

Burlington

Enhancement Plan



Community Presentation



Burlington Residents
Association



East Tennessee Community Design Center

The ETCDC is a non-profit that provides low cost, conceptual architectural and planning assistance for community groups and non profit organizations with help from local design professionals.



An aerial photograph of a city street, likely in Knoxville, Tennessee, showing a multi-lane road, sidewalks, and surrounding buildings. A semi-transparent green rectangular overlay covers the majority of the image, serving as a background for the text.

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An aerial photograph of a town, likely in the Northeastern United States, showing a mix of residential and commercial buildings, streets, and green spaces. A semi-transparent green rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text. The text is arranged vertically, listing the project's goals and current conditions. The background image shows a street intersection with a '70' highway shield, a 'Main Luther King Jr. Ave' street name, and various buildings and trees.

Project Goal

Current Conditions

Public Input Meeting Results
from October 2017

Vision & Proposed Design

Next Steps



Project Goal

- The goal of the Burlington Enhancement Plan is to help community members, business owners, potential developers, and government officials to visualize a path for revitalization and economic development for this once vibrant downtown.

Pictured: The same stretch of MLK Ave, Then & Now



Current Conditions:

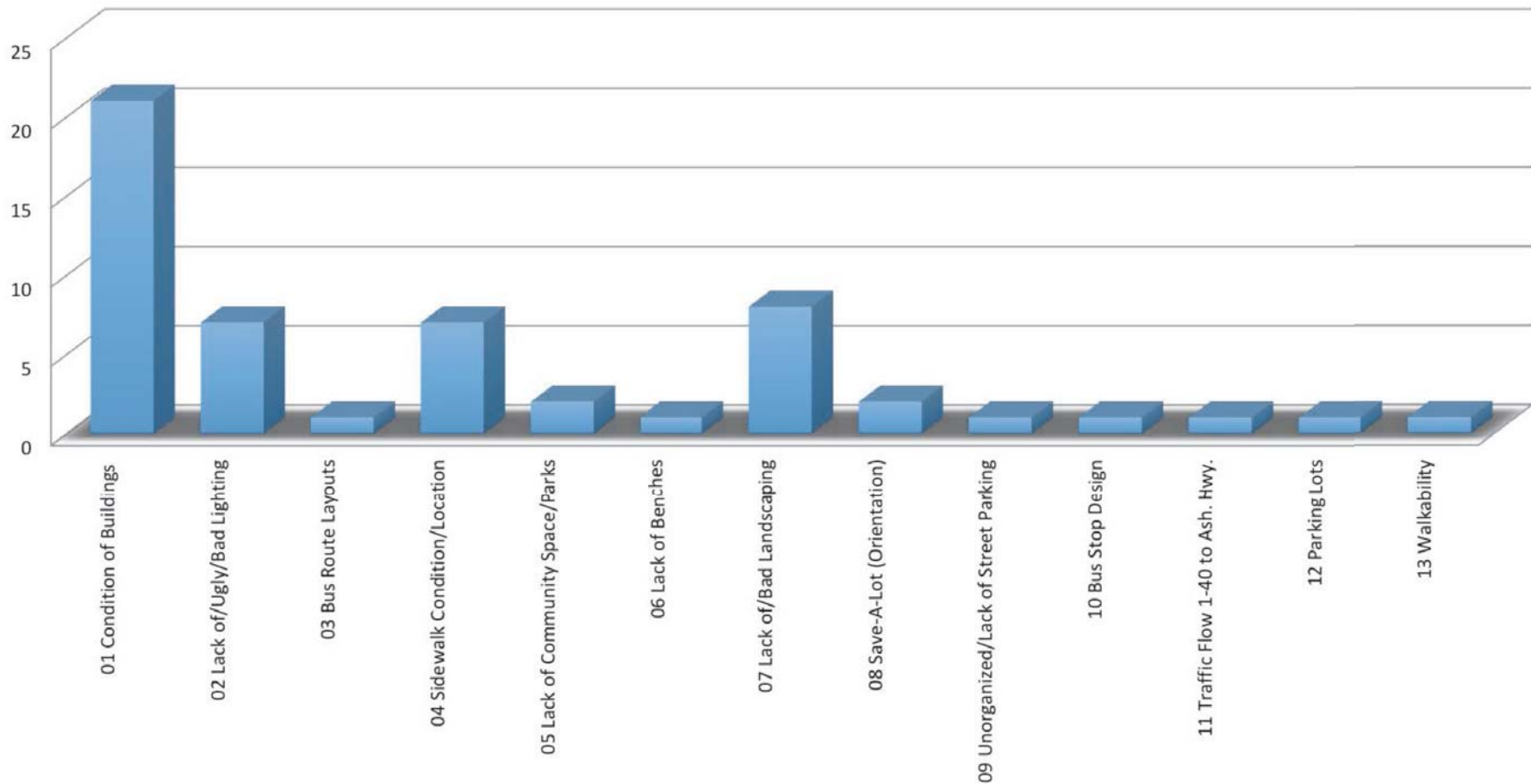
- Decades of neglect are visible; a few shops remain open
- Multiple vacant, run-down properties make the area feel unsafe
- Unfriendly to pedestrians – poor sidewalk conditions
- Severe lack of pedestrian lighting
- Lack of landscaped areas / parks
- KAT super hub site
- Strong sense of community pride; residents are ready for development

