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What is your connection to this Northwest Urban Core Area?

		%	Count
Resident of the area		72.1%	44
Business owner in the area		3.3%	2
Landowner in the area		44.3%	27
Other/concerned citizen		13.1%	8

In a few words, what do you like best about your neighborhood?

Answered 61















Skipped 0

6th access bike close convenient creek downtown easy eclectic
everything friendly good great house houses like location lots
love low near nearby neighborhood neighbors parks
proximity quiet reasonably relatively S safe shopping st traffic
tree trees uf very wards work






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Which of the following terms best describe the features of your neighborhood?

		%	Count
Safe		32.8%	20
Quiet		63.9%	39
Quality schools		16.4%	10
Good neighbors		45.9%	28
Walkable		47.5%	29
Diverse		39.3%	24
Access to parks		13.1%	8
Family-friendly		27.9%	17
Short commute to work/school		36.1%	22
Close to "everything"		50.8%	31
Easy access to public transit		16.4%	10
Great stores and restaurants		11.5%	7
Mix of housing options		16.4%	10
Other		6.6%	4

How strong do you think the sense of community is in your neighborhood regarding major local issues?

		%	Count
Very strong		8.2%	5
Somewhat strong		45.9%	28
Not strong or weak		21.3%	13
Somewhat weak		16.4%	10
Very weak		8.2%	5

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What do you think is the most important issue facing your community right now?

Answered 61

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13th 6th area ave avenue **bike** businesses campus clean could
development downtown etc from get koppers **lack** lanes need
neighborhood nw old park paths **properties property**
residents roads s safe sidewalks **site** st street **streets**
superfund traffic trail up values

Have you personally felt affected or inconvenienced by any of the following issues in your community recently?






		%	Count
Poor roads/paving		27.9%	17
Lack of sidewalks		36.1%	22
Limited park access		34.4%	21
Traffic that's overwhelming		23.0%	14
Felt generally unsafe		9.8%	6
Unsafe biking		45.9%	28
Environmental concerns		49.2%	30
Inadequate public transit		11.5%	7
Neighborhood flooding		8.2%	5
Worry about property values		52.5%	32
Businesses closing		18.0%	11
Too much growth		8.2%	5

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		%	Count
Concern about community's future		36.1%	22
Other		16.4%	10

Overall, how would you describe your community's general trend?

		%	Count
Thriving		6.6%	4
Slightly improving		31.1%	19
Holding its own		39.3%	24
Slightly declining		16.4%	10
Falling behind		6.6%	4

What one thing do you think would improve your community over the next five years?

Answered	61
Skipped	0

6th also area being better bike businesses community
connector development drainage enough existing housing improve into
koppers lanes less like make more need neighborhood
nice over park parks paths pedestrian properties quality
redevelopment safe see sidewalks site sustainability traffic trails

What community amenities do you think need the most attention right now?

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		%	Count
Roads/paving		18.0%	11
Sidewalks		32.8%	20
Bike lanes		49.2%	30
Parks		54.1%	33
Traffic improvements		19.7%	12
Public safety		14.8%	9
Environmental clean-up		47.5%	29
Economic development		14.8%	9
Public transit improvements		13.1%	8
Drainage improvements		11.5%	7
Affordable housing options		14.8%	9
Jobs		11.5%	7
Redevelopment/addressing blight		47.5%	29
Better or new stores/restaurants		31.1%	19
More community events		11.5%	7
Other		14.8%	9

What do you think is the biggest roadblock stopping or slowing meeting these needs or issues?

Answered 61

Skipped 0

area attention been believe business cleanup commission
communication community do enough financial from funding funds
future government house infrastructure just koppers lack

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meeting **money** necessary needs **neighborhood** open **out** paying
people political **probably** property resources s tax **they** town
what

How proud are you to say you live in your community?

		%	Count
Very proud	<div></div>	24.6%	15
Mostly proud	<div></div>	52.5%	32
Unsure	<div></div>	11.5%	7
Not so proud	<div></div>	9.8%	6
Not proud at all	<div></div>	1.6%	1

If your family member, friend, or coworker wanted to move to your community and asked your advice, would you recommend they should do it?

		%	Count
Yes	<div></div>	62.3%	38
Maybe	<div></div>	31.1%	19
No	<div></div>	6.6%	4

Do you have any other comments you would like to share?

