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**1. Mission One: A Place Where the Sidewalk Ends”. Youth participants were asked to take a picture of a place within the BBH Urban Village that they felt needed a sidewalk. Then describe how this impacts the greater community and youth living in the community.**

- (Photo is of a poorly maintained roadside on Linden Avenue North). Kids can get hit. I am worried about others.
- (Photo is of the alley way behind Linden Avenue North as it ends on N. 130<sup>th</sup> Street. It is an uncontrolled intersection). There is no sidewalks and someone could get hit by a car and get killed. Nobody wants that...(it) would be sad to die at a young age. No sidewalk on Aurora and 130<sup>th</sup> street so cars be (may) be coming back and forth every time and some drivers don't even pay attention because their texting or talking on the phone.
- (Photo is of the side of the road on Aurora Avenue North). This issue effects the community because it is more dangerous to cross the street. It is harder for me to get to my location because of the “no-sidewalk.”
- (Photo is of cars parked along the side of the street on Linden Avenue N.) There should be a crosswalk here because kids might want to go home or go to the park. It is hard to go to Bitter Lake to play or hang out.
- (Photo is of a large pot hole on the side of the street--adorned with mud and gravel.) It is hard to walk on long streets (??) for old people and people that use wheelchairs. Aurora (&) 130 street didn't have (a) sidewalk. (E)specially when people (are) trying to cross in (the) middle of (the) street. They might get in (an) accident.
- (Photo is of the alley way behind Linden Avenue North as it ends on N. 130<sup>th</sup> Street. It is an uncontrolled intersection). Corner on Aurora and 130<sup>th</sup>. Someone could not be paying attention and just drive over someone. It just seems very irresponsible and a good person whose mind wasn't on driving could go to prison because they accidentally ran over a person.
- (Photo is of a place along a side of the road where the sidewalk ends, or isn't complete.) The missing sidewalk could make people get hit by cars. We had to find another route.
- (Photo is of No Parking Signs along the side of Linden Avenue North where there isn't a sidewalk but rather gravel from the street to property lines.) If there isn't a sidewalk it isn't safe for kids or adults. There could be a car accident or a person

could run right in front of a car. I did not feel safe when there was not side walk. NO PARKING.

**2. Mission Two: We're Just Hanging Out. Youth participants were asked to identify a popular or favorite youth hang out place in the urban village, take a photo, and then explain why that location is a cool place to hang and what other kinds of hang out places would they like to see in the neighborhood.**

- (Photo is of the wall menu located inside Seattle Mobile Espresso.) This is a cool place to gather because everything there is cheap to buy and is a great place to meet, hang out (and) study. My kind of hang out place is somewhere to hang out with friend, study, and a quiet place to read.
- (Photo is of the Bitter Lake Community Center's main entrance.) This is a cool place to gather because we hang out with friends and meet new people. My kind of hang out place is (the) Bitter Lake Community Center and Northgate.
- (Photo is of the Bitter Lake Community center's main entrance.) I love hanging out at the Community Center because there is always fun and you're safe. You can't get hurt anywhere at the community center. My kind of hang out place is the community center. IT ROCKS!!! Love the community center.
- (Photo is of the Broadview (Seattle) Library Branch.) This is a cool place to gather because it is close to my school—Broadview-Thompson—and a lot of kids come there after school. My kind of hang out place is a place people could go easy without paying and you can do something after all your friends are gone.
- (Photo is of tea, coffee and other items on the shelves of Seattle Mobile Espresso.) You can hang out with your friends after school and drink coffee or have a good chat. My kind of hang out place is a bubble team place because I love bubble tea and it is fun.
- (Photo is of food items in a display case at Seattle Mobile Espresso.) This is a cool place to gather because people are very nice there.
- (Photo is of Starbucks on Aurora Avenue North.) This is a cool place to gather because you can hang out and talk, drink coffee, I love coffee to death. I know it's bad for you but I love their Frappuccinos.
- (Photo is of Broadview-Thompson K-8 School.) This is a cool place to gather because I can meet my friends outside after school to talk to them or schedule a play date. My kind of hang out place is at my school (Broadview-Thompson) after school at 2:40.
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**3. Mission Three: Warning, Danger. For mission number three, youth participants were asked to show us something that you want gone and/or fixed in the BBH urban village, list why this place has issues or is dangerous, and then suggest a solution to the problem.**

