

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

SHINGLE CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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2005-2015 Survey Results



Last fall SCNA spent several months collecting input from residents in three different small surveys that were the same questions we asked in 2005. We wanted to compare the answers to see if there were significant changes over the past ten years for residents.

Before the advent of Google Documents in 2005, SCNA sent out the entire printed 45 question survey all at once to the entire neighborhood of 1148 households. We received 122 mailed-in responses. In 2015, SCNA broke the survey into smaller portions but kept the questions pretty much the same. We made a few slight adjustments where new baseball fields had been added or the Shingle Creek Elementary School had finally gotten a new occupant but overall it was the same survey. We also added the option of completing one or all of the surveys online.

In 2005, SCNA divided the neighborhood into quadrants and compared some of its data also. With Queen Ave N as the north south divide and 51st Ave N as the east west divide. In 2005, 43% of responses came from Westside of Shingle Creek and 57% from the eastside of Queen Ave N. In 2015, 53% of responses came from Westside and 47% from eastside. And in both 2005 and 2015, 53% response came from north of 51st Ave N and 47% below.

Over the course of three months in 2015, SCNA had 86 residents overall respond completing 151 surveys. Of those nearly half were completed and mailed in. The demographics of our 2015 86 responders: 72% White, 6% African American, 6% Asian Pacific Islander, 1% Native American, 1% Hispanic, and 10% didn't answer. 50% were under age 59, 45% were 60-85+ and 5% didn't answer. 59% were female, 33% male. 71% were either employed full time or retired in 2015 compared to 63% in 2005. 36% have lived here less than 10 years and 63% have lived here more than 10 with 43% of those living here more than 20 years. Respondents have more education in 2015 with 49% being college graduates or post graduates while in 2005 it was only 31%. Incomes also reflect this growth in education where respondents in 2005 at 50,000 and above was 27% in 2015 its 42%.



The results to the 45 total questions, were in large part mostly similar to those from a decade ago, which in a way was pleasantly surprising and interesting. The first survey focused on

the neighborhood, its assets, and people's perceptions of public services. After ten years, 80% of residents rated the neighborhood as very good/good as opposed to 78% in 2005. Residents also still ranked the top three best things about the neighborhood as the affordability of the housing, easy access to the highways and being a safe neighborhood to live in. When asked in the past five years, how has your neighborhood changed as a place to live? 17% more residents felt the neighborhood has stayed the same. Yet when asked about neighborhood physical appearance, there was a 12% increased response about litter over 2005. When asked too to rate service satisfaction Priority Concerns & Satisfaction with Services the following Fair/poor responses grew from 2005: Crime and Safety Services 9%; Senior issues 17%; Youth issues 15%; Addressing poverty 10% increases. Shingle Creek residents love their garbage and recycling services too. When asked to rate public services, Garbage and Recycling received highest rating at 97% over Parks and Fire Protection which came in at 86%.

The second survey with 20 questions revolved around renters, housing, crime and safety, schools and



neighborhood assets. There were a small percentage of nonhome-owners who responded to the survey overall. However, of the homeowner responders, 71%

of them were interested in a possible home loan to improve their properties. Most were looking for help replacing older furnaces and windows. Most respondents saw a significant change in rental affordability, housing condition and home resell values. Crime and safety both in and outside the home saw over 10% increases in the Very good/good categories and safety in parks saw a 22% increase over 2005. 24% more respondents had also not been a victim of a crime since 2005. The hot spots for respondents in the neighborhood? 56% of respondents use the Shingle Creek Bike Trails and 50% use Shingle Creek and Creekview Park at 45% for more than 6 times annually.



The last survey dealt with Creekview Park programs and amenities, environment, business, and SCNA. Surprisingly, needing more lighting and signage again like in

2005 rated higher than needing more programs at Creekview Park. 64% of respondents read the SCNA newsletter and Camden News and most respondents said they would like to be more involved in their neighborhood association by attending meetings, getting involved on the board, participating in a clean up activities.

Over the course of the coming year, SCNA will be using this important feedback and continuing to seek other input from more residents to ensure we're hearing from a broad spectrum of our neighborhood. Be watching our website, Facebook and newsletter for more updates and information this year!



Next SCNA Meeting is:
Tuesday, February 9,
at 6:30 pm at
 Creekview Park,
 5001 Humboldt Ave N
 Minneapolis, 55430
 All meetings are free and open
 to the public.
 Any requests for special accommodations are welcome.
 Contact SCNA staff seven days prior to meeting.



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Upper Harbor Terminal Project Gets Underway

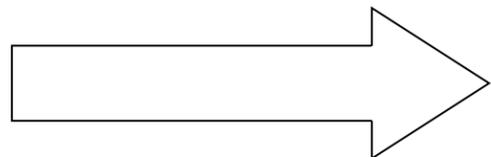
The Upper Harbor Terminal project is getting underway. It's a project being worked on jointly by the City of Minneapolis and the Park Board. The Upper Harbor Terminal (UHT) is an (almost) 50 acre site on the west bank of the Mississippi River, north of the Lowry Bridge and south of the Camden Bridge. It is city owned land and until 2015 was used as a barging terminal, but with the end of barging to this area, it is open for redevelopment. Some planning around this site was done with recent City and Park Board projects but some remains. A portion of the land will be development, and a portion along the river will be park.

There are challenges to this site with the freeway and surrounding industry, but it is seen also as a huge opportunity by many. One priority for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is that the park and any other public amenities be well connected back into the existing neighborhoods. There may be a "destination" at Dowling and the river because it seems to be the most accessible area. However, what the destination should be, is quite unknown at this point. The planning is just beginning and one of the first big steps will be to seek a master developer that can help better understand the market and what is possible.

Residents can sign up for updates on the Minneapolis Park Board website.

If this topic is important to you, the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association would like to hear from you on Facebook or email us!

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River edge and seawall



View looking south from the seawall



Existing domes and seawall



Views from the Xcel Energy campus across the river



View looking north from the Mississippi River

Current Site

- 48 acre, City owned, redevelopment opportunity on the Mississippi River
- A portion of the site will be developed, and the area along the river will be regional park
- Boundary between City and Minneapolis Park Board needs resolution
- Existing structures are eligible for listing on the National Historic Register
- I-94, the surrounding industrial land, and limited access pose challenges to redevelopment
- Use as a barging terminal ended in 2015, area is still leased for industrial use



Many thanks to Shingle Creek residents and SCNA Board members for helping us draft our action plan for 2016! Pam Owens Chair, Jeffrey Strand Vice Chair, Carol McCrillis Secretary, Julie Voight, Julie Gillis, Lori Thayer, Fred Statema, Larry Bontreger, Kevin Harris, Brock Hanson, Holly Constant

It's never too late to get involved! Come check us out at our next meeting! Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at Creekview Park 6:30pm

Upper Harbor Terminal 2015-11-12

