



Munster Streetscape | Public Open House

Community Visioning | December 10, 2020



Welcome! Who is joining us tonight? Please add your name:

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Welcome! Who is joining us tonight? Please add your name:

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Calumet Ave: In a few words, describe your biggest concern.

traffic speed, frequency, noise, safety

It's poor first impression of Munster

Pedestrian Crossing, Traffic delays at lights.

Ugly, not pedestrian friendly, crime

It's ugly

Speed of vehicles, driving in and out of businesses.

Traffic delays.

Congestion, traffic always stopping

Too little greenery

Calumet Ave: In a few words, describe your biggest concern.

The flow of traffic and speed.

traffic speed

Bike lane north south

Impervious surfaces as far as the eye can see

signage, bicycling and walking

Impossible to cross as pedestrian

No Munster sign, cars blocking traffic

No pedestrian-friendly destinations

No Munster sign. Too busy.

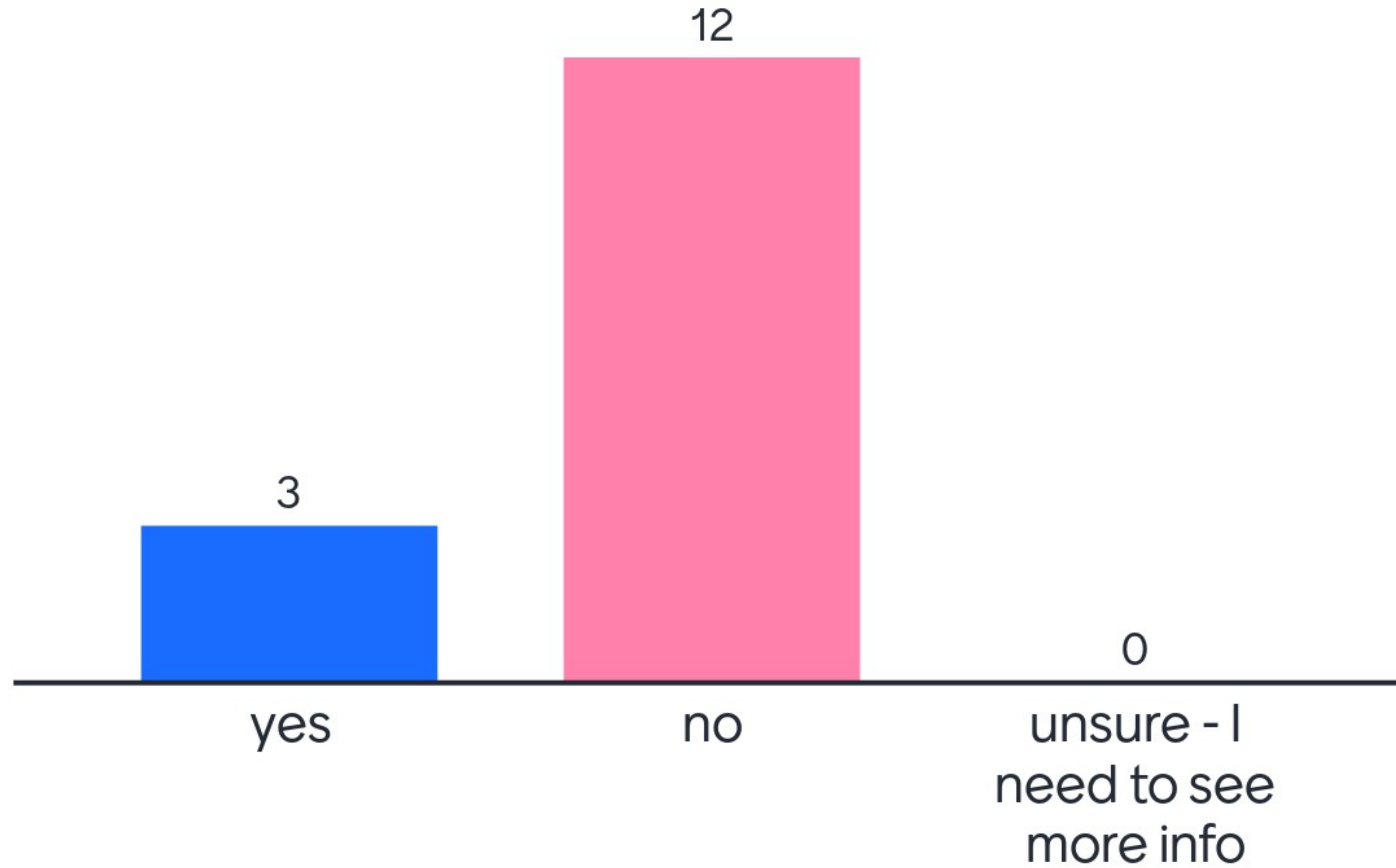
Calumet Ave: In a few words, describe your biggest concern.

