

Survey Question 10:

Are there any issues you think need to be addressed that this survey has not covered?

More than one response	Responses
Pedestrian and bicycle safety/sidewalks/crosswalks	6
Find appropriate locations for denser/more intense development	4
Code enforcement	4
Limit multi-family housing	4
New or more stores/restaurants	3
Traffic calming	3
Crime/personal safety	3
Railway noise	3
Maintain neighborhood character/quality of life issues	3
Where to allow taller buildings	2
Stormwater infrastructure	2
Maintain mix of housing types/sizes	2
Public art	2
Single response issues	
Randolph Road traffic/development	1
Speed of emergency vehicles	1
Accelerate area plan process	1
Don't spend tax dollars on this plan	1
Approve Winter Properties development	1
Against Winter Properties development	1
How will plan impact homeowners and businesses?	1
No clear-cutting of trees	1
Hospital smokers	1
Restrict size of new homes	1
New active recreational facilities	1
Interconnectivity with surrounding neighborhoods	1
Schools	1
Trees/tree canopy	1
Removal of dead trees	1
Renovate Memorial Stadium	1
Redevelop Martha Washington Apartments	1
Increased traffic brought on by development	1
No yard signs (election signs)	1
Empty lot at Fourth and Hawthorne	1
Coordinate planning with other neighborhoods	1
Street character	1
Improvements to Independence Park	1
Landscaping improvements	1
Open dialogue/honest communication	1
Not a corridor	1
No widening of Seventh Street	1
Historic preservation/designation	1
Aggressive bicyclists	1
Community garden	1
Street maintenance	1
Reduce property taxes	1
Big box architecture	1

Responses

- Plan needs to address **where taller buildings are appropriate**.
- Decreases in tree canopy and increases in impervious area will have a more significant impact in this area as the **stormwater infrastructure** is already aged and stressed in many locations.
- **Randolph Rd. traffic and development**. How clusters of businesses communicate with and consider residents that their buildings and business decisions affect. Don't build additional huge paved parking areas.
- I think we need to get something developed on the corner of Dotger and Randolph, add some speed bumps to **slow down traffic**. Maintain the trees and clean up the landscaping to make things look nice, clean up parts of 7th street that are a little run down and **add some new neat stores or restaurants** that we can walk to.
- **speeding of emergency vehicles** - they legally must abide speed limits but they do not, even when not on an emergency call (e.g., fire trucks returning to Station 8 after responding to a call)
- I can't believe that our **tax dollars** are being paid for #@%*&!! like this survey or plan.
- how can **area plan process be sped up** so that it is concluded in a neighborhood friendly way before developers without regard to the character of Elizabeth come out of the recession and start "corrupting" city council again?
- Why is Crescent Heights part of this planning area? Randolph Road is now a 4 lane thoroughfare that cuts us off for Elizabeth. We spend our time, money, etc within Eastover which is truly walkable from our neighborhood.
- I hope the Planning Commission **approves the Winter Properties rezoning petition** 2009-048. It would be a huge improvement over what is there now. And of course, it would raise the property values of the surrounding area.
- While I am an advocate of density near the inner city, I hope that new, more **dense development** (especially multi-family residential) will be used to infill un/under-developed areas and not placed in areas with existing single-family home.
- Sidewalks and Curbs need to be maintained on 7th, 8th, Ridgeway, etc. Streets. Also, is there a plan in bringing **more businesses like restaurants and stores** to the area that would bring a thriving economy to 7th Street similar to East Blvd. in Dilworth. Also, what are the Home Owner policy in **maintaining yards**, etc. Some of these houses are a mess!
- How is this plan going to **impact the existing Homeowners and Businesses** in the Elizabeth Community?
- **Building setbacks and scale**. There should be much more urban design (smaller setbacks and taller heights) in the commercial nodes.
- Keep Elizabeth Charming! Neighborhoods like Elizabeth are truly what makes a city. Elizabeth has great potential--let's not spoil it.
- Dotger at 7th doesn't have a **sidewalk** which is dangerous given how many drivers use it as a cut through.
- This is a good start, Thank You! I hope this does not take forever to get going, there are so many things that could be done right now!
- I shouldn't have to pick between **personal safety and property crime** among the various topics in question 9. These items should be handled without hesitation.
- 1. Building permits that change the character of the historic bungalow house type. We need to keep the current **healthy mix of small and large** in this neighborhood. 2. Construction methods that include **clear-cutting of mature trees** is inexcusable and so poorly penalized that it happens repeatedly.
- **Railway noise** is somewhat of a limiting factor to development. Limitations or noise ordinances on railway in residential areas would be beneficial.
- Yes please put **sidewalks** on both sides of all streets. Ridgeway and Cameron and Dotger do not have sidewalks. This is a life safety issue.
- **hospital smokers** in the neighborhood!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- **Code enforcement** at residential rental properties.

