

Rogers Park Community Council 2019 Survey Summary

86 Respondents

4 new email addresses gained from this survey.

Email distribution list is over 500 individuals.

Respondents Identified with the following neighborhoods:

- Anchor Park: 8%
- College Village: 41%
- Rogers Park: 51%
- Woodside East: 0%

Municipal Project Rankings

1	Chester Creek Greenbelt Cleanup
2	Lake Otis Pkwy Pedestrian Safety (20th Ave to Northern Lights Blvd)
3	Lake Otis Parkway Reconstruction (Northern Lights Blvd to 15th/DeBarr Rd)
4	Pedestrian Overpass Improvements at Rogers Park Elementary School
5	Rogers Park Alley Maintenance and Improvements
6	Campbell Creek Trail crossing at Lake Otis - Separated Grade Crossing
7	Wentworth Street Surface Rehab (Northwestern Ave to southern end)
8	36th Ave Resurfacing - Old Seward Highway to Lake Otis Parkway
9	Chester Creek at Hillstrand Pond Rehabilitation
10	Maplewood Street Trail Connection (Chester Creek Trail to Bannister)
11	Residential Pavement Rehabilitation
12	36th Ave at LaTouche St Intersection Safety (HSIP)
13	Rogers Park Community Council Area Traffic and Pedestrian Safety
14	Storm Drain Rehabilitation (ARDSA Storm Drain System Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation)
15	Pedestrian Overpass Improvements at Lake Otis Elementary School
16	Lovejoy Dr. at Northern Lights Blvd Pedestrian Crossing
17	Chester Creek Flood Control
18	Woodside East Area Road and Drainage Improvements
19	Zarvis Place Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Comments:

- Pedestrian Safety Along Lake Otis- providing a better connection from the University Area to Chester Creek Trail. Traffic Calming on Lake Otis.
- Reconstruction and drainage improvements for Maplewood between 26th to the north up to the Chester Creek trail connection.
- Maplewood Hill and Lake Otis Pkwy. are most critical safety issues and must be remediate before someone is seriously injured, or worse. Maplewood Hill must be regraded and protected walkway installed.
- Pave Rogers Park alleys Upgrade Rogers Park sewer lines in alleys to prevent backups
- Rerouting traffic cutting down Banister/24th speeding through thinking it's a connection to Lake Otis.
- Cottonwood street from Rogers park school to 36th is another high priority that is not on this list In fact all of college village needs to have the storm sewers and streets repaired The subdivision is almost 50 years old, its about time for this to happen
- Would like to see a stop light at Cornell and Lake Otis.
- Repave pathway between Goose Lake bridge and UAA's AK Air Sports Center.
- Walkability from the resident neighborhoods to midtown shops and how to improve midtown pedestrian and vehicle safety issues.
- Cut through traffic on Bannister and 24th to Maplewood

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State Project Rankings

1	Seward Highway at Northern Lights Blvd & Benson Blvd Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvements (HSIP)
2	Northern Lights Median Landscaping - LaTouche St to Lake Otis Pkwy
3	New Seward Hwy Sound Barrier Fence - Fireweed Ln to Northern Lights Blvd
4	Seward Highway to Glenn Highway Connection: Bragaw to Tudor Road

Comments and Other State Project Rankings

- Sound Barrier Fence and Seward Hwy/ N. Lights & Benson should be addressed in association with the Seward Hwy to Glenn Connection, currently under study and known as the Midtown Congestion Relief.
- Midtown Congestion Relief, but only as depressed highway concept
- Grade separated bike, pedestrian sidewalk east side Lake Otis Pkwy No. Lights to 15th
- NO NO NO H2H; what a waste of money, breaking up midtown area. Move all through-road improvements to Tudor & Muldoon Road. "Landscaping" needs to be replaced with regular cleanup and maintenance. "Sound fences" are not as effective as some people might think.
- Northern Lights Blvd Sound Barrier fence--Latouche to Lake Otis SOUTH SIDE.
- Continued focus on involvement with Midtown Congestion Relief project (Seward Highway).
- None of these
- These items are expensive and mostly unnecessary.