Answered	39
Skipped	22
- 13th 6th access all also area bike businesses could foster from good great into keep koppers lane like make more much need	

In a few words, what do you like best about your neighborhood?

1. Location
2. Great neighbors, diverse.
3. The potential. We also see a great vision for 6th street becoming a more commercial zone with a theme of innovation, health, wellness and wholeness consistent with the already-established businesses on 6th street.
4. Trees, landscaping, natural beauty, quiet family oriented.
5. It is very close to downtown and convenient shopping. My neighborhood is a quiet older area and has a lot of potential.
6. Quiet, tree canopies, close to downtown, commercial district nearby.
7. Mature urban forest, large variety of hard and soft woods and citrus. Reasonably free of a "dog patchy" over run with junk crap houses. Minimal infrastructure (sidewalks, street lights, etc.)
8. It is reasonably close to downtown and UF, has activity centers within an easy bike ride and possible walk, and has parks and green space (Hogtown Creek)
9. Walkable. Nicely maintained. Convenient to most places in Gainesville. Close to parks, schools and public transportation.
10. It is quiet, eclectic, and relatively safe.
11. Central location is convenient to everything - campus, downtown, NW, yet it's still quiet and tree-lined.
12. I love that it feels relatively quiet and low-key, while being close to lots of conveniences and businesses.
13. The creek, quiet
14. Quiet, low key, good neighbors
15. Quiet, lots of green, easy access to everything.
16. When we lived in our house we knew all of our neighbors, it was a very friendly place to live. Now the house is a rental property and has maintained a good rental rate that has helped our family save for its future.
17. Quiet. Close to school for my son. Lots of shopping nearby. bus accessible
18. Dense tree canopy, eclectic architecture, proximity to shopping, downtown, and my workplace, ease of cycle-commuting from the neighborhood on low-speed, bike-friendly road (NW 6th ST).
19. Location close to everything; great, albeit, older neighborhoods; great mix of families, retirees and students.
20. Family friendly
21. It's diverse economically and culturally. Close to the best grocery options in town. Close to downtown. Curia.
22. quiet safe good neighbors close to primary services
23. Traditional neighborhood
24. Stores are within 2 miles of my house, publix, wards, and pharmacy. I can stay away from the traffic. It is a quiet neighborhood.
25. Affordability and proximity to downtown
26. It's not an HOA, it's an older neighborhood so each has been remodeled to look individual, and not all of the houses look the same. It is a very quiet neighborhood with very little through traffic/ non-resident traffic.

27. Not a cookie-cutter neighborhood
28. Location
 - Greenery
 - Neighbors
 - Cost
29. Have lived in the neighborhood 30+ years. I like the location and the tree covered canopy. My children attended Stephen Foster and I liked living close by and the teachers.
30. Great character. My tenants just love it here. Low crime area.
31. Stephen Foster is an affordable neighborhood with good access to stores, parks, downtown, mass transit, and bike trails. It is close to UF and Santa Fe.
32. The creek, the critters, the quiet, the neighbors, the trees. I was born and raised in this area. Been here over 55 years.
33. Centrally located.
34. Diversity
35. Convenient to City Core - job, shopping, recreation. Established neighborhoods with mature trees and adequate amenities. Parks nearby, both active recreation and passive nature parks.
36. location
37. Close to downtown while far enough away, near businesses I like to support, including Eastside establishments like Satchels, Wards, Curia and Public & General, relatively quiet, primarily residential, though more permanent residents with a long-term stake in the neighborhood would be great
38. Reasonably quiet and close to Campus.
39. Quiet. Trees. Easy access to work and retail. Bike trails.
40. Relatively quiet, lots of pedestrian/dog traffic, close to good shopping/dining
41. Convenient, quiet, friendly.
42. It's small, it's safe
43. I love the quietness of my neighborhood.
44. Lots of trees, very little traffic, close to everything I need without the sprawl found further out on the west side of town.
45. Convenience to shopping and close to UF.
46. Close proximity to everything I need
47. Eclectic, Varied socio-economic demographic, Worthy of efforts to improve,
48. Down to earth neighbors.
 - Local business character of 6th St.
49. Reasonably priced housing, trees.
50. I love being in an urban core and having an AMAZING forest and creek in my backyard... the wildlife is delightful to observe. it's great that we are enjoying a surge of commercial activity. That should be managed so that the whole creates a people-friendly showcase of sustainability. we should add in cultural facilities, bike paths, ethnic restaurants.
51. Proximity to downtown where I work
52. Compact and quiet
53. Location, low prices
54. Convenient to Fresh Market, Wards, Lucky other shops on 441

