

# GREENWOOD • PHINNEY RIDGE



## Who did we hear from?

All in all there are no glaring substantive differences between the online and in-person responses. The biggest difference is that majority of online respondents appear to be younger in age and newer to the neighborhood. At the neighborhood discussion there were up to 15 people, most of whom had lived in the community for many years. The majority were very active in the original neighborhood planning effort. There were 263 online responses, with a substantial number of residents that have lived in the area for less than five years.

## What did we hear?

- Tremendous amount of increased development but infrastructure has not kept up (traffic and sidewalks).
- Transit service needs to be increased to accommodate the growing population.
- Crime is on the rise as more people live and shop in the neighborhood.
- Positive changes have been made, residents are optimistic about the changes.
- The Neighborhood Plan is being implemented, now more focus should be on community character.

For more information about the Neighborhood Status Check, including the complete summary of the neighborhood discussion and the transcript of the online responses, please see the Planning Commission's [report](#).

## What are the similarities between the in-person and online responses?

Most are in agreement that the infrastructure have not kept up with the increased development in the community. All are in agreement that more focus needs to be on traffic calming, crime prevention, and construction of sidewalks (north of 85<sup>th</sup> Street). Overall, the majority of residents – in-person and online – believe that the neighborhood is heading in the right direction and positive changes have occurred including the new library and park, new small businesses along Greenwood, and community activities (Art Walk, farmers market, etc.).



## What are the differences between the responses?

Very little difference, even though the online respondents appear to be younger in age and overall newer to the neighborhood. There are more comments focused on increases in crime in the online comments – at the neighborhood discussion this issue was only mentioned in passing. Views were also a topic at the open house; however, online this does not seem to be an issue.

*In their own words...*

### How has your neighborhood changed?

*Socioeconomics: becoming more professional, higher income;*

*Demographics: increasing number of young families; Traffic: increasing congestion on Greenwood Ave, 85th Street, 80th Street*

*More residential buildings as well as a few new businesses (mainly replacement of existing stores with new and bigger stores - like Safeway). The neighborhood has gotten more diverse, which is a good thing. A few pocket parks have been added. When I moved to Greenwood, it was the 'forgotten' neighborhood. We knew how great it was and all the good restaurants and a few unique shops. Now, the rest of the city (or at least folks nearby) have learned about it and even more upscale restaurants have moved in.*

*More development has occurred along the main street of Phinney/Greenwood. However, I have seen nothing to address increased traffic and improve the safety of pedestrians crossing the main street.*

*More dense; more crime & specific residences that are criminal headquarters; seems to be less diverse; homeless people living around park has increased; Greenwood Sr. Center is no an active, vital, energetic place!*