- My main two concerns for Elizabeth are: (1) the need to make Elizabeth's streets **safer for multiple modes of transit**, more walkable, and more beautiful; and (2) the need to **add high-quality, respectful density** to Elizabeth. Elizabeth could be a showcase community for Charlotte -- a place that people love to live and tourists love to visit, but both of the above must be taken care of for that to occur.
- **hospital expansion.**
- There seem to be entire lots surrounding businesses on 7th that are completely paved. **Storm water issues**, containment and drainage, need to be examined because they affect such a large area.
- We need to stop knocking down all of the old homes and replacing them with big, boxy, houses. The charm of Elizabeth is being lost as a result of new, boxy looking houses and the number of **multifamily dwellings** that are being added to the neighborhood.
- **Train noise.** What can be done working with CSX about blowing the whistle at the two crossings?
- **Zoning and density.** Issues are related to others discussed in the survey, but the devil is in the details of every rezoning and development proposal that comes up. We want business, residential and economic development, but we want it in a managed way that enhances and improves the neighborhood, and we need to be vigilant in working with developers to make sure the outcomes are positive for all.
- I would love to see a zoning ordinance put in place that **restricts the size of new construction homes** and additions to existing homes.
- Please we **don't want to be packed in like sardines**. We have a beautiful neighborhood with families and friends who love each other. We have charm and character. We have a diverse population but yet we are not too big. If you build one apartment unit on top of another you will detract from the character of the neighborhood. Elizabeth will lose its charm.
- I really wish that there was space to build a **racket and swim club** for our neighborhood. I know that many residents would pay to have something close by to enjoy with friends and family
- I don't think this survey has encouraged any consideration of the **interconnectivity with those neighborhoods around us**. How the Elizabeth Neighborhood meets and integrates with Plaza Midwood, Belmont, Eastover.
- Survey is **too much focused on traffic and transportation issues**. Makes it sound as if the purpose of this plan is to accomplish some purposes stipulated by CDOT, not to do a comprehensive neighborhood plan.
- **Preservation of quality of neighborhood life**--we're overloaded with R-22MF that is not built out, not to mention unattractive, poorly constructed condos and apartments. Side streets lack sidewalks and suffer rapid cut-through traffic. Interior streets see stop signs run continuously. Tree planting is not keeping up with the removal of great oaks damaged by drought and worms.
- I think any **business** brought to our neighborhood could be a benefit to the neighborhood. Especially along the Elizabeth & 7th Streets.
- **School** assignments.
- I'd like to see a little more pressure from the community as it pertains to the **upkeep of rentals, homes and businesses**. There are some properties that are in dire need of repair.
- I think the **tree canopy** is very important for the character fo our neighborhood. Given that, I think there's a responsibility as a property owner to prune and maintain the health of our trees. I'd like to see the ECA put pressure on our elected officials to come up with a solution to **address the removal of trees** on personal property that are dead or in such poor health that they present a risk to property and life. The city can require you to cut your grass but has no authority to require you to remove trees that could damage property and cause personal injury.
- Steps should be taken to improve the area of Elizabeth which borders Central Avenue. This area has long been neglected, while the focus has been on the more expensive areas near Presbyterian Hospital (5th Street, etc.). Central Avenue is undergoing big and positive changes and steps should be taken to continue that momentum.
- Concern over additional density that **multi-unit housing** will bring. The Sarah Washington apts complex looks like projects housing and/or army barracks. Redeveloping that area to create single family housing would be a better option than building more condos that are un-sellable and add further strain to

facilities: schools, parking, traffic congestion. We also have the ugliest eyesore in Charlotte prominently on display on 7th - the cold war era looking **football stadium**. Can someone give that thing a facelift?

