

2022 NENA Community Priorities Survey

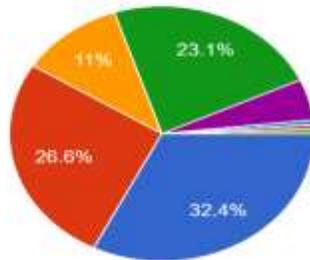
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Respondent Data

Your Neighborhood

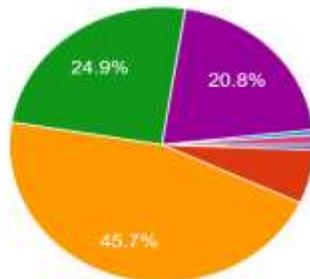
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- Keewaydin Resident
- Minnehaha Resident
- Morris Park Resident
- Wenonah Resident
- Nokomis East Business Owner or Employee
- Minnehaha UMC board member
- Standish Ericsson
- SENA?

Age Range

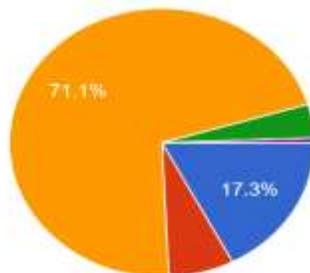
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- Under 18
- 19 - 30
- 31 - 45
- 46 - 65
- 66 plus
- Rather not share
- 31-45

Do you identify as a person with a disability, a cost-burdened household, a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, a person of color, or a veteran?

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- Yes
- Yes - I identify with two or more of the above
- No
- Rather not share
- Not me personally but in my household persons of color, LGBTQIA, and veteran

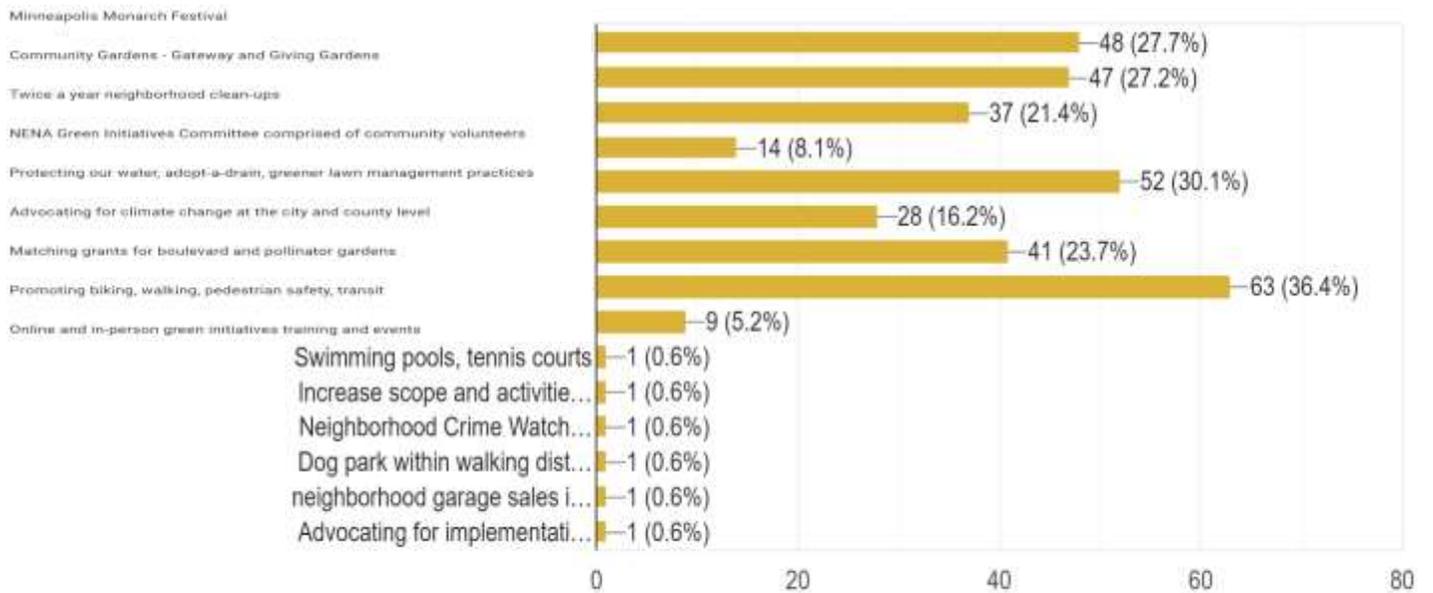
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Community Priority Area of Focus