55. Neighbors
56. Accessibility to UF and downtown
57. I like the vintage houses and trees, my cats are very happy to be outside on a clear day the neighborhood is beautiful
58. The peace and quiet, when it's quiet (when everyone's at work, when the Gators are playing and sometime it is quiet on Sundays
59. Near good road (6th St) good schedule. Near downtown
60. Quiet

What do you think is the most important issue facing your community right now?

1. Personal properties being poorly maintained and suspicious activities and increased traffic from rental homes.
2. Incentives for residents to clean up/repair their properties.
3. Overpopulation
4. Diminishing residential property values despite investment and an increase in vandalism and disrespectful neighbors
5. help for homeowners to update their housing.
6. Cohesive infrastructure plan is needed: 1) A SAFE route to bike to the CoG downtown and nearby shopping areas 2) Continuous sidewalks 3) Improved lighting 4) Areas of storm water flooding elimination 5) Improved roadway paving
7. Safe bicycle lanes on NW 6th Street, which would be better served as a three-lane roadway with bike lanes.
8. The Koppers super fund site. Heavy traffic, speeding on 6th and 13th streets. Careless driving and speeding on inner block side streets. Property values impaired by the super fund cleanup uncertainty.
9. Active transportation and exercise options.
10. Maintaining high quality public services and infrastructure.
11. Direction the area is heading.
12. Development of old Sam's Club and the land behind it (was going to be condos on 6th St.). The residential land should not over-burden traffic/utilities, and it's important to keep the woods buffer as is.
13. I am not sure. I don't feel very connected to the issues, unfortunately. I do love this area, and I would like to see it maintained, if not improved.
14. Speeding through traffic. Also need better bike lane and bus access to the campus, downtown
15. Superfund site cleanup and addition of bike paths on the site.
16. Future development on 6th and 13th Streets
17. The proper redevelopment and completion of Coppers. We had tenants move out because they were concerned about living near the site. Please get this place done so our neighborhood can become a place once again that folks want to live in and feel safe doing so.
18. Not enough properties for sale

19. Blight from the many abandoned properties that owners have walked away from, seemingly without penalty or responsibility. There have been problems with people gaining entry to at least one such property on my street, for nefarious purposes.
20. Lack of vibrant, local small businesses. Lack of active recreational opportunities for teenagers (Get Air type establishments), bookstores, etc.
21. Continued issues with the Koppers site and safe walking along streets due to lack of sidewalks.
22. Redevelopment: what kind and who benefits
23. redevelopments cabot kopper Superfund Site
24. Loss of major stores such as Walmart and Sams. No new family developments.
25. The threat of overdevelopment and increase in traffic.
26. Revitalization and de-stigmatizing due to superfund site.
27. Ensuring businesses on 6th street are locally owned and keep property values high. For example, more businesses like Wards, Curia on the Drag, and BIII as opposed to convenience stores and big-box retailers.
28. Cabot Koppers cleanup and what that area is turned into
29. Utility costs
30. Lack of quality shopping, restaurants & parks. Clean up the abandoned & neglected houses in the neighborhood
31. Infrastructure needs, notably drainage.
32. Koppers. Both the partial remediation and future use or disuse of the site will impact this area for a long time.
33. Homelessness
34. Decline in businesses and unregulated growth
35. We need additional perspective and understanding about diversity - racial, economic, educational, vocational, etc.
36. value
37. Recovering from the stigma of Koppers and the Superfund label, which has yet to really be addressed beyond eye-candy of paved roads and a few yards resurfaced.
38. Traffic using the neighborhood to get to main streets and businesses. We need more speed bumps or something along those lines that will discourage people who don't live in the neighborhood from driving through it to get to convenient stores etcetera. Safe cycling paths that lead to campus. It's not that far to ride to campus but there isn't a bike lane on 13th street (441). Some watch out for pedestrians/cyclist signs would be nice.
39. Economic stability and growth
40. property values
41. Improving the equity in the elementary school.
42. Pollution of the creek,
43. Rise in the cost of housing
44. While the area immediately west of the old Koppers site did experience substantial improvements and beautification—including complete re-landscaping

