

**Kingfield Bike + Pedestrian + Safe Streets Community Conversation**  
**Saturday, Dec. 14**  
**1:00-2:30pm: MLK Park**

**Welcome and intros:** Name, connection to Kingfield

What brought you to this community conversation today?

- Vested interested in the safety of neighborhood
- Safer streets for pedestrians and bikers
- 1st Avenue
- Concerned about connections to schools, parks, greenway, downtown, east (crossing Nicollet & 35W) // west (Lyndale)
- Support the larger biking and walking movement
- Consistent and unified voice
- Influence reconstruction projects
- Concerned about kids' safety

**Background of why we called the meeting:**

- Observe unsafe conditions in the neighborhood
- Several constructions projects happening in neighborhood and impacts of 35W construction
- Hoping this group can be solutions oriented and work on both the big picture vision as well as individual projects and create space and place to bring issues to
- Pet Peeve (1 person's problem) vs. Problem (people on board ready to act) vs. Issue (solutions-based, focuses on positive community change, winnable, democratically chosen, builds power and base, creates unity among base)
- Issue example: "We want \_\_\_\_ (who) to \_\_\_\_ (demand/request) by \_\_\_\_ (date)."

**Examples of Current/Potential Projects:**

- Grand Avenue Reconstruction
- 1st Avenue Mill+Overly
- 38th Street Thrive Project
- Future/Potential Bike Lanes
- Safety/Crossings on Nicollet Avenue
- Safety/Crossings on Lyndale Avenue
- Wayfinding + Placemaking Projects
- General walking/pedestrian improvements
- "Paint the Pavement" program
- Transit access + improvements

## Small group discussion:

### Question 1: What's your vision for this group? What do you want this group to be? What do you want this group to work on?

- Build coalition and relationships
  - Work with existing organizations on bike/ped issues
  - Build connections with other similar neighborhood groups
  - Work with other organizations/neighborhoods (Our Streets Minneapolis, Safe Streets Save Lives, Whittier Alliance, Lyndale Neighborhood Organization)
- Build power
  - Build critical mass to develop a culture of sustainable transportation
  - Build strength in numbers
  - Build power of this group
  - Build the leadership of people in this group
- Ways to Increase pedestrian and bike safety
  - Protected intersections
  - Parking protected lane on Nicolett/1st Ave.
  - Winter accessibility and maintenance of infrastructure: bike & pedestrian, bus stops, side streets
  - Define minimum safety standards
  - Reduce speed limits
  - Routes for vulnerable populations (kids, seniors, disabled)
  - Safer county roads and crossings
- How we will work:
  - Come up with issues to work on and bring to city
  - Identify goals
  - Use consensus building
  - Define limits: choose scope of projects and identify how much influence we can have
  - Provide guidance to community members on how to act/what issues to call attention to
  - Be best in class in terms of advocacy in engagement
  - Create real and meaningful changes in our neighborhood and city at large while setting the standard for other similar groups
  - Spread good ideas to other neighborhoods
  - Be a welcoming and inclusive group and honor the diverse perspectives and experiences in this group
- Encourage different kinds of transportation
- Communication: Help disseminate fragmented information

### Question 2: What strategies do you have for getting this work done?

- Communication

- Conduit for communication for all bike/ped initiatives/groups available
- Communicate how these issues affect us
- More transparent communication between planners and this group
- Pick a platform for communication
- Build relationships and coalition
  - Build coalitions
  - Develop relationships
  - Support other groups
  - Identify who has the same goals and who is working on same kinds of projects
  - Engage the people who are impacted
  - Identify allies to maximize our voice
  - Identify leaders on issue, support their efforts, join forces with others
  - View public works and city as allies
  - Find the right person to achieve solutions
- Education
  - Understand why current plans are in place (ex: road dividers, traffic diverters)
  - Gain better sense of tools available
- Alignment
  - Align smaller asks under pillars of bigger initiatives (ex: Vision Zero, Climate Action Plans, etc. )
  - Time issues to coincide with budgets
- Approach
  - Develop action steps and plan and engage stakeholders
  - Use our voices and storytelling
  - Use both qualitative and quantitative data (ex: counts)
  - Sustain pressure
  - Determining when to be patience and when to have sense of urgency and when confrontation is the right approach vs. strategic/partnering approach

**Question 3: What skills/knowledge/experience/connections do you want to bring to this table?**

- Technical
  - Urban planning
  - Transportation planning
  - Civil engineering
  - Data analysis, statistics, and excel
  - Bike mechanic
  - School crossing guard
  - Experience year-round commuting
  - Ideating and brainstorming with purpose
  - Fundraising and grant writing
- Relationships/connections:

- Safe Routes to School
- Connections to Minneapolis Public Schools
- Connections to youth and parents and knowledge of their concerns
- Representative from City of Minneapolis: Bike Advisory Committee
- Our Streets Minneapolis former board member and connections to current staff
- KFNA board of directors
- Administrative
  - Note taking
  - Organization
  - Facilitation
- Communication
  - Web development and tech
  - Video editing
  - Social media
  - Telling story
  - Public speaking and presentation skills
- Advocacy/organizing:
  - Talking with city leaders 1:1
  - Making public comments and testifying
  - Showing up
  - Business engagement
  - Community organizing training
  - Doorknocking
  - Experience encouraging others to walk and bike
  - Writing/calling/meeting with elected officials
- Cookie baking skills!!!

### **What are our next steps?**

- Send out notes and info on current neighborhood projects to attendees and those that expressed interest
- [Send out availability poll for meeting after new year \(consensus is that Saturdays at MLK Park work well\)](#)
- [Begin list of potential projects for all to add to](#)
- Try to create a map of all of the projects going on in Kingfield