1. Environment

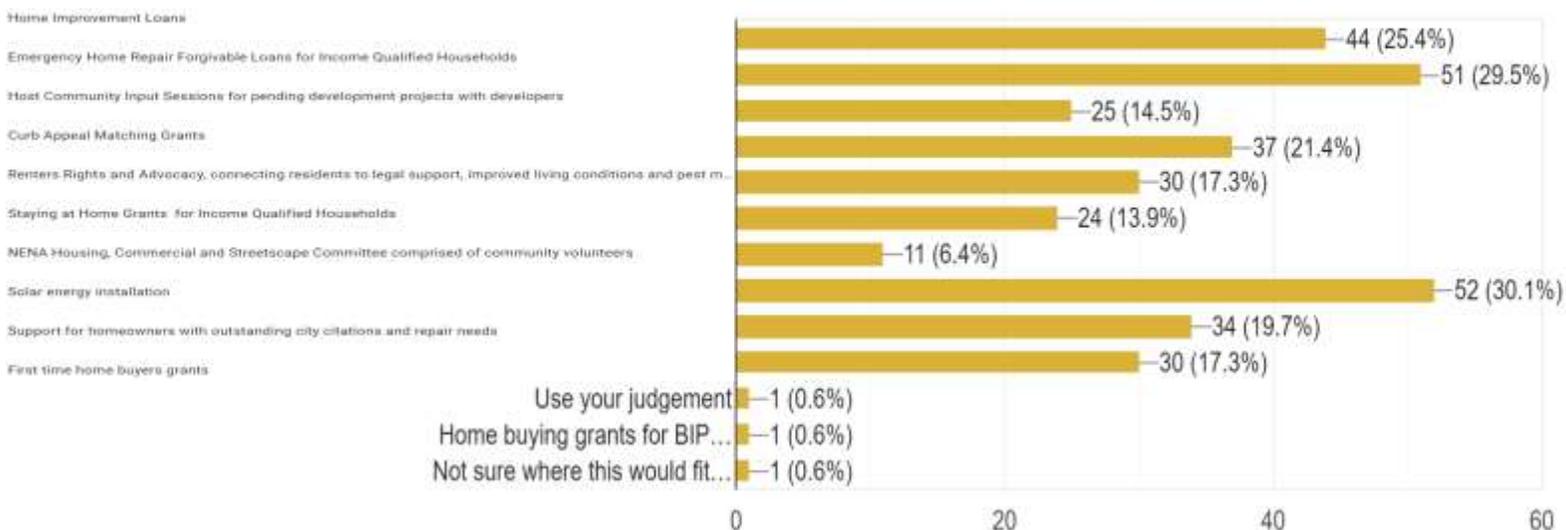
Environment Project Concepts (Past and Present) - Select the Top Two that would Serve our Nokomis East Community best over the next three years. SELECT 2 ONLY.

