

## **MISCELLANY**

I would really like to know as a local resident what I can be doing to support the homeless residents and panhandlers in our area. It is very unclear to me what services are available for these folks--and what is the best way as a concerned neighbor to support these residents in receiving assistance.

These survey's and the meetings are great, but what about an old fashioned announcement board where someone who doesn't have a computer can see this survey or maybe hear about the neighborhood meetings or development? Like something I might see on a college campus. It could be next to peets on lakeshore and maybe at splash pad park.

Please work on the services for upper grand.

Getting transients the help they need.

Tear down the freeway please.

Also, I wish there were more signs up letting people know how to better respect the lake (a wildlife and refuge) and the animals there. People feed the birds all the time--and it's really bad for the animals--making them sick.

Strongly approve of parklets, more bike lanes, and improving wetland areas and more bird and indigenous- insect friendly landscaping. Better wetlands are good preventative against flooding and rising water levels.

More pedestrian friendly festivals (oktoberfest?) in Grand Lake.

Yeah-what happened to the street fair? All the other neighborhoods in Oakland have them except us.

We need a dog park!

I hope that they do not install a dog park at the lake.

I strongly support Complete Streets everywhere.

We need to get the side streets paved.

Very much appreciate a thoughtful and considered approach to the evolution of this neighborhood. It might be nice to extend this support and community organization to improvements on Astro park and the other green areas just under the freeway.

I think question 12 (about the Art Walk) should have included an option for status quo (starting at 6pm). Seems a bit loaded... As a business owner on Grand who stays open past 5pm regularly, starting an event at 6pm is as early as I can go.

Question 12 should have included the option of the current Thurs. 6 PM start time.

## **BLIGHT**

I'm not sure how this would work, but it would be nice if the merchants/business district "invested" in the area to make it more inviting. Simply having someone pick up trash/debris, etc on a regular basis would be helpful. "

Why can't we figure out a way to have the sidewalks steam cleaned during the dry months? I would also be very interested in seeing the street lighting improved on both Grand & Lakeshore. It may be the single best factor in keeping the streets safe and well used after dark. Question: Is there a Lakeshore Improvement District?

The bulb out at lakeshore & Rand is predictably dirty, attract commercial (and presumably) unlicensed vendors. The street trees planted there are overly bushy and an unsuccessful addition to our block. Can you get enforcement of unlicensed vendors especially on farmers market days ? Underpass parking lot is nasty, scary and smells like a toilet.

The existing sidewalks in the area are not just a safety hazard, they are ugly. Why not color the concrete the color of Piedmont's sidewalks (which seemed to have been the color of the old Crocker area walks) to make the street warmer and friendlier? Why not street plants like Carmel?

The garbage bins need to be emptied and the sidewalks and streets seem to be dirty and trash is never swept up. This is a beautiful city and it should not look like some Third World cesspool.

The garbage overflow is in need of improvement.

Community safety and cleanliness are also important to me.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Maybe there should be a discussion about crime/crime prevention - car break-in's, mugging, assaults?

Improved OPD patrols and/or Neighborhood Watch-type activities are crucial for the area. Anecdotally, crime appears to be increasing in the neighborhood.

The only real down side to the area is the rash of car breakins that occur when parking under the freeway. Not sure how to combat this, but people do avoid the grand lake area due to this problem.