of yards, as well as recent re-paving of streets—the rest of Stephen Foster was left out. Many of the streets on the west side of Sixth Street are in need of resurfacing, and while sidewalks may not be in the picture, additional street lighting would be appreciated. There are a few too many neglected properties and homes in Stephen Foster, and just one or two can turn an otherwise pleasant street into a seemingly run-down one. City engagement with property owners and residents regarding ways to spruce up the neighborhood, and providing resources to do so (tree pruning, re-landscaping assistance, etc.), and resurfacing of especially rough streets would make a big difference. Oh, and restore the old RTS Route 6 to include Sixth Street southbound between 39th Avenue and 23rd Avenue. Residents' only public transportation options currently are to go north on No. 6 or south and then east on Route 15. Neither of these routes is very helpful for folks hoping to get near University Avenue, or, even more importantly, Campus itself. Finally, recreational opportunities are lacking. The bike trail that could take residents downtown or to Depot Park does not go further north than 16th Avenue. Extend the trail up to 23rd Avenue, at least. Ideally, the Koppers site could be a nature/recreation area or park that residents could enjoy, and which would be the community hub for the Stephen Foster area.

46. Lack of safe options for pedestrians and bicycles. For example, there are no sidewalks, and there is no way to ride a bike to downtown, Depot Park, or rail trail without riding on NW 6th St or 13th Ave. Both roads lack continuous bike lanes, making it very dangerous to ride on them. An easy way to fix this is to extend the 6th Ave bike trail into the neighborhood. That would be a wonderful asset to the residents. People use the roads as cut through to connect 13th and 6th, often driving fast. It is unsafe to walk on roads without sidewalks.
47. Also, there are a lot of derelict and/or abandoned properties in the neighborhood that the city and code enforcement should address. If we can clean up these properties, many of them rental properties, we can attract good neighbors.
48. Finally, there are no city park facilities easily accessed, i.e., via walking or biking, near the neighborhood.
49. Sprawl from NW 5TH Avenue area....
50. Negative image associated with the Cabot/Koppers Site
51. The development of the Koppers site.
Inability to bike safely due to lack of bike lanes/paths on NW 23rd Ave and NW 6th St.
52. What to do with Koppers
53. Management of development, protection of trees, addition of cultural facility.
54. Completion of Superfund remediation
55. Aging population
56. Old houses need work
57. Preserving a safe, well patrolled at night, Green Space, walkways, paths for observing nature, quiet space between 441 and Main St
58. Traffic and lack of Parks
59. Koppers-what will it become? Effects on property values 6th & 23 Ave pedestrian nightmare-need appearance standard
60. Neighborhood does not need to be overwhelmed by Human Greed

61. Pollution from Cabot-Koppers superfund site, noise and environmental pollution from cars and trucks, etc.
62. Funds
63. Parks

What one thing do you think would improve your community over the next five years?

1. Personal properties being better maintained.
2. Being designated a CRA
3. Less people
4. Commercial development consistent with theme of health and wellness and aesthetic updates to existing businesses
5. refurbishing existing housing, putting in small business in existing vacant structure, creek clean up
6. Improved safety which encompasses safe bike routes, sidewalks, and lighting.
7. Safe bicycle lanes on NW 6th Street.
8. Enforcing City policies? How about some community policing, codes enforcement and the like.
9. Walkable connections within neighborhood with access to all parks in area.
10. More publicity about quality existing neighborhoods.
11. Community redevelopment.
12. Public transportation
13. Localized "inclusiveness" - the feeling of being a community with neighbors that communicate with each other and community activities.
14. Better sewerage. Place more speedbumps on 36th Rd. Make sure creek is not polluted.
15. more bike paths/wider sidewalks so bikes and pedestrians can use it together
16. Good urban planning for 6th and 13th Streets
17. Copper's completion, help with neighbors improving their homes that are in disrepair, a big beautiful park/rec area for folks to play at.
18. Small businesses
19. Eliminate blighted residential properties that bring the neighborhood down
20. Active recreational anchor businesses for all ages (that make it a destination)
21. Sidewalks and both recommended bike paths
22. Community-directed redevelopment
23. redevelop Superfund Site
24. More neighborhood activities.
25. A park, access to a walking trail, more sidewalks, and a COMMUNITY GARDEN.
26. Thoughtful development of copper's site to include a park. Development must compliment the current neighborhood. I would not like to see an expansion of development on 13th.
27. A nice park on the Kopper's site similar to what was done to make Depot Park.
28. Broadband over fiber optic cable
29. Attention to blighted properties. Consistency of upkeep.