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2. Housing & Development

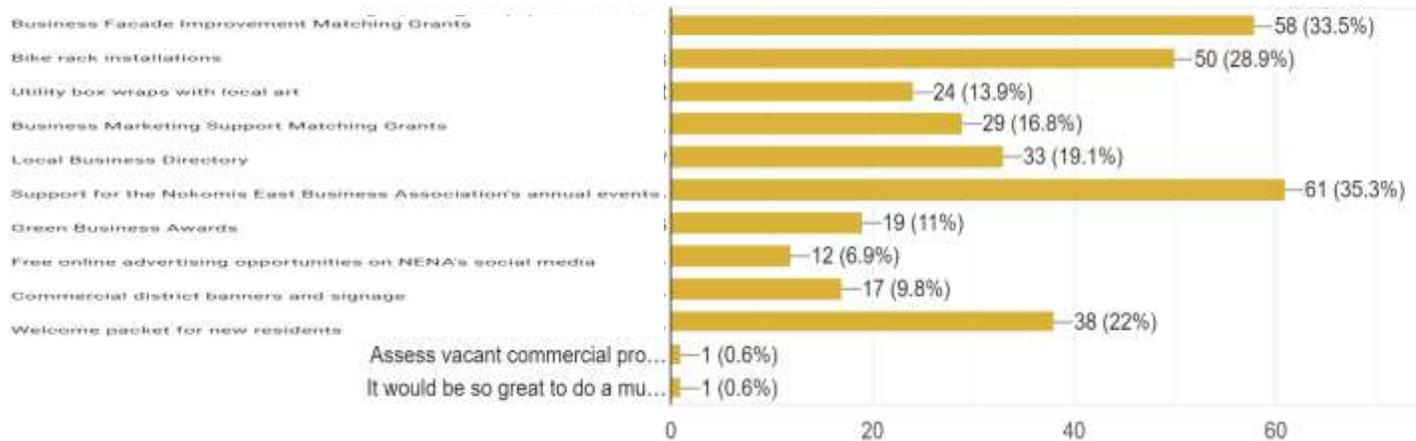
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3. Local Business Support

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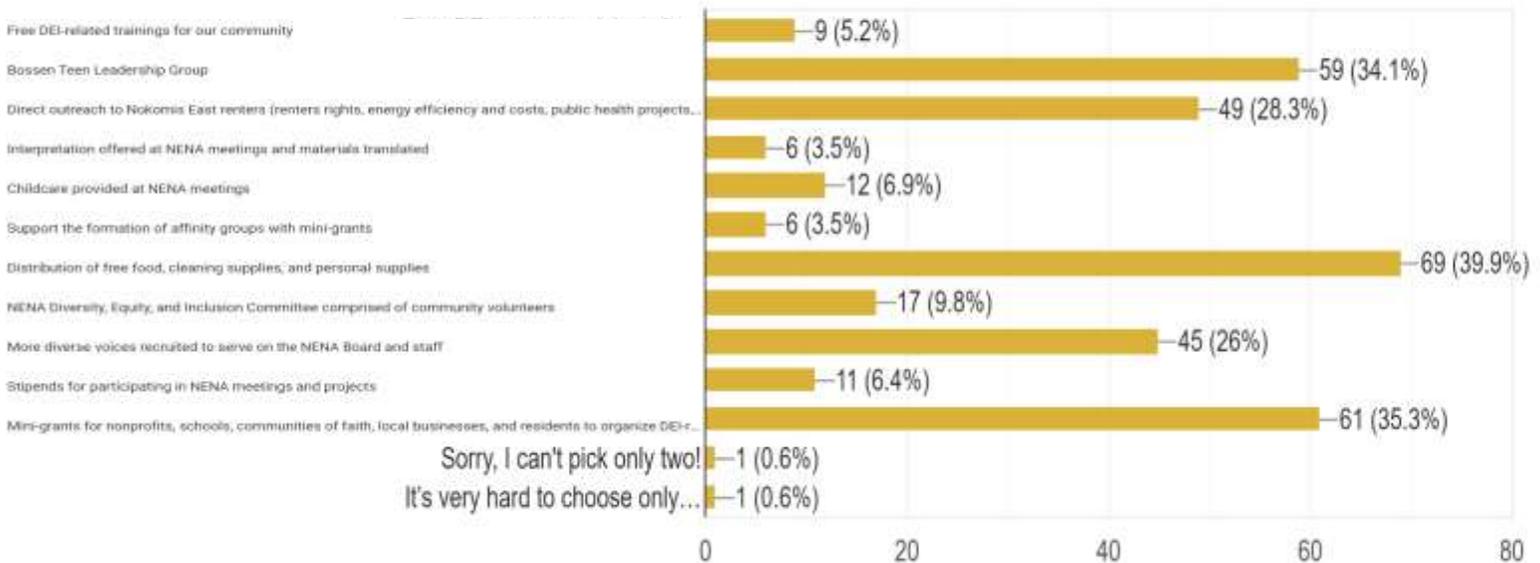
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4. Outreach & Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