- (Photo is of the intersection of Aurora Avenue North and N. 130<sup>th</sup> Street—under the overpass.) It's dangerous because if someone in a wheelchair, they can't go up on the overpass. Get a sidewalk!
- (Photo is of the alley behind Cambridge Apartments and Linden Place, where the alley leads to the shopping area over to N. 130<sup>th</sup> Street.) Because it is not a safe place to walk or cross the street and it is like a popular place to walk across the street because the stores are there so a lot of people walk across. I want to work to get the community together and have them fix the street, like put a sidewalk in there. Thanks.
- (Photo is of the side of the road along Linden Avenue North where road edge is jagged as the asphalt has crumbled is unmaintained.) This is dangerous because if we walk we can get hit by cars, because of what they want. (No red light.) We can have a certain speed limit sign so the speeders will slow down.
- (Photo is of sidewalk area in front of Grocery Outlet and Dollar Tree on Aurora Avenue North.) There are beggars and they scare me because I'm afraid they might threaten me if I don't give them money. They should ask if they could go somewhere else and get a job.
- (Photo is of the overpass on Aurora Avenue North and N. 130<sup>th</sup> Street.) It's very long stairs and people can trip and get hurt. Make the stairs shorter.
- (Photo is of the overpass on Aurora Avenue North and N. 130<sup>th</sup> Street.) This is dangerous because some are with a wheel chair or is old can not climb all the stairs so they would have to cross 3 times to get where they would need to go. Putting a sidewalk there so if people don't or can't cross the walkway.
- (Photo is of vegetation along the side of the street.) This is dangerous because it will be easier to get hit by a car. Put a sidewalk on the side of the street.
- (Photo is of a place where the sidewalk ends.) When there's an emergency, like a police car, ambulance or fire truck come by, the cars have to move out of the way but people are the side roads.

**4. Mission Four: What is YOUR problem. We asked the youth participants to identify anything that they felt we missed. Then describe the impact on their community and tell us why they chose this particular issue.**

- (Photo is of the back wall behind the Cambridge Apts. at Linden Place. The wall is a blank, gray wall that is part of the apartment buildings structure. It contains advertisements for the two residential communities and is often vandalized with graffiti.) The wall...is just blank and if it was colorful people would stop and look and more famil(ies) might decide to live there. I chose this location because it just seems blank and kids would probably love to make it colorful and maybe make a big mural.
- (Photo is of kids walking down the side of Linden Avenue North in the gravel and mud where there is no sidewalk.) We had to watch out for cars parking. (We went across for Bitter Lake to the left because it was important.
- (Photo is of the overpass on Aurora Avenue North and N. 130<sup>th</sup> Street.) The bridge is way too high for people who are afraid of heights and they might faint. It's just too high I sometimes get sick. I FEEL SICK!
- (Photo is of a sign that has been vandalized by graffiti.) It (graffiti) ruins signs and buildings and make cities and towns look messy. If people want to live in a City they want a clean area and they don't want people graffiting buildings.
- (Photo is of a sign that has been vandalized by graffiti.) Bad influence. It doesn't look good. It (seems) like not a safe place to hang out with. There might be gangster fight or shooting going on.
- (Photo is of a street light along Linden Avenue North.) On Linden & 143<sup>rd</sup> there is a park where there (are) no street lights at night. I chose this location because when people come out at night bad things might happen.
- (Photo is of a large pothole on the side of the street--adorned with mud and gravel.) The potholes are very dangerous because one miss step could trip or break something like your ankle or your wrist or neck. So I want these gone. I chose this location because there are potholes and like I said, you could break something. So they need to get construction to cover the holes.
- (Photo is of professional landscaping along Linden Avenue North near the Cambridge Apts. and New Haven Apts.) We have a good environment. There is no litter and we keep growing plants. Plants are really good to have in your neighborhood because you can breathe better air.