No. I'm concerned about drivers running into the median and destroying the nice structure

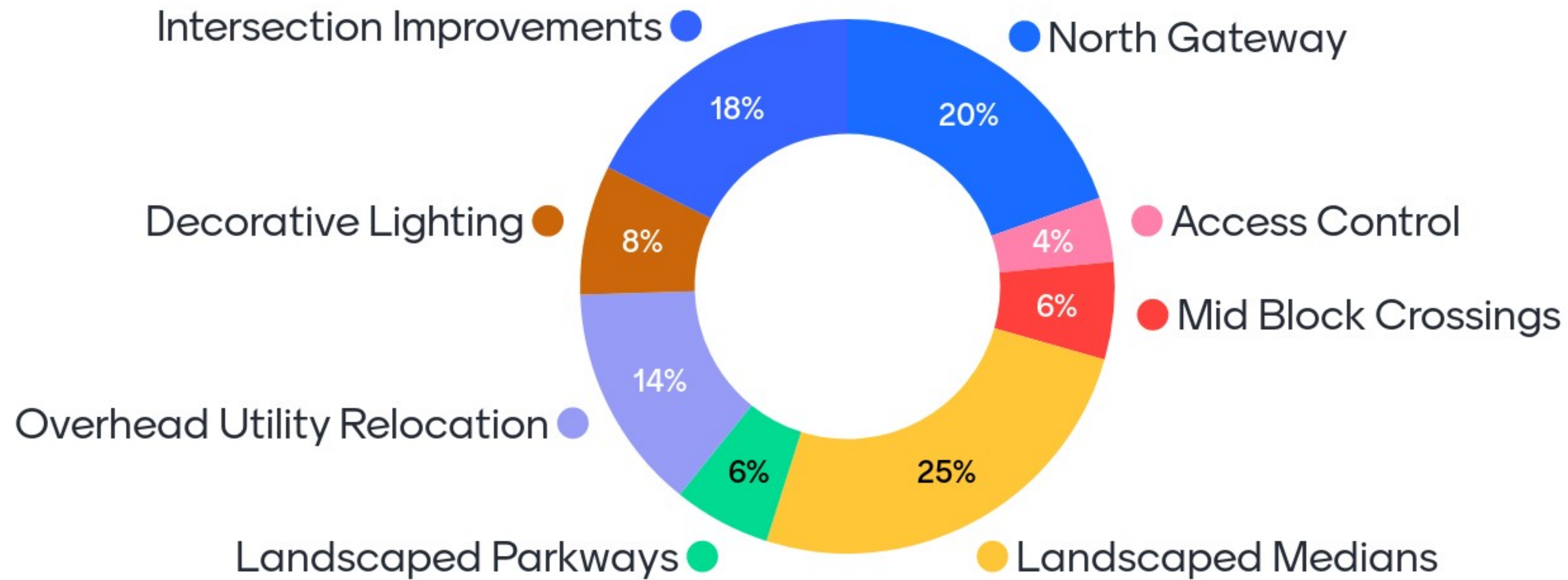
Calumet Avenue - access control considerations

During the outreach, we heard desires for traffic calming and additional landscaping. The Calumet Avenue 'Max' Concept incorporates landscaped medians in order to provide these amenities. The traffic impacts include limited left turn access for properties along Calumet Avenue. (U-turns would be permitted at intersections.)

Are you concerned that the landscaped medians would limit left turn access for properties along Calumet Avenue?



Calumet Avenue Improvements: select your top 3 features.