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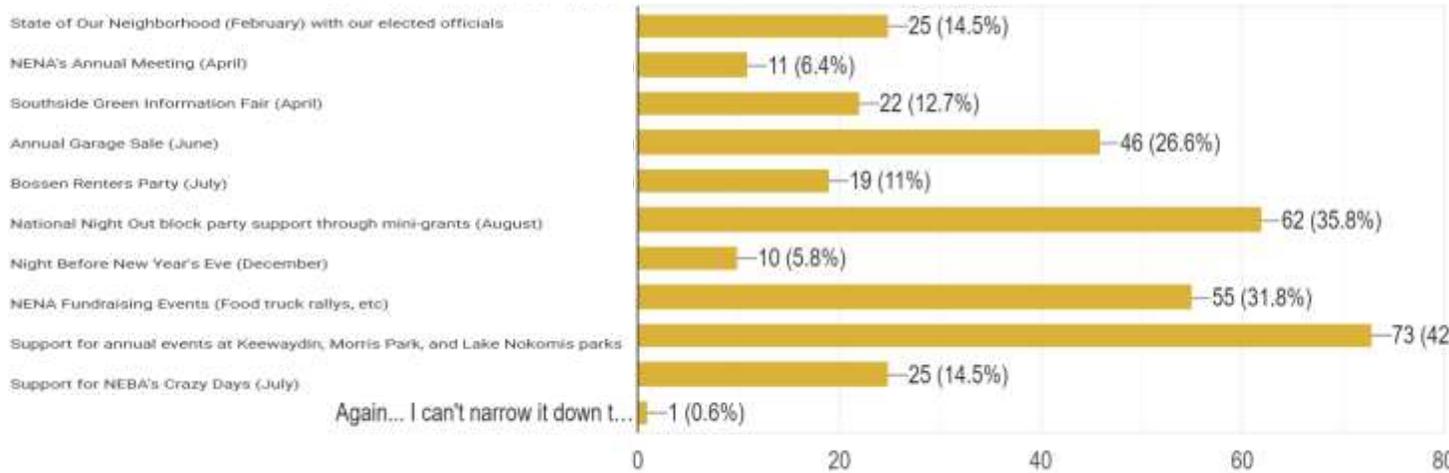
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5. Events