30. Lack of quality shopping, restaurants & parks
31. Improve streets and drainage.
32. complete/enforce the consent decree for Koppers
33. Make Koppers site a park.
34. Housing
35. Communication
36. We need a 1% infrastructure sales tax to improve local roads, sidewalks, bike lanes & trails, drainage and water quality.
37. developer buys the entire street to put multi-family structure in
38. Revitalizing the area by somehow transforming Koppers into a safe and environmentally clean area, not a toxic waste dump.
39. Discourage through traffic from those that don't live here. Make more bike/pedestrian friendly.
40. Enforcement of city code requirements
41. connectivity to bike lanes
42. park/recreation area
43. Less rentals ,
44. More affordable housing options
45. A nice, big park
46. Make it more pedestrian and cyclist friendly. Also, address derelict/abandoned properties
47. Proposed Bike Paths...
48. Designation as a Redevelopment District
49. BOTH BIKE PATHS AROUND KOPPERS! The regional connector on the east side, and the neighborhood connector on the south and west sides.
50. rail trail connecting to Koppers, and 39th, with a park at Koppers
51. Turn it into a sustainability showcase, with bike/ped paths, interesting shops, ethnic foods, and a community sustainability hub that is also a theater... :)
52. Progress on superfund efforts
53. Better bus schedules, less constantly barking dogs
54. Grants to people in need
55. Quiet Green Space, reflection pond
56. Park on Koppers site
57. Traffic abatement 6th & 23rd
58. To be more parklike, I would like to see this community incorporated
59. Turning Koppers into a 186 acre pollution capped park with walking/biking trails wide enough for safety and long enough for over two miles of exercise
60. Parks
61. Less government inference

What do you think is the biggest roadblock stopping or slowing meeting these needs or issues?

1. Lack of codes enforcement

2. The City Commission
3. Overpopulation
4. The city
5. Community planners interested in other areas of town not us.
6. Lack of a strategic plan and attention/energy being devoted to this area.
7. Political will.
8. Political will to find a vision that incorporates the technology, the housing and the economic drivers of the future that does not sell out the residential essence and character of the area. We are a mostly aged population that does not need a lot of commercial or multi-purpose development. Property values are a bargain and are susceptible to a wipe out.
9. Development patterns of the past that have blocked public access, e.g. Lux Apartments
10. Low wages, unemployment, budget competition.
11. Getting the necessary attention from City leaders.
12. Organization of neighbors
13. I can't say I really know, but I feel like communication within the community could be improved. I have seen small steps that have been encouraging, like the Nextdoor social media website, and the Northwest Urban Core open house that is scheduled. However, I doubt that very many of my neighbors know about the open house, which just illustrates my point. I'd be happy to walk door to door and tell people about it or send out mailers. Obviously, because the open house is tomorrow, it is too late for this meeting/event, but spreading the word and broadening communication in the future would help, I think.
14. City doesn't attend to us as much as the West
15. funds to do the work
16. Lack of interest in the area by city planners and developers focusing on already developing parts of town.
17. I have no idea why Copper's has taken so long. I feel the company has dragged it's heels and our Government has not been forceful enough.
18. Lack of funding
19. Lack of funding to have Code Enforcement, Property Assessor, and Tax Collector collaborate to force owners of blighted properties into compliance.
20. Old shopping plazas are not being transformed by vibrant businesses but just the same old
21. attention to other communities
22. Political support/funding
23. commitment from government businesses and community
24. New construction still attracted to I-75 corridor.
25. Funding I guess
26. Finances
27. Capital for small business owners to stay in business.
28. Recalcitrant City Commission
29. Economy
30. The City Commission and the City of Gainesville (whoever has to approve permits, design, etc.)