Paint us a picture of Calumet Ave: describe a scene you'd like to see in the future.

slower traffic, where people feel safe

More greenery with public spaces and pedestrians

Green space, gateway, sense of "Munster"

Better flow

Families walking, small shops, biking paths, public spaces

Much better welcoming look to the town of Munster.

flowing traffic, more green space

No utility lines, full tree canopy and numerous mid-block crossings with people walking up and down the street along shops that are up to the front of lot with parking in back

Small businesses thriving. Outdoor dining. TREES, beautiful plantings, pots with large plants, Munster pride. Less crime. Bikes, nature

Paint us a picture of Calumet Ave: describe a scene you'd like to see in the future.

ability to connect with ease to trails, businesses, art center, town hall by walking or bike

A nice welcome sign and matching decor versus bandaid fixes. Matching light poles through entire town versus certain sections.

I love Strong Towns

Less travel time around town

slower traffic, safe crosswalks, little calumet river cleanup and pedestrian areas

Two couples go to dinner at different restaurants and take the long walk back to the car down the public and well lit greenways. The bump into neighbors they haven't seen in awhile and stop to catch deciding to walk to a nearby bench to catchup

Occasional street festival, bike riders, walkers, mural, cars trying to turn NOT blocking traffic opposite traffic, many people walking

Environment that encourages spending more time instead of rushing to get through it

slow traffic, one lane each direction, controls to make sure traffic does not spill into neighborhoods

Paint us a picture of Calumet Ave: describe a scene you'd like to see in the future.

Murals, bikers, walkers, boutiques, coffee shops, small restaurants, landscaping

slower traffic will route to secondary streets

It's so difficult for those businesses to thrive- it's not the destination it should be- it is an eyesore. There are fabulous businesses that need our support

Ridge Road: In a few words, describe your biggest concern.

Ridge Road has so much potential and is so underloved

Pedestrian/bike access

People running red lights, pedestrian crossings, narrow sidewalks.

A real sense of place that draws people towards it and keeps them there

chain restaurants, gas stations, tobacco shops, doesn't have a family friendly, downtown

Lack of character and uniformity

Lacking a downtown feel that it could have.

lack of bike path

excess traffic flowing through to secondary streets

Ridge Road: In a few words, describe your biggest concern.

Similar to calumet example of two couples but more about storefronts where you could store hop for holidays from local stores.

agree with traffic flowing into secondary streets!

Fabulous businesses that are not supported by the structure. An eyesore- not the destination it should be.

The traffic speed is fast from east to west. Need to be consistent with matching light poles etc.

Nothing fun to do!

Walkability along ridge, more restaurants, dining. Bring a coffee shop! Street fests are a great idea

You never see people walking there, I would love it to be walk-inviting

Needs a charm upgrade

if you change cal/ridge, need to change broadmoore

Ridge Road: In a few words, describe your biggest concern.

We need to connect wicker to community to centennial with walking and bike paths. You could use ridge and calumet for that and lower congestion. Less throughout