Public Input Meeting Results:



Station 2. Green dots are things people want to keep as is, yellow dots for areas that need improvement, and red dots were areas they wanted to change.

Public Input Meeting Results:

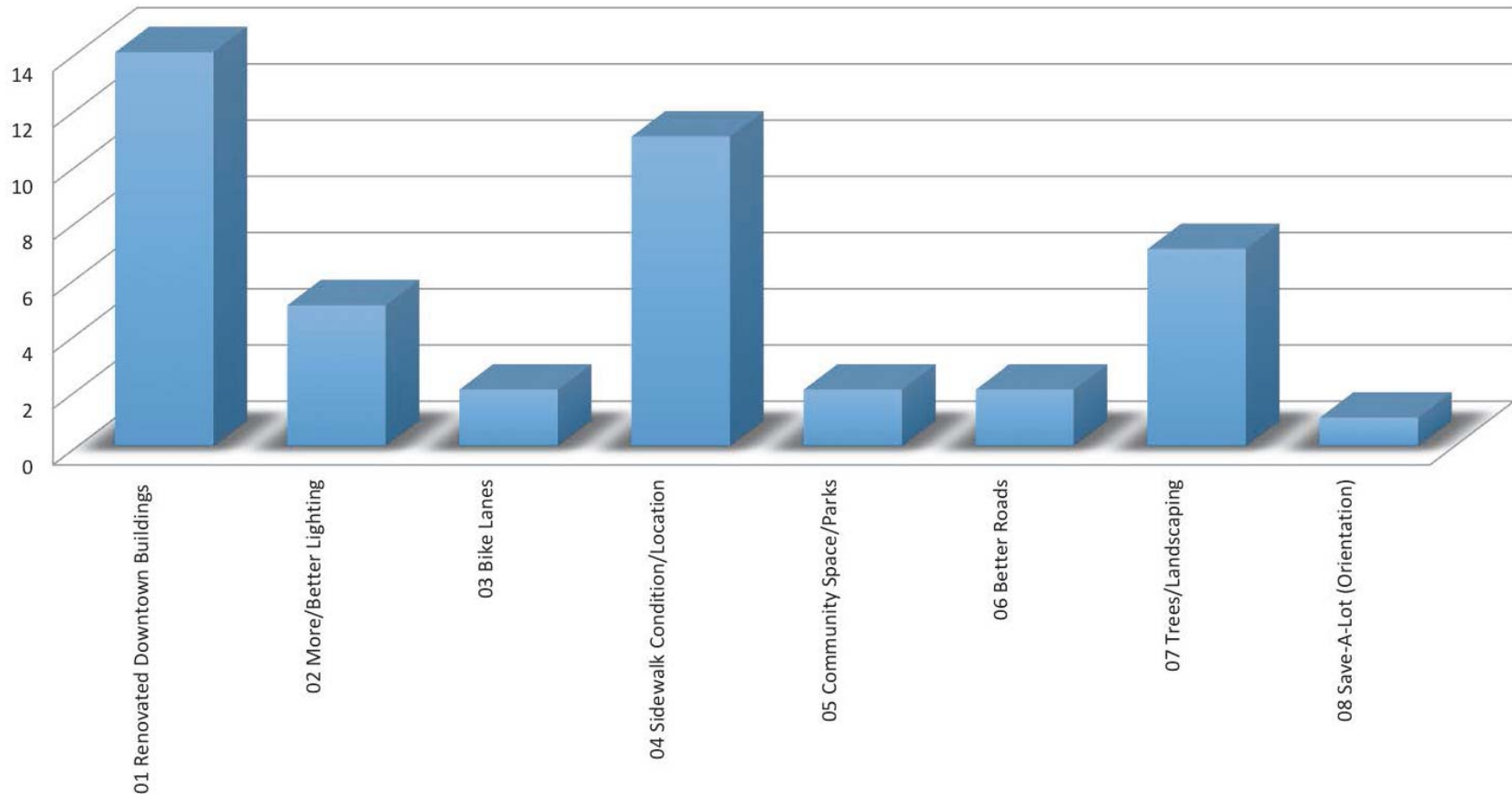


"What Is One Design Issue Keeping Burlington From Being Beautiful?" - October 2017

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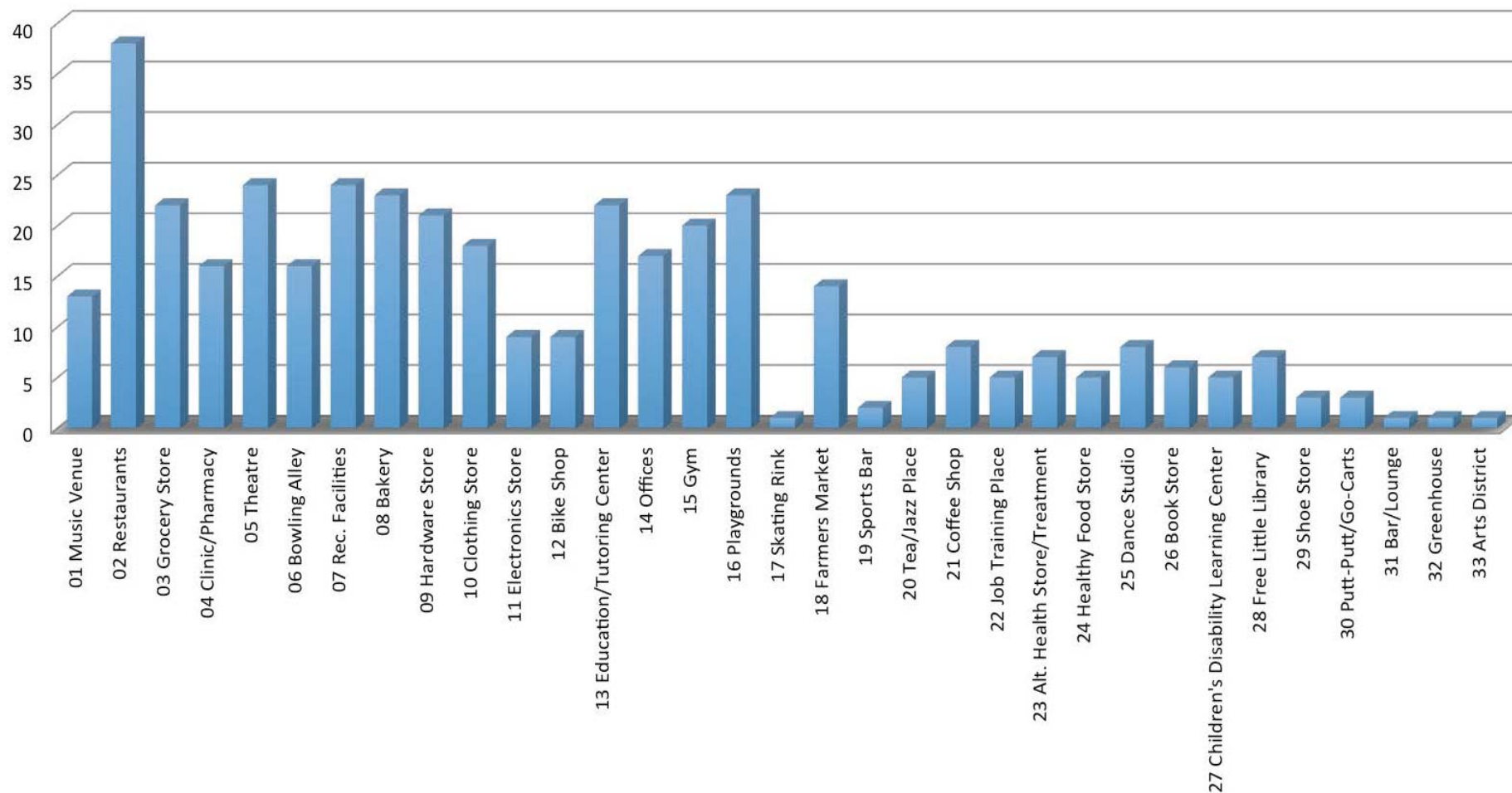
Public Input Meeting Results:



"What Is One Physical Improvement Burlington Needs?" - October 2017

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Public Input Meeting Results:

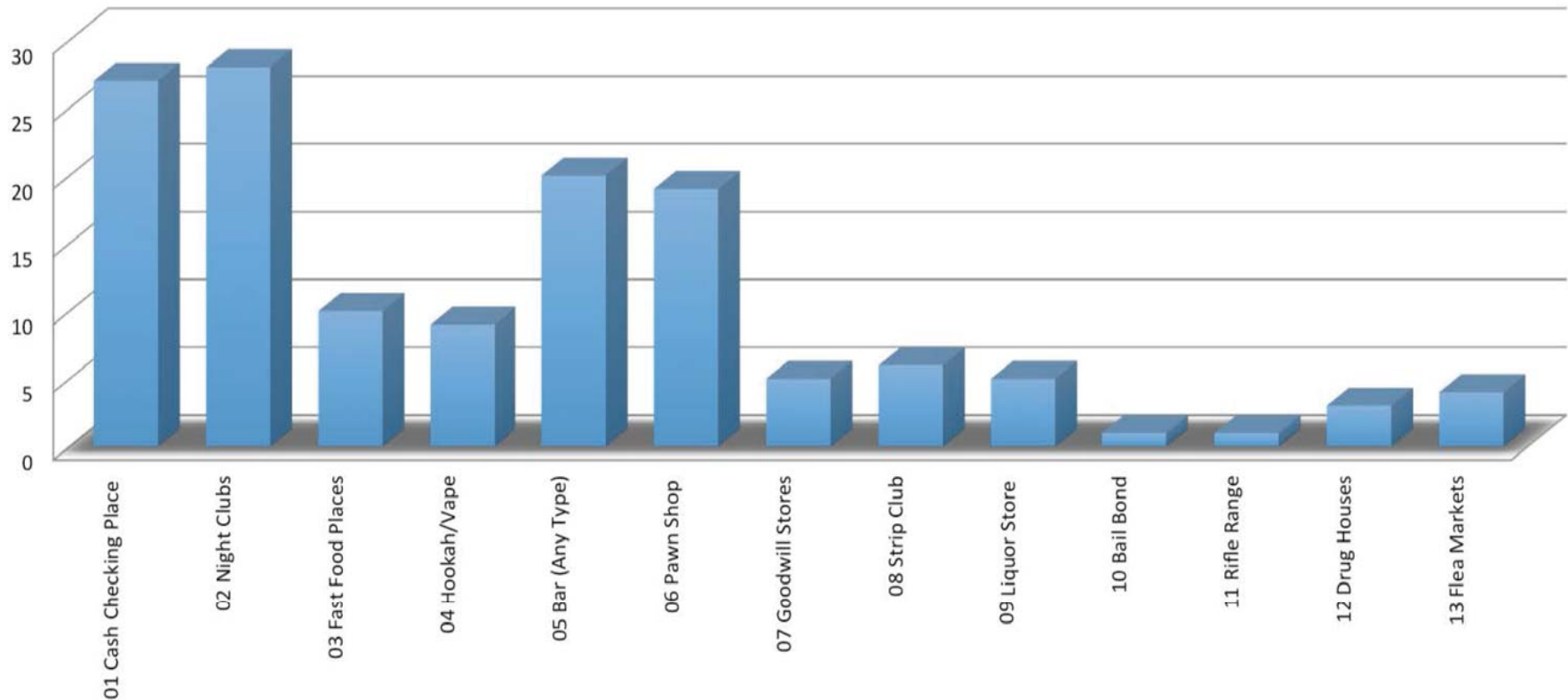


Burlington Input Sessions - What Do You Want Here? - Results from October 2017

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Station 4. People were asked to answer the question of which types of businesses they would like to see operating in Burlington. The top three were: restaurants, a theatre, and recreational facilities.