- Several neighbors are concerned about **increased traffic due to proposed apartment development**. Also the Family Dollar/ White Floral plaza is a terrible eyesore and needs to be renovated, repaired, cleaned up. Even if they would just clean up the garbage and repair broken glass, that would be an improvement -- but probably needs to be replaced with something else.
- It would be nice if **yard signs** were not allowed. Many people use them and then don't take them down following elections - it is disgusting! The neighborhood looks like a freeway of signs at times.
- 7th avenue and the cut through **streets are a hazard during the rush hours**.
- The **empty lot at the corner of 4th and Hawthorne** that has the Elizabeth Ave sign advertising the businesses on Elizabeth avenue. I suspect this is zoned commercial but, just concerned with the empty lots around the area.
- I don't think adding 380 apartments to the area will increase value. It will just make it congested.
- Instead of continuing to fight development neighbors should **encourage some of the proposals**, The numerous empty lots where buildings have been torn down with nothing replacing them are holes in the social fabric. They are somewhat frightening to walk by, especially when I am alone and impart an air of desolation where there should be street life.
- I hope we're working on this plan with an eye toward what surrounding neighborhoods are doing. We're not an island, and should **work with our neighbors to improve all neighborhoods**.
- Evidently I have missed something along the way. This is a major issue, and this is the first I have heard of it.
- The **character of Charlottetown Road, Hawthorne & Pecan/Caswell** have to be given careful attention.
- The **character and diversity of housing options** in the neighborhood should not be left to whatever the next developer thinks they can squeeze through the process.
- **Independence Park should be improved dramatically** by the removal of the maintenance buildings behind St. Martins and the development of housing options along the park's frontage.
- **Landscape improvement** is just important to the economic vitality of the neighborhood as is the development options.
- The residents provide the economic value for the neighborhood and the increase in housing and land value comes from residential investment MUCH MORE than new development.
- **Pedestrian quality** is the second most important value! You don't see **bicycles** in Elizabeth because there is no place for them - deal with this!
- **Open and respectful dialogue** by all parties. **Honest and timely communication** on all plans. Design and architecture based on **appropriate and compatible use of neighborhood space**, not economic return.
- **crime**
- Communication with local business ...regarding their **music and alcohol** and drug issues.
- Prevention of rapid increases in housing density due to in-fill of **multi-family units**.
- We are **not a corridor**!
- What's wrong with a little **art in public spaces**? Sculpture, fountains, etc.
- **safety and crime** - unbelievable amount of car break-ins in the middle of the night. also, the number of "home break-ins" over the past few years alarms me. I think we need a "neighborhood watch" program and more policemen patrolling.
- **Density of the multi-family units** developed in the area -- some want to put too many units in their development.
- Ways that other issues of this sort will not happen again.
- **Do not widen 7th Street** for any reason. 7th Street should be the "zipper" that connects the two sides of Elizabeth. To widen it or attract more cars to 7th Street would be divisive.
- **Trash** at the Roy White/Dollar General/Starbucks property is very unsightly. **Noise** at Philosopher's Stone gets overwhelming at times.

- **Historic preservation designation** would keep our neighborhood worth living in. Monster houses and huge complexes do not make for a livable environment.
- The most important issue for the plan should be redesigning Seventh Street to make it **more pedestrian and bicycle friendly**. Even if **slowing automobile traffic**. Landscaping, sidewalks and new development should weave the "two sides" of Elizabeth together. Today the street is not a friendly place to walk, and it is a barrier.
- Aren't **bicycle riders** supposed to obey the rules of the road (same as automobiles)? I stop my car at red lights and bicycle riders pass me and go to the head of the line of traffic. Sometimes they only pause at red lights, then continue straight through or turn left on red. Perhaps, bicycle riders need to be reminded of the rules. No wonder car drivers are so impatient with bicyclist.
- A second pitch for a **community garden** space with space for **sculpture/public art**.
- The issue of **street maintenance** is of high importance to me. We seem to be low on the list of priorities. In the 2000 block of Greenway there is a dangerous drop in the street that results from water/sewer repairs of a year ago that is yet to be addressed. The result is that vehicles traveling down greenway toward Ridgeway are subject to have their wheel alignment vanquished due to this oversight. In addition, 7th street is long overdue for resurfacing past fifth street. Cannot remember the last time it was paved. Contrast that with other areas of the city and we seem to have a very low priority.
- Please preserve the long-term **integrity of this unique and historic neighborhood**, that is also to Charlotte's long term growth advantage.
- Police bike patrol from Kings Drive CPCC/Hospital area. Providence and Central need to re think Police Dept the area. Population increasing CPCC is growing Metropolitan area/ greenways will bring people and problems. **Crime can be reduced just by bike patrol**
- **Lower our property taxes** and sales
- Including Sunnyside Avenue fully in the area plan.
- I think certain parts of Elizabeth are negatively affected by the **noise of the train horn**. Not sure if it's possible to include discussion of a quiet zone in these plans, but I'd like to bring it up
- Elizabeth has been chosen for serious "infill". There have been many most of this is totally **big box style architecture** - (Target, Cosco) There is no sidewalk interaction and is totally inconsistent with the atmosphere of the area. They butt up to the sidewalk with bricks and drape hung windows. They are often too tall and block sun and air to the poor houses next to them. This type of infill does not belong in Elizabeth even if you think "public transportation". It will destroy what we still have