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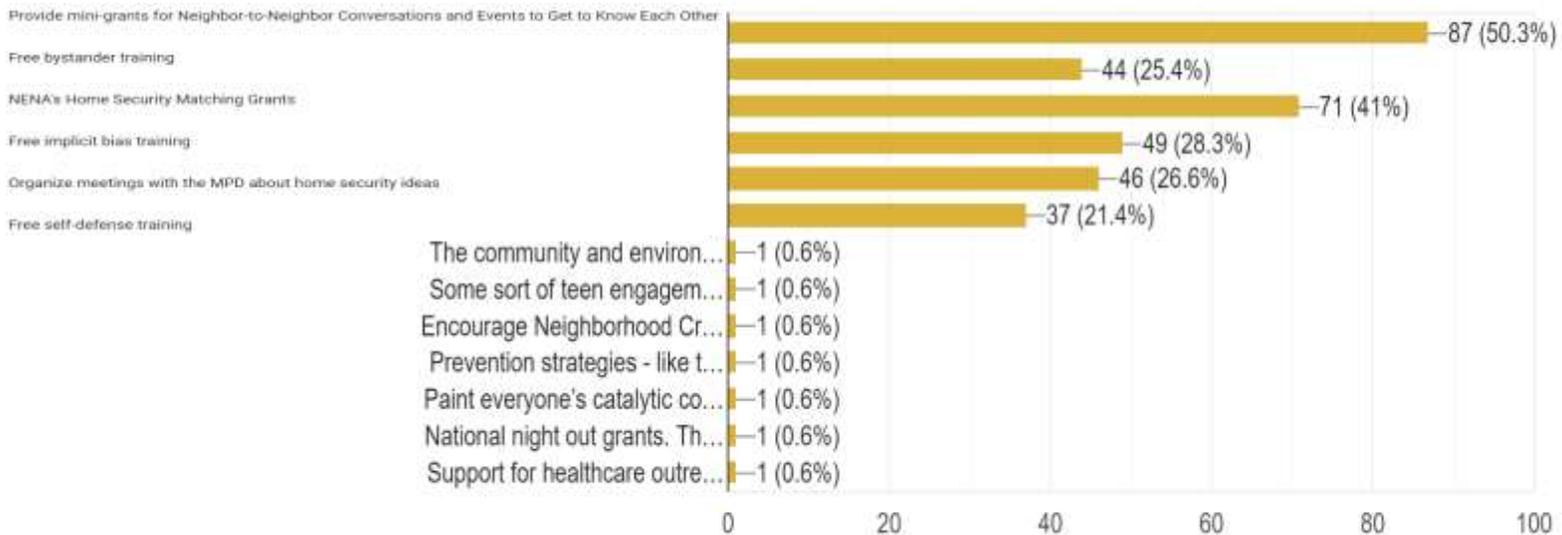
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6. Safety & Livability

Safety & Livability Project Concepts (Past and Present) - Select the Top Two that would Serve our Nokomis East Community best over the next three years. SELECT 2 ONLY.

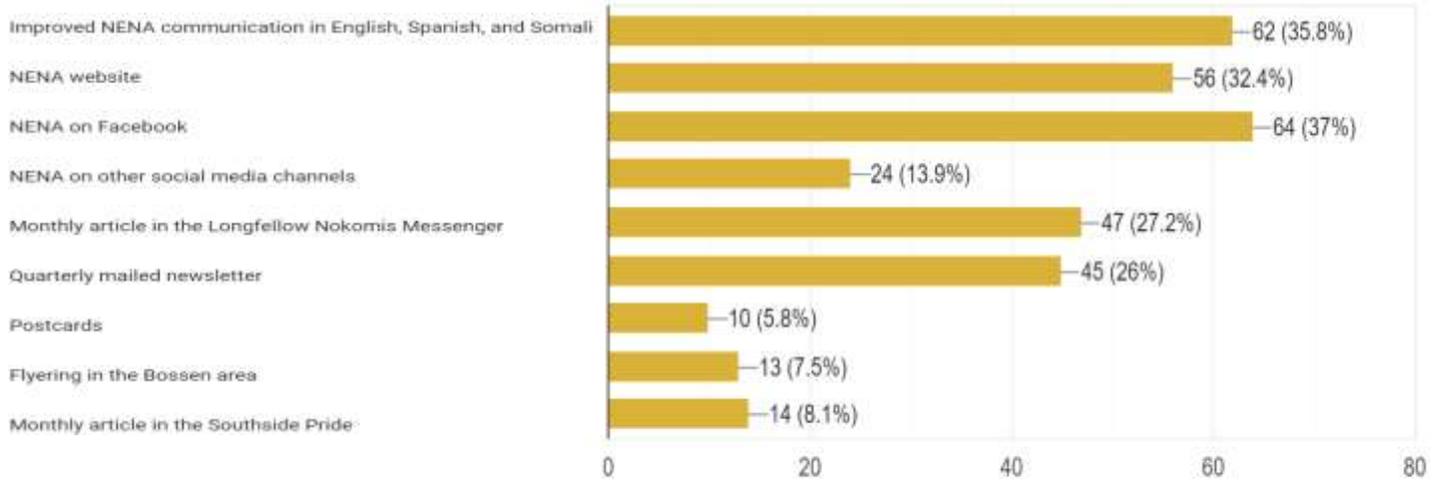
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6. Communication