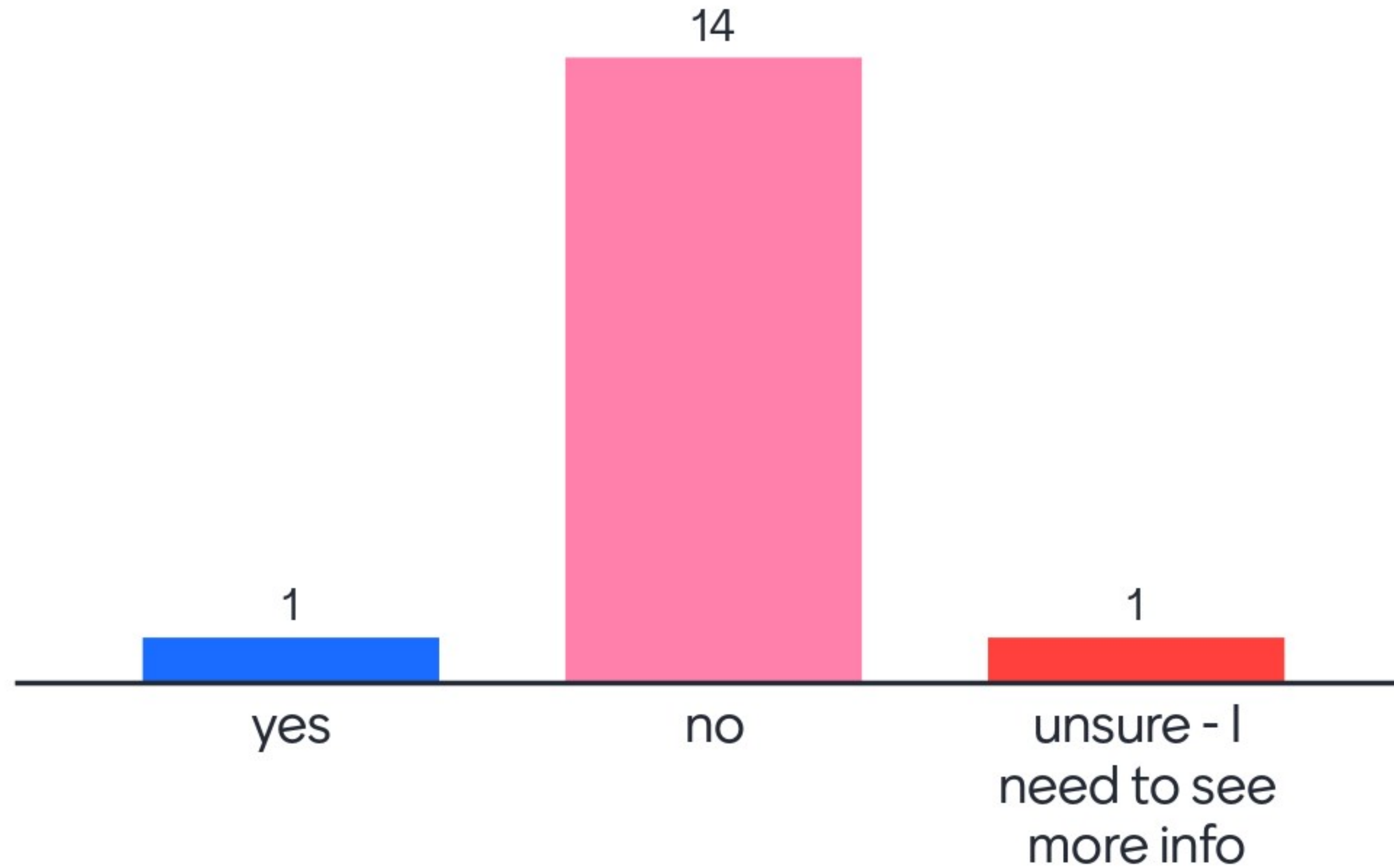
Worried about traffic congestion when train station is built

More greenspace !