31. Money.
32. Finishing the Koppers cleanup. 13th Street redevelopment of existing stores is moving along, and there is infill on vacant or underused lots in residential areas. The Koppers sites, and vacant stores in the Cabot site, are dragging down the area.
33. Community involvement.
34. Financial
35. Lack of communication - Example - We received the notice of the meeting on Saturday for a meeting on Wednesday.
36. Voters that choose to vote against their own self-interest. Infrastructure sales tax proposals have been voted down 3 times. Current City/County budgets do not have enough revenue to address the backlog of infrastructure needs. An infrastructure sales tax has the additional benefit of capturing revenue from out of town visitors that come here and spend money when attending local events and attractions.
37. ?
38. Bike lanes require a dedication to the cause. Claiming 6th as a lane that bikes can use is much different than dedicating a lane and providing barriers to encourage riding and ensure safety. Gainesville drivers (including myself) are not yet in the mind frame to "coexist" with bikers. Koppers cleanup should be obvious, but until it is done, it will continue to plague the neighborhood, hurt its property values, and impede the desire for families to move here. I have known of houses for sale in the neighborhood that have fit friends' criteria perfectly, but they run when they discover its Superfund designation (a designation that was HIDDEN from me when I purchased our home).
39. Gee probably money and lack of vision. I believe you have to think long term. The environment will increasingly be an issue in the future. I believe if you give people safe ways to get around without driving a car and they will do it. Guess what, they will also spend more money locally.
40. City resources, financial and otherwise
41. Pollution along the abandoned tracks next to FI. Pest Control
42. bureaucracy
43. The economy
44. There are not enough high paying jobs within the community.
45. Financial resources, probably. The tax base in Stephen Foster is probably not equal to that of the Duckpond or Florida Park, and the money may not be there for sidewalks, bike trails, and road resurfacing.
46. The city government not paying adequate attention to the needs of the area/neighborhood and not approving funds necessary to address issues.
47. Koppers cleanup; city approvals....
48. Sprawl is depleting/redirecting city resources
49. I am not sure the City Commission and/or City staff have the willingness to devote the attention and resources necessary to achieve what our neighborhood wants and needs.
50. Money
51. What roadblock? Let's just do it!

- 52. Available funding/government budgets
- 53. Realtors in the City Commission
- 54. \$
- 55. Political will to provide something for it is citizens that provide "Peace of Mind" as a neighborhood feature for thousands of NW & NE residents.
- 56. Lack of funding for our part of town
- 57. Koppers property land use we need comprehensive growth plan
- 58. Big Business
- 59. Greed and corruption by Developers and the people who stand to only care about making money off our neighborhood
- 60. Funds
- 61. Funds

Do you have any other comments you would like to share?

- 1. The street signs around my area are barely readable. They haven't been replaced in years. Also 33rd Ave has become a cut through street between 13th and 6th Avenues. It's dangerous to back out of my driveway. We have many walkers in our community - dogs, kids, people just out for exercise.
- 2. 6th street could become a beacon for other similar communities. Picture this: the 6th street corridor attracts small businesses centered on health, wellness, holistic businesses-there are already fitness, chiropractic, counseling, massage, acupuncture businesses, Wards etc. There's a creative vibe here, too. What if 6th street also attracted innovative workplaces like Google and other tech companies? It's all about a balanced life and 6th street can easily become a mecca for that! Last but not least, residential property values in the Koppers area have unfairly decreased. Allowing owners in this neighborhood to fetch higher prices for their properties by zoning them commercial would at the very least give them the opportunity to choose to move to a neighborhood they feel comfortable in.
- 3. I don't want any high rise apartments in this area or huge buildings that cut down more trees.
- 4. Thank you for beginning to move toward improvements in this area.
:)
- 5. The area is dominated by 4 or 5 lane, mostly high-speed roads. Let's look to traffic calming measures and infrastructure to make it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists (and motorists).
- 6. Neighborhood is an older urban residential area. The commercial areas are either crummy or South Florida shlock with idiot designed parking, egress and exits. Main, 6th and 13th are nightmares for cyclists and to a small extent motorists too. Inner streets, especially dead end and no exit need more speed bumps. Would like better options for internet/cable TV.
- 7. High quality Stephen Foster Neighborhoods are very important to the whole City.
 - a. Safe southbound access onto 13th Street from the east (7th through 12th Streets) would be nice. We take our lives into our hands every time we leave home. 2) I would like to see both bike paths approved - we really

need to be able to bike SAFELY and connect to the Hawthorne Trail. 3) Hoping there will be a trend toward more local shops and eateries - fewer warehouse-type businesses in the area. 4) It would be great if the seedy hotels on 13th St. would just go away.