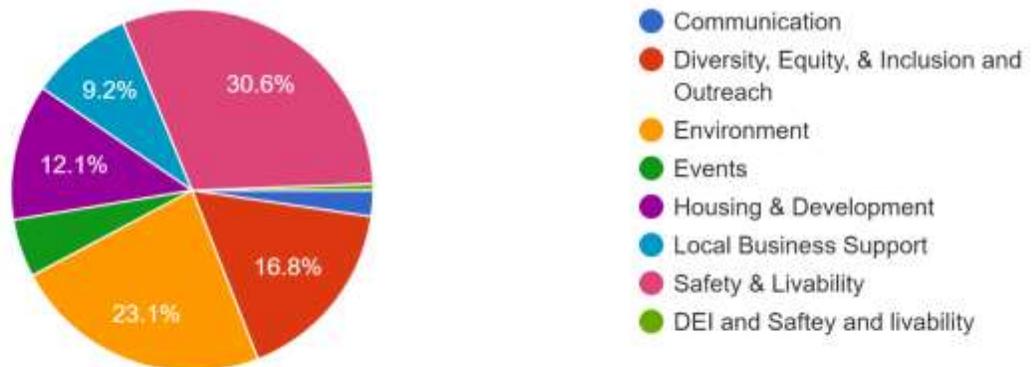
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After you have reviewed the project concepts, please rank your TOP Community Priority Area for 2022 and beyond.

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Last Thoughts & Ideas

Do you have other ideas, suggestions, and concerns for Nokomis East and/or NENA in the upcoming three years?

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1. Fun community events like the food truck fair have positive ripple effects for our area
2. What will happen with the lot the former Book Trader on 34th? I'd love to see it torn down since it's probably not in good enough shape to rehab. It would be nice to have a coffee shop in that location. I'm excited to see any new business come to our wonderful neighborhood.
3. Speed bumps on 50th and Nokomis Ave
4. Love hearing about local businesses through NENA
5. Concern: safety
6. more community events, block parties, more business recruitment
7. Yes, More bicycle infrastructure and encourage people to use unscented laundry products to protect our air quality. Studies show the hundreds of chemicals in perfumed detergents impact the air quality negatively. The fewer people using them the better our overall air quality.
8. My husband and I just bought our keewaydin home in July 2021. We were completely overwhelmed by the friendly group of neighbors that immediately welcomed us and made us feel like we already had a solid local network to rely on. We already feel invested in the community. I think the things that keep a neighborhood strong are a shared sense of identity and opportunities to bump into one and another which is why I prioritized the things that I did in the survey. I also think active transportation infrastructure and well-distributed density (more neighbors on all blocks - not just busy corners) support a healthy local business environment and I hope NENA can advocate for those qualities where applicable.
9. I think events to bring the neighborhood together are important - Monarch Festival, Food Truck Rally, etc.
10. Safety and parks that are safe and useable. Rebuilding trust with police and supporting their efforts to improve service to all community members
11. adding info about upcoming developments/construction and how to give comments/when comments are accepted so we can influence development in the neighborhood.
12. Understanding MPD programs related to crime
13. Emphasis on green initiatives. Particularly education with fertilizer usage and runoff into the lake
14. Support for artists in area!
15. A second neighborhood garage sale in the Fall would be great. Last year, a lot of people didn't participate because of the heat wave, and a lot of people could benefit from winter clothing being sold. Also, winter clothing could be donated and then distributed at Crosstown Covenant or Every Third Thursday.
16. Do not give advertising dollars to the vanity press the south side pride. It is a publication that spreads misinformation on a regular basis.
17. Farmer's market
18. More block parties!
19. Many community events are hosted in the Keewaydin and Minnehaha neighborhoods. Would love to see some more engagement with the Morris Park and Wenonah residents.

