



Memorandum

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West Park District Plan 1st Community Meeting Summary

The first community meeting for the West Park District Plan of the Philadelphia 2035 Comprehensive Plan was held on July 11th 2011 at the Park Avenue Banquet facility located in the West Parkside Neighborhood. There were 159 participants in a breakout session in which large maps of the district were marked with destinations, barriers, areas of stability and areas of change. Here are the top outcomes of that activity:

Top 5 'destinations':

- The Park West Town Center (52nd and Jefferson Sts)
- The Please Touch Museum (Memorial Hall)
- The Philadelphia Zoo (34th and Girard Ave)
- The Mann Center for the Performing Arts (52nd and Parkside Ave)
- The Target Shopping Center (City and Monument Rd)

Top 5 'barriers'

- The Amtrak Keystone/SEPTA Paoli Thorndale Regional Rail line (runs parallel to Lancaster Ave)
- North 52nd St/the 52nd St rail overpass (52nd from Lancaster to Parkside)
- The currently closed 40th and 41st Street bridges (40th St is under construction)
- Girard Ave and the Zoo and Schuylkill Expressway interchange (Girard Ave from 34th St through Belmont Ave)
- The SEPTA Bala Cynwyd Regional Rail line tracks

Top 5 'areas of stability'

- Overbrook Farms neighborhood
- Green Hill Farms neighborhood
- Fairmount Park

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- Wynnefield neighborhood
- Overbrook Park neighborhood

Top 5 ‘opportunity areas’

- East Parkside neighborhood
- West Parkside neighborhood
- Lancaster Avenue commercial corridor
- St. Joe’s University
- The Centennial District

West Park District



Destinations



Barriers



Opportunities



Areas of Stability



Both Opportunities & Stability



Montgomery County

Bala Shopping Center

Target

SEPTA Bala

St. Joseph's University

SEPTA Wynnefield Avenue

West Fairmount Park

Mann Music Center

Please Touch Museum

Park West Town Center

East Fairmount Park

Philadelphia Zoo

West Philadelphia

Delaware County