Parks and Recreation Project Rankings

1	Homeless Camp Clean Up
2	Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Erosion
3	Forest Health and Park Safety
4	Campbell Creek Greenbelt
5	Sitka Street Park
6	Community Garden Site Selection and Design and Management Standards
7	Far North Bicentennial Park Improvements
8	Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean
9	Dog Park Site Selection, Design, and Management
10	Way finding signs

Comments and Other Parks and Recreation Project Rankings

- First priority: Eastchester Park, plan and basketball court second priority: Goose Lake Park, rebuild beach sand third priority: Maplewood to Sitka Park connection
- Forest health should include work on bird cherry eradication city-wide, and also removal of dead spruce bark beetle trees and replanting new spruce.
- I would love to have more trash cans on the trails at Far North Bicentennial. Too much dog poop and not enough trans cans.
- Maplewood Trail bridge over Chester Creek
- No camping signs along trails and enforce it. This is not their home and MOA needs to find an alternative for people who cannot or will not stay at shelters.
- Illegal camps that are allowed to remain throughout the winter in the Chester Creek Greenbelt. No abatement in the winter months turns over ownership of public park land to illegal camps. Illegal campers move in for the winter and leave behind a ton of trash in addition to cutting down trees and mounds of human waste and toilet paper.
- Carlson Park/Follow up on the ice skating and overall health of Otis Lake and water quality. (4)
- None of these

Which type of project is the highest priority for you?

- Parks and Rec
- Municipal Roadway and Infrastructure

- State Roadways

Undergrounding Utility Lines

74% of respondents think it should be a priority to underground utility lines.

WHY? Safety, aesthetics, less service interruptions, alley improvements (paving and garbage pick-up)

Why Not? Other priorities; Cost; still functional; construction disruptions

54% feel that alleyways should be prioritized for undergrounding.

How much are you willing to pay to support undergrounding utilities?

No charge	13%
1%	7%
2% (Current Rate)	39%
3%	20%
4%	6%
5%	8%
More than 5%	7%

Issues for the RPCC to address

The most common themes were homelessness and crime. (About 30 comments)

- Monitor bird cherry tree poisoning project.
- Walking trail from Lovejoy thru Wendler parking lot to UAA, including addressing snow piles that block the current people trail in winter.
- New Council board may want to contact Scenic Foothills CC for council engagement and revitalization ideas. I have heard their meeting attendance has increased 300% (and not just when a controversial issue presents itself...)
- Partnering with Bounding CCs to work on “boundary community projects” for example, improvements in Eastchester Park/Playground
- Civic engagement
- We should seriously look at the future of Sitka Park. Crime & Safety clearly is the foremost area priority.
- Noise and light pollution (i. e. seasonal light displays) are problems that have gotten out of hand but which nobody is talking about.
- Painting Rogers Park elementary school, updating the school playground
- Work to implement a better community action plan to address neighbors being engaged with neighbors to assist with detouring crime and unsafe activity in in the neighborhood.
- Garbage, recycle and compost cans are in view from streets. SWS said that was not allowed when they implemented the automated pickup service. IT makes the neighborhood look trashy.
- Stop assembly from trying to destroy RP with new, unrequested zoning that are aimed at doing away with RP as we know it. And roll back all past changes. The city planning project did not include these zoning changes.
- homes with 'junk' yards, drug houses, abandoned homes
- More emphasis on dealing with the root of the homeless issue, not bandaids to NIMBY it.
- Keeping neighborhood single family; reduce property crime;
- Neighbors shoveling their sidewalks and stop parking on the sidewalks.
- The entire college village area All the streets and drainage to be updated this will eliminate the sinking streets
- Sound barrier along 36th, south side of College Village (ambulance route to Providence).
- City-wide, actually: any road work done by MOA or DOT should include re-surfacing of the bicycle/pedestrian ways. Some areas are impassable via bicycle.