Public Input Meeting Results:



Burlington Input Sessions - What Don't You Want Here? - Results from October 2017

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Station 4. People were asked to answer the question of which types of businesses they would not like to see operating in Burlington. The top three were: night clubs, cash-checking or payday loan places, and bars.

Public Input Meeting Results:

BURLINGTON VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS - OCTOBER 2017

Street Profiles



2 Lane w/ Organized Parallel Parking on 1 Side of Street 33 VOTES



2 Lane w/ Organized Parallel Parking 28 VOTES



2 Lane w/ Parking and Bike Lane on 1 Side of Street

12 VOTES



Existing 2 Lane with Unorganized Parallel Parking

3 VOTES

Parking



Landscaped Parking Lot 33 VOTES



Street Parking 19 VOTES



Parking Garage

17 VOTES



Large Parking Lot

6 VOTES

Business Signage



Shingle/Blade Signs On Face of Building 29 VOTES



Low Monument Signs 27 VOTES



Tall Monument Signs

11 VOTES



Varying Signage Styles and Sizes

2 VOTES

Station 5 asked people to rank their preference for various aspects of public design

Public Input Meeting Results:

Sidewalks



Brick Pavers

30 VOTES



Stone Pavers

26 VOTES



Stained Concrete

15 VOTES



Existing Concrete

8 VOTES

Crosswalks



Asphalt Stained/Painted

24 VOTES



Brick Pavers

23 VOTES



Protected & Signed

20 VOTES



Regular Striped

7 VOTES

Bike Lanes



Protected Bike Track

24 VOTES



Buffered Bike Lane

21 VOTES



Painted Bike Lane

17 VOTES



"Sharrows" (Shared Road)

6 VOTES

Public Input Meeting Results:

BURLINGTON VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS - OCTOBER 2017

Street Trees



Large Shade Trees

22 VOTES



Small/Slow Growing Trees

20 VOTES



Low Flowering Trees

16 VOTES



Thin Column Trees

10 VOTES

Bus Stops



Steel Bus Stop with Bike Racks, Bench, and Signage

18 VOTES



Decorative Concrete and Wood

18 VOTES



Polished Steel

17 VOTES



Painted Steel

15 VOTES

Lighting



Classic Pedestrian Lighting

32 VOTES



Modern Pedestrian Lighting

24 VOTES



Decorative Roadway & Pedestrian Lighting

12 VOTES



Current Roadway Lighting

4 VOTES

Public Input Meeting Results:

Street Furniture



Steel Bench with Landscaping - Classic or Modern

24 VOTES



Steel Bench

23 VOTES



Wood Bench with Landscaping - Classic or Modern

21 VOTES



Concrete/Other Material Bench - Modern

6 VOTES

Dumpster Screens



Screened/Integrated with Building

34 VOTES



Screened/Independent of Building - Simple Design

29 VOTES



Screened/Independent of Building - Modern Design

9 VOTES



Unscreened/Independent

4 VOTES

Public Art



Wall Murals

28 VOTES



Art Involving Nature

23 VOTES



Sculptures

20 VOTES



Street Murals/ Murals in Other Places

10 VOTES

Public Input Meeting Results:



“Entrance signs are a great idea. So is the public plaza at the corner; it’s a great place for family movie night. I love the idea of pocket parks in between the buildings too.”

“I love the idea of creating areas with outdoor lights and seating for events and concerts.”

“I am hopeful for the open spaces and signage because it joins the community together as a family.”