8. Better street signs around the neighborhood (like a sign at the entrance to the neighborhood) would be a really nice touch, as would sidewalks on the main streets (i.e. NW 30th) and landscaping would be a really nice improvement to the area and would encourage the neighbors to take care of their yards better. If some grants to improve homes / businesses in the area were implemented, it would create a chain reaction of improvement, right?
9. Also, the fire station behind the Gate gas station is actually really cool architecturally - even the font of the sign (Station No. 9, I think?) is great mid-century mod-looking. The flesh-color walls and lack of landscaping aren't doing anything for it. It wouldn't cost much to paint the building and landscape it to make a great impression entering the neighborhood from 13th Street.
10. I have lived in Florida for 4 years and in the Stephen Foster neighborhood for two years. I've lived in many other places, rural, urban, and everything in between. I really enjoy this neighborhood more than most I've lived in, and I'd love to see it improve and would love to help that happen. I am renting now, but when I am ready to buy a house (hopefully soon), I think I would be happy to stay in this neighborhood. There are few other neighborhoods in this area that are as appealing, with a good balance between urban and family friendly, quiet but not boring, close to "the action" but not too close. :)
11. We need more attention to pollution, and speeding.
12. Its a nice neighborhood. Kids are safe playing on the street. Pets are safe in the area. I like to ride my bike to/from work and wish there were more bike paths and/or wider sidewalks so it was easier to share with other bikers/walkers.
13. Our proximity to downtown and UF and ease of access to the airport and Santa Fe make this area a prime target for urban development. Let's get it right! No more strip malls. Include affordable housing for permanent residents. Keep neighborhoods walkable, bike able.
14. Clean up Coppers. Make the space into a Park/Rec area that will attract people to live in the area. Can you do another Depot Park project- that place is amazing!
15. The city should invest in bike lanes along both sides of the property. Good bike connectivity is essential to draw younger homeowners who want to commute to downtown and innovation square by bike. Also, commercial/mixed use zoning along the southern edge of Koppers that supports local businesses.
16. thanks for creating this opportunity to bring an community
17. Representing Grace Presbyterian Church. Our congregation is willing to support the neighborhood.
18. There are not any houses for sale that I know of.
19. Connecting the rail to trail from 16th through the property and or a parallel trail on the western boarder of the property is necessary to draw new attention to the neighborhood. With downtown expanding tech industry and future of innovation hub affordable housing with direct bike path to downtown for commuting creates

appeal. All neighbors must be able to access trail without riding on 6th. 6th is so unsafe for biking.

20. Keep Gainesville unique, not just another homogenous, sprawling suburb.

21. no comment

22. This is a prime place to advocate demolition of houses that are in bad condition and allow re-development.

23. I missed the presentation on March 15, 2017. In general, the Koppers site seems like a good spot for a mix of greenspace, storm water/remediation infrastructure, mixed use development, and light industrial. Potentially a good spot for a brewery, also.

24. The City Commission should revisit its Charter and remove the prohibitions regarding paving within the Hogtown Creek watershed so that the Hogtown Creek Greenway could be paved in the future. Whether or not it is paved, the issue does not belong in the City Charter.

25. Hopefully this is a sincere inquiry and not a perfunctory survey prior to turning the Koppers site into another industrial location that will only make the neighborhood less desirable than it already is. I love this neighborhood because it is not burdened with the suburban identity crisis and has not sunk into urban blight, but it is challenged by this stigma. If that can be addressed, I have high hopes for its future.

26. There are some properties that seem semi abandoned and I don't know why. Perhaps it's because they are rentals and the renters/owners don't care. It would be interesting rather than trying to fine people for hi grass or whatever if perhaps some incentive could be given to those who made a significant improvement. Repaint your house and get lower or no property tax for that year? Also as I've heard about the Koppers site not too far away it would be good if it were made clear that soil is safe in my area. I've seen some data but it doesn't appear much soil testing has been done where I am. Could it be made clear I am not affected?