20. Ideas to beautify and bring more businesses to key intersections like 28th&50th, 34th&50th, etc. 2. Support initiatives to get neighbors better connected. 3. Identify ways to improve community safety.
21. Please don't support the Southside Pride publication with neighborhood money. The editor has never supported NENA and is generally not aligned with the best interests of the neighborhood or its residents.
22. Public safety should be the top priority. We need more engagement from our council member and mpd as to what is being done to quell all this violent crime. Our council member said he puts the crime stats in his monthly newsletter. In my opinion this is not an acceptable response. There is a lack of city leadership on all levels regarding violent crime and how to stop it.
23. I'm concerned that cowardly white people will dominate the conversations and make it all about "crime".
24. Have some music events featuring local artists
25. I would love more combined community and business events. It would be great to do some business open house days where businesses provide refreshments or food and neighbors are encouraged to walk to businesses and interact with them. Such as using a stamp card and they are turned in at the end of the day to be entered to win a grouping of prizes?
26. I am concerned with all the condos being built in the area. Let's not turn this area of the city into an overly-built Uptown.
27. Organize events to get enough people the city may listen to turning some streets into one ways, or turn the one block of oxendales/McDonald's into pedestrian/bike thru only.
28. We have neighbors who care :)
29. Homeowner grants for people of color to add more diversity to our neighborhood.
30. Focus on teenagers, especially lower income kids.
31. neighborhood ice skating rinks with donated skates and warm winter clothes
32. Host an outdoor winter festival that has food, music and activities to do during the cold winter months. It would be a way to connect and get out of the house and meet with people in a Covid safe outdoor environment.
33. I have concerns with the development that is taking place in our neighborhoods. The 5 over 1 model of architecture doesn't charm. Parking will quickly become a problem.
34. Taking steps to reduce and control the increase in violent and non-violent crime in the neighborhood. Increase MPD presence in the area. Relationship building activities between the public and MPD.
35. Since we moved here a year and a half ago, three people of color have moved out of the neighborhood who lived on our block. I know for sure two of them felt that they were priced out of this neighborhood. Prioritizing affordable housing, especially helping BIPOC folks be able to purchase houses. I know it's easier said than done but that feels like a priority.
36. Is there a way we could make the area more safe and stop predators from driving alleys and checking for unlocked garages and cars. Happens all the time
37. Concern about feeling safe in our neighborhood with car jacking, robberies, and catalytic converter thefts
38. NextDoor has a lot of potential for connecting and educating neighbors, but is currently pretty toxic. It would be great to see conversations about the programming listed in this survey in the "top posts" (a daily digest), but I know it's probably tricky with the algorithm. Also, I'm familiar with some of the programs (like ones that are described on NENA's

website), but not all of them, so I guessed based on the name. If the next survey could have links to program descriptions, that would be really useful.

Your Ideas Wanted! The goals of the next decade of funding provided by the City of Minneapolis for organizations like NENA focus more on equitable engagement of all community members. This funding program is an opportunity to try new techniques, develop new strategies, think outside the box, and break from how things have always been done. Every neighborhood organization is tasked with engaging historically underrepresented residents meaningfully and effectively. How can NENA achieve this goal over the next three years?

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1. Partner with those residents to lead info gathering among those community members
2. N/A
3. Connect with schools to engage with high risk kids to connect them to community
4. Talk to and listen to our underrepresented residents. Connect with a local leader that they will or do trust to gather input.
5. Consistent outreach in a way desired by underrepresented members. This will require research to determine best methods and it may require a combination
6. programs to recruit first time home buyers of color for the neighborhood
7. Support for older people, snow clearing, wellness checks ect
8. Give extra weight to underrepresented residents' responses in this survey (and other sources of input).
9. I believe local business support & safety & livability are equal in importance in order to sustain the excellent long standing reputation of our neighborhood.
10. Gather people in small groups over a meal and facilitated discussion
11. food at meetings once they are in person
12. Maybe moving some events into those specific areas of the neighborhood and doing them more often
13. Keep asking for input like this. Allow for representation when decisions are being made.
14. Intersection at Cedar and Nokomis parkway needs to be better thought out. It seems to be dangerous for bicycles and pedestrians
15. Work with Nokomis Healthy Seniors to increase VOLUNTEER or reduced price handymen who live in the neighborhood to do things for seniors or disabled. I currently rely on a handyman who lives in Falcon Heights, and he charges \$40/hr.
16. Sponsor a community garden at Bosen Field with educational activities Develop a reading mentor program for children at Bosen Commons Identify block captains and encourage neighbor to neighbor events on your block
17. It's not an idea, but just want to thank you all for the important work that you do in making NENA a great place to live for all.
18. Work with surrounding neighborhoods where crime rates are higher to promote public safety of the entire area
19. Not sure.
20. People either care enough to make the sacrifice to participate in their community or they don't. Regardless of an individual's life situations, participating in community work is always a sacrifice. I don't believe any efforts to "sweeten the pot" will make a significant change in