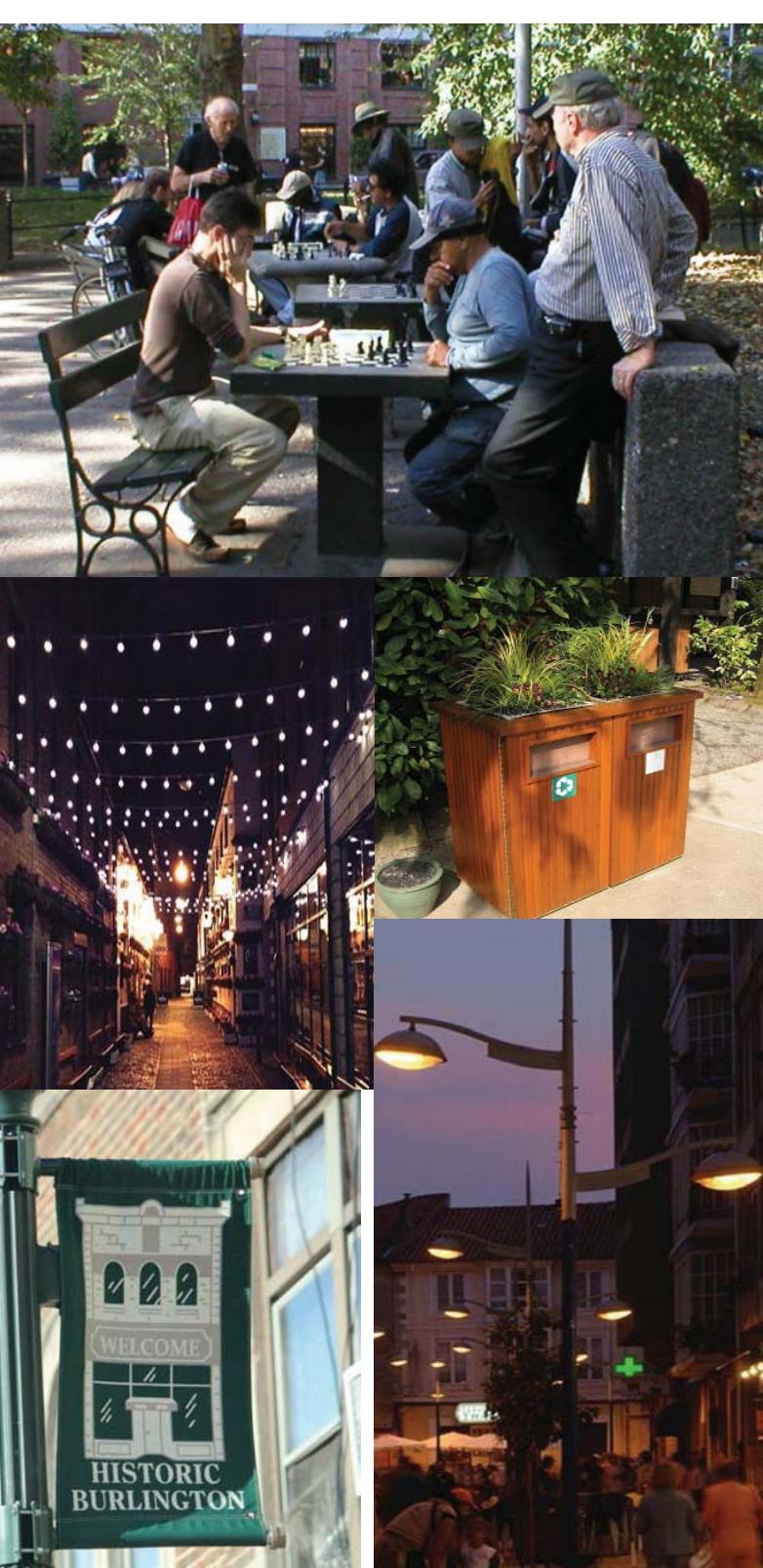


Vision

- Enhance the beauty of the streets and create more public spaces
- Improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular infrastructure
- Create an atmosphere which encourages business development in the downtown once again
- Give the community a plan to move forward with and to rally behind

General Improvements Throughout the Study Area

- District Gateway & Wayfinding Signage
- Pedestrian-Scale Lighting
- Improved Sidewalks and Reduced Curb Cuts
- Street Trees and Landscaping
- Enhanced Crosswalks
- Public Spaces
- Street Furniture (Benches, Trash/ Recycling Bins, Planters, etc.)



