and redevelopment of the **Roy White strip mall**. It's the biggest blight in the neighborhood and a rotting heart at the core of what should be our central business district.
- The **Crisp/Starbucks/Heroes** building. Please DON'T save the Dollar General/Roy Whites Flowers building.
- The buildings at Pecan toward uptown - the old Stanley Drugs structure, are the signature of the Elizabeth neighborhood. To remove these structures removes the essence of the Elizabeth neighborhood.
- Preserve **Independence Park**.
- **Double Door**
- All of the lovely **craftsman bungalows** and **churches**