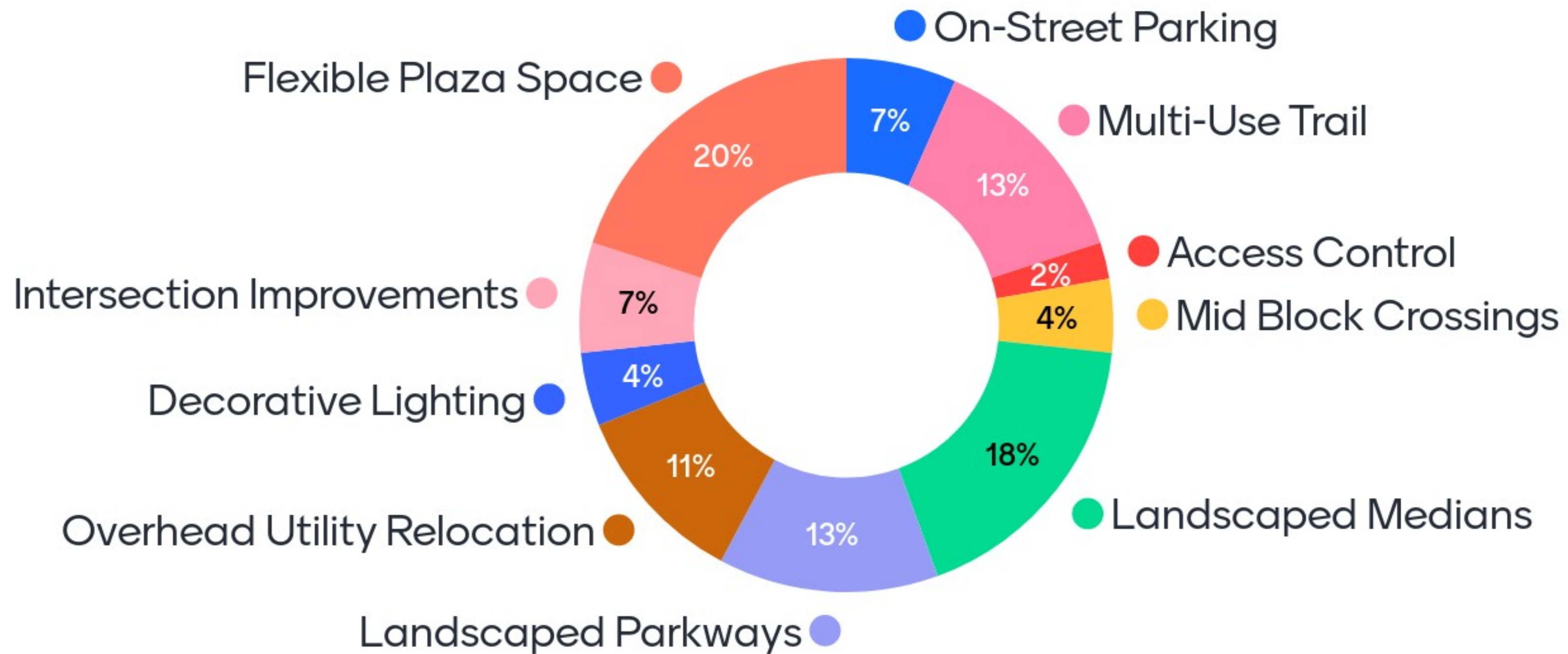
Ridge Road - road diet considerations

During the outreach, we heard desires for traffic calming, wider sidewalks, a bike trail, on-street parking + landscaping. The Ridge Road Max Concept reduces travel lanes in order to reallocate space for these amenities within the right of way. The traffic metrics tell us that the road diet concept may result in approximately 1-3 minutes travel delay from Hohman Ave to Calumet Ave.

Are you concerned that the road diet amenities could cause approximately 1-3 minutes travel delay between Hohman Ave and Calumet Ave?



Ridge Road Improvements: select your top 3 features.



Paint us a picture of Ridge Rd: describe a scene you'd like to see in the future.

i place i would like to go to and not just pass through

Evening out, have dinner, walk to a few shops.

Marriage proposals

Outdoor dining, festivals, bike riders, nice lighting

Ridge Road could look like downtown Valpo, downtown Crown Point or downtown Homewood. Greenspace, nice businesses and restaurants, family friendly

Safe crossing to a variety of local businesses

Parents with kids in strollers browsing through local shops.
Stop and sit.

I would love to see public art, benches, a mural

Outdoor dining, much more of a downtown feel

Paint us a picture of Ridge Rd: describe a scene you'd like to see in the future.

Vibrant and verdant active corridor

Exactly. Lansing

A lot of walking and biking activity on trail, festivals, access control, landscaping improvements

Yes, Lansing

controlled traffic, nicer businesses, more greenspace

can i connect to broader regional trails safely

Small business support, bikes, people walking, beautiful pots, trees, outdoor dining, public art

First Friday concerts at Meadow and Ridge

Street festivals, farmer's market, cafes, ice cream shops, wine bars, art, outdoor dining!

Paint us a picture of Ridge Rd: describe a scene you'd like to see in the future.

More outdoor dining areas, larger area around the fountain, plaza for art shows or live music, more lighting for walks, train station that fits the neighborhood

streetfests on weekends. A new park with splashpad and gathering for events

public art; ADA

Matching lights from west to East. It's great to have green space but you will need to hire more staff to maintain. Ridge Road has been compromised for years. More people are walking Ridge