28. I would like to see the Alfred Ring and 29th Road parks connected behind Lowes along Hogtown Creek
29. If there is a new park, rather than or in addition to tennis courts, pickle ball courts would be an excellent idea.
30. The Stephen Foster area has so much promise. The rise of Curia on Sixth Street south of 23rd Avenue has been wonderful, and Sugarcreek has become a very popular breakfast restaurant. And the streets immediately west of Koppers look better than they have in ages. With the addition of "Bicycles May Use Full Lane" signs, Sixth Street itself seems to have increased bike traffic, and this is important in encouraging younger professionals hoping to make a permanent home in Gainesville consider moving into this part of town. But the absence of a good dinner restaurant and the closure of a host of businesses along Sixth Street in recent years (most recently Cecile's) have left this area looking a tad neglected. Adding to that perception are local residential streets in need of resurfacing, inadequate street lighting, and too few sidewalks, and Stephen Foster is not meeting its potential. Converting the old Koppers site into a large, lovely city park, and connecting it via bike trails to the rest of the city, would do so much to revive this neighborhood. Families could enjoy walking or biking in the evening and on weekends, retirees could get some morning exercise and socialization, and the whole area could be united by and proud of such a fabulous amenity. It needn't be as extravagant as Depot Park, but a soccer field, softball diamond, basketball court, picnic pavilions, open grassy spaces, bicycle racks, and restrooms would bring so many people out of their homes and into the public spaces in the neighborhood. Connecting the new park to the city's other great parks via bike trails would create a link that could reenergize and revitalize this area.
31. Area needs proposed bike paths....
32. Stephen Foster is a great neighborhood, but infrastructure issues limit our social interaction and keep us isolated from one another.
33. 6th St is a barrier that bisects our neighborhood. Traffic has increased exponentially over the 13 years I've owned here. It takes drivers a long wait to turn left onto 6th Street, and crossing 6th by foot involves a much longer wait followed by a frantic run. Biking on 6th St is similarly nerve-wracking.
34. Perhaps crosswalks with some signals need to be considered. Or a bridge or tunnel like 13th St has. Anything that gets more people out walking and biking around will improve the health and friendliness of our neighborhood, and connect those of us east of 6th St to those of us west.
35. Stephen Foster could be a world class neighborhood, combining the safe, quiet, relaxing atmosphere of a suburb, with the convenience of easy access to urban shopping and amenities, with some work to our infrastructure.
36. Also a road diet for 6th St, with one lane heading north, one lane heading south, a turn lane in the middle, and bike lanes on the sides. This change worked well on Main St. Adding bike lanes worked well on NW 8th Ave and NW 16th Ave as well.

37. Cars rarely ride next to each other; they ride staggered. They could be staggered the same way in one lane. The cars would be closer together, and research shows they arrive in the same time.
38. If a bike/walk path is added to the west side of Koppers that will facilitate connection between folks who live on the dead-end streets (26th - 30th,) as well as between us and our neighbors to the north.
39. Please keep in mind that all the residents of Stephen Foster west of 6th St will need some rational, easy way to bike or walk across 6th St in order to access the future bike paths on Koppers, and access the 6th St rail trail to downtown.
40. Develop a park at Koppers. DO NOT TRY TO MOVE POOR PEOPLE INTO HOUSING ON A SUPERFUND SITE; it will cost the city in the long run.
41. I appreciate the chance to contribute to the process, and your effort to help improve our community. I would be pleased to participate in the process of creating a fabulous residential/commercial/convenient show case of sustainability for our city.
42. At one time the electrical workers union on NW 6th St. @ NW 22nd Ave allowed use of rear yard for community Dog Park. Then 2 bad dog resulted in closure. This was a much used please, so if possible work to reopen these elsewhere.
43. No Thanks, except I support the Koppers "Bothe Bike Path" initiative
44. Let's change the zoning of Koppers to reflect an in town residential neighborhood 6th and 23rd needs to be in a CRA
45. As long as this community is threatened with redevelopment, the citizens will be very uncomfortable!
46. I love the small town character Gainesville use to have before all the new building apartments that keep students from renting houses. Please don't fix what isn't broken. All we need is good serene park and natural spaces. Koppers need to be capped so not more pollution leeches into our aquifer and atmosphere. A skate park would be great on our side of town as well as 186 acre park w/walking/biking trails. This encourages people to get outside , slow down and enjoy a better quality of life.