how passionate community members are about helping their neighbors out. If that were the case, organizations would have figured this out long ago and we wouldn't have the issue. The people that show up to volunteer are going to be the people that have a say in the community and I'm not sure that even needs to change. If you don't put your skin in the game, you shouldn't be playing.

21. More non-white folks on the board will help bring in non-white folks. Focus more on the perilous plight of renters instead of always focusing on home owners.
22. I am not qualified to advise
23. Ensure decision makers are representative of the community
24. Bring a farmers' market to Nokomis East. This would create community, attract farmers of color, and would make healthy food more accessible to residents. I would be happy to be involved in the planning of this effort.
25. Single parents and disabled people— have a service where people can community share shoveling duties or try to get the city to help with sidewalk snow removal. Too many times the burden is on the homeowner and it doesn't get cleared well enough or fast enough and it's nearly impossible to navigate thick snow in a wheelchair or walker or cane. Single parents could support emergency kits like formula or a few cloth diapers so if a parent runs out but needs them in a pinch in order to get to work or whatever they could be picked up somewhere easily. Or grants to support early/late childcare, or grants to support a meal that isn't fast food cause the parent has no time to cook.
26. We need affordable childcare & engaged teenagers.
27. --Healthy Seniors active --New businesses -- Drug Store, Fabric Store (Joanne's)
28. I do not support programs or events driven by ideological agendas. These produce only the appearance, not the substance of equitable engagement. I support programs or initiatives that promote the safety, security, livability and beautification of the neighborhood, and which are friendly to small and private businesses.
29. I think one way to achieve this is by working on building relationships with people. What NENA might be able to help with is creating events or spaces where these important relationship building events can take place. One way to build true well-being is by having and nurturing strong relationships with people in your community.
30. Inform the neighborhood about racial redlining.
31. outreach and community engagement. Talking directly with the people who are being left out to find out what they want and how they would like to engage. What does equity and inclusion look like to the people who are being left out?
32. I wish I had the answer! I really like the idea of diversifying the board by getting folks from near Bossen and other unrepresented community members. Giving underrepresented folks a true seat at the table, I think that could go a long way.
33. Continued focus on Bossen and other parks :)
34. I'd love to see more community pollinator gardens, especially in our local parks. They're relatively low maintenance once established, and would have an outsized environmental impact compared with their size!

Anything to share with NENA's Board of Directors? If you would like a response from NENA, please add your name and contact information. Thanks!

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1. Thanks for your commitment to the work you do in our community,
2. Thanks for your efforts!
3. Thank you for giving your time to being on the Board and working for our community
4. Thank you for your service to our wonderful neighborhood!
5. Thank you for your work in our neighborhood!
6. It will be very hard to accomplish anything unless residents feel safe in their own neighborhoods
7. Thank you!
8. Keep up the good work!
9. I follow the Facebook page and am always impressed with all the things NENA is doing. As busy working professional and parent while caring for a disabled adult, it's often hard to get involved. Please keep posting updates on social media.
10. I appreciate this survey and will pass it on
11. Affordable childcare, more opportunities for teens to engage in the community & safe biking/walking areas.
12. Thank you for all that you have done over the past couple of years. It's been a roller-coaster ride.
13. Thank you for the opportunity to share input!!!
14. Thank you for supporting our wonderful neighborhood and making it even better for everyone!