Actually see other Munster residents besides micro-community parks

Both are nice but maintenance an issue over years

Photogenic space

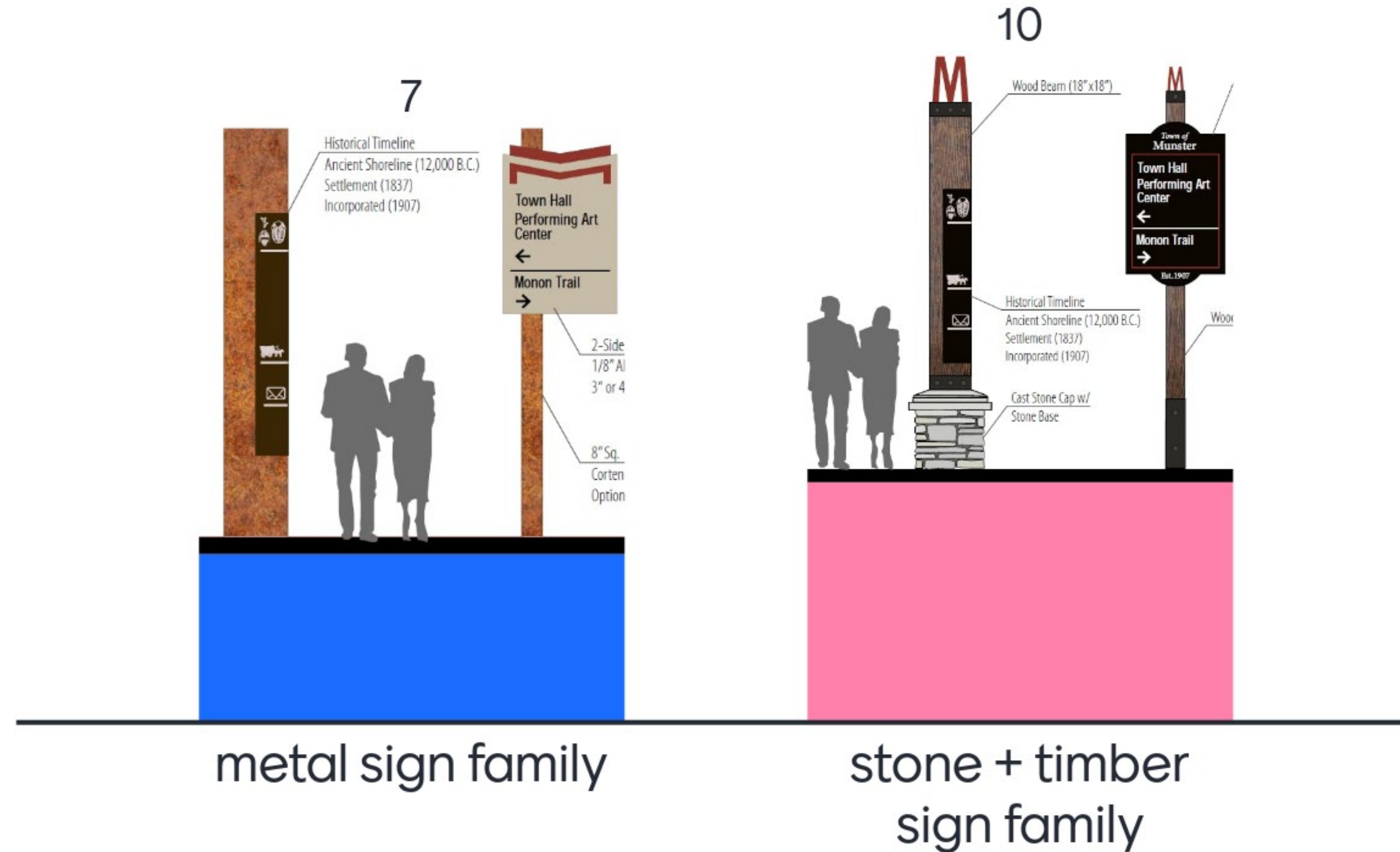
Continue what Lansing has. It works there. Not sure why it is suddenly so busy once in munster.

Neither

Paint us a picture of Ridge Rd: describe a scene you'd like to see in the future.

Rustic with low maintenance

Which signage concept do you prefer?



Which furnishings family do you prefer?