Burlington Vision Plan

1 Public Plaza

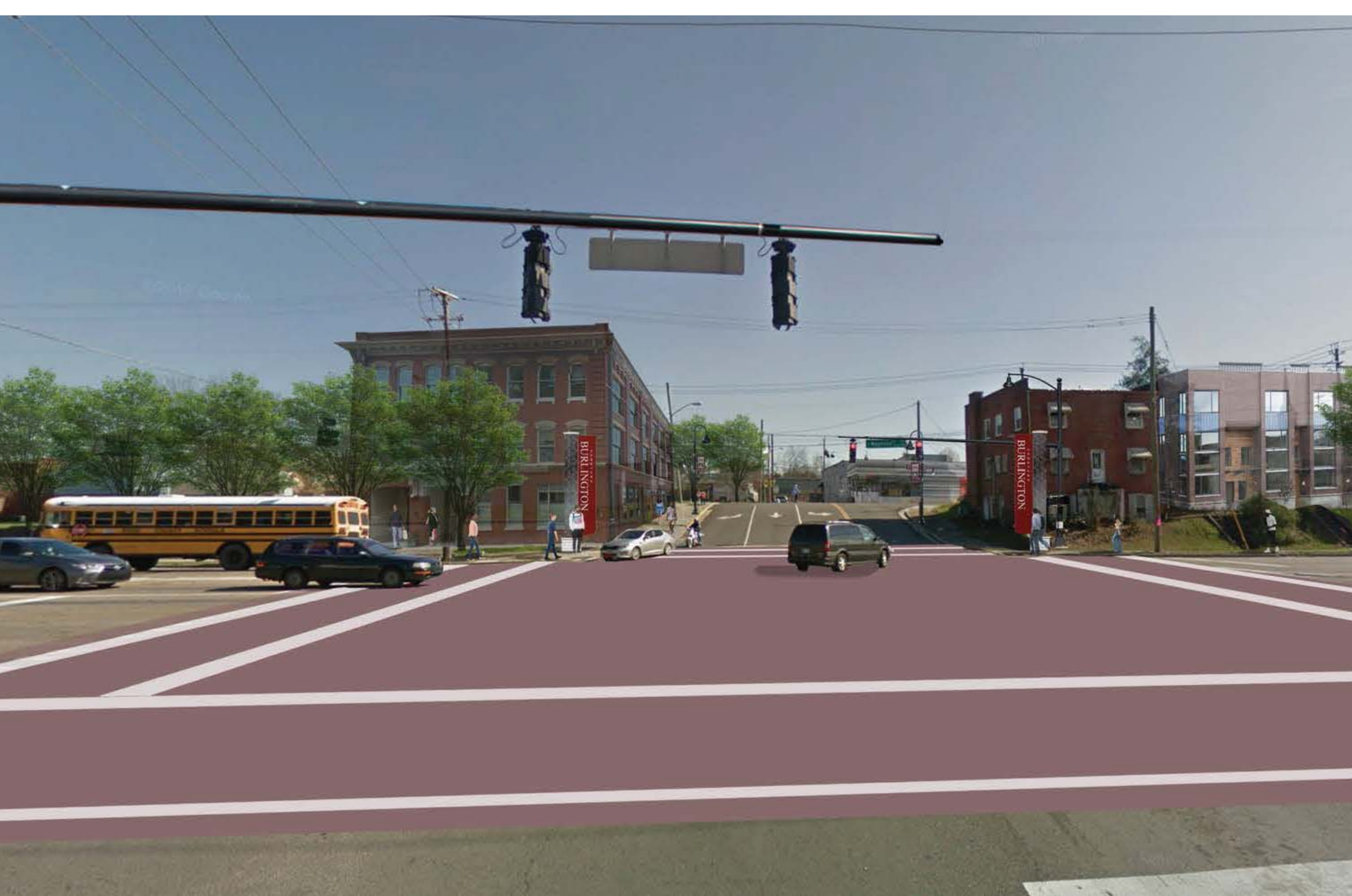
2 Public Stage

3 Covered
Market area
With defined
parking

4 Enhance
Speedway Circle

5 Define
intersections,
crosswalks, add
district markers,
landscaping
with pedestrian
lighting





1. Prosser Road entrance into Burlington



2. Kirkwood Street entrance to Burlington



3. Renovated building facades and public space on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue



3. Public plaza enhanced



4. Public plaza, market and enhanced streetscape on Holston Drive



5. Public park and small plaza with stage on Holston Drive



Potential Next Steps

- Continued coordination with business owners and churches
- KUB utility upgrades and relocation of power poles to alley
- KAT coordination for bus stop upgrades
- Zoning enhancement
- TDOT and TPO coordination for Magnolia beautification
- City of Knoxville Departments to consider
 - Street and intersection improvements
 - Signage for district identity
 - Enhanced Lighting
 - Street Amenities – Benches, Planters and Garbage / Recycle
- Research economic development opportunities
Grants, Targeted State Funding, Federal Funding support such as New Markets Tax Credits, and Public-Private Partnerships



Questions or Comments



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