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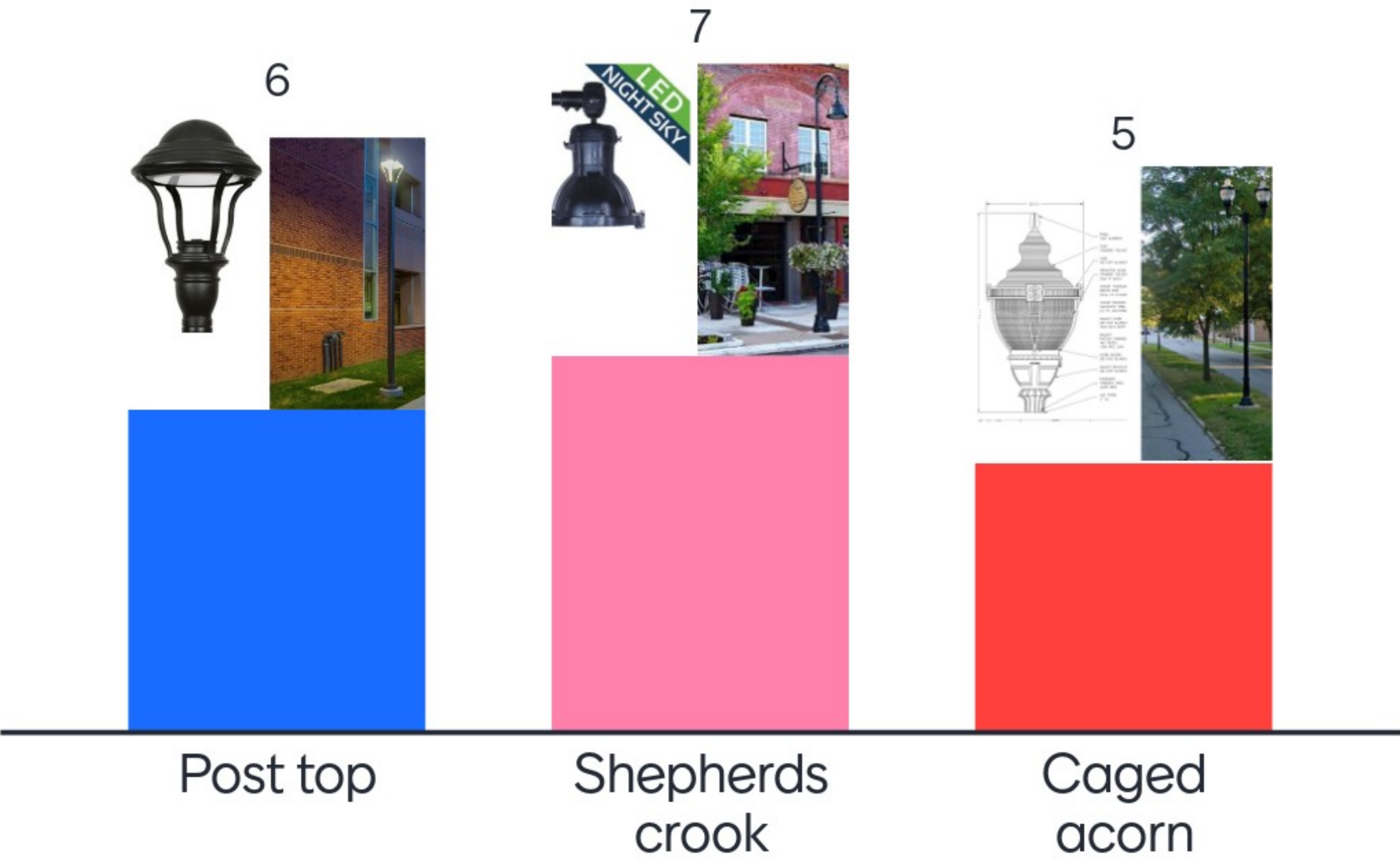
rustic furnishings family

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refined furnishings family

Which pedestrian scale light do you prefer for Ridge Road?



Which pilot project should Munster focus on implementing first?



North Calumet
Ave gateway +
landscape
treatments



Meadow Lane
flex parking +
events plaza

What have we missed? Please add your suggestions + comments here:

Facade improvements?

Can we landscape the off ramp/on-ramp?

Thank you! We love your services!

Thank you!

The only comment is... we would really REALLY like to see these max improvements to happen!

Preliminary cost of project

Thank you

Max, Baby, max!

The poor attendance might be due to lack of knowledge that this meeting was taking place

What have we missed? Please add your suggestions + comments here:

are we taking a perspective of impacts/planning for the next 10, 20, 30 years? what shifts (driving preferences, delivery truck use, aging populations, public wifi)?

Max for sure

This was a very well-done presentation

Connect all parks with bike paths and walk lanes. Neighborhoods are isolated. It's a drivable town only.

what night time safety infrastructure is being considered? e.g. purple light stations on university campuses

The planters in front of Giovanni's are an example of how not to landscape

What can be done to prevent the crime that has been taking place

No place to have consistent outdoor, community, festival, celebratory events

Look at the original drawings of Munster. The green space was 10x the currently

What have we missed? Please add your suggestions + comments here:

The original plan is on the wall at the front entrance of town hall between the two sets of doors. Really look at it and you can feel how great that community would be

Thank you! Please enter your comments + questions in the Zoom meeting chat.

