



Inclusive Cities Community Feedback Results

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Q1: What other words best describe “Inclusive” for our neighborhoods?

Welcoming spirit of hospitality
Downtown ADA compliant
Funds for MC event, neighborhood funds, City Council links
Add mini farmer’s market maybe at parks
Attendees, realtors – community neighborhood garage sales

Q.2. How can we achieve more inclusive neighborhoods?

GOVERNMENT

Safety
Safe (2)
Lighting
More streetlights around city
Free of Debris
Property maintenance
Busted sidewalks
Walkable (4)
Crosswalks
Sidewalks well maintained
Have accessible sidewalks or paths that people can use
Increasing public transportation options for all of county
Government walk about
Government go to the people
Accessible housing for disabled
Support affordable housing
City policies to insure equal opportunity and access to housing
Accessible
Neighborhood policing door to door
Increase housing
More frequent public transportation closer to stops
Having more spaces for cultural gatherings and reasonable rates
Address different parks around area big and small that are able for families to use
Transportation to parks

Park locations

Be interested in what Holland City Council is doing; attend or follow in media

COMMUNICATION

Communication – paper

HOW WE LEARN

Get to know people unlike yourself – ethnic, social class

Learn and understand other people's stories

Communicate with neighbors

Know who your neighbors are

PUBLIC INTERACTION

Children friendly

Flexible hours for working moms

Highlighting needs of community door to door

Multi-generational neighbors

Sharing of history (personal)

Check up on your senior neighbors

One night a week have local agencies (police/health clinics/hospitals) have fun events for kids

Block parties

A car cruise or show once a summer

Community gardens

Outdoor spaces

Contact the local church about a neighborhood event

Available social services

Intentional gatherings

Dog park

Start a small group meeting/dinner with 2 or 3 people

A local farmer's market – invite vendors to set up and sell their wares

Places of congregation

More neighborhood gatherings

Block/neighborhood street party

Animals

Be a safe place

Do not center activities around churches only (in-group vs out-group)

Be involved in community social groups, neighborhoods, ethnic, Good Samaritan Center,

Community Action House and Holland committees

Q.3. Actionable items we can do today?

GOVERNMENT

Survey community for low light area locations
Survey community to find out areas needing sidewalk care
Ask community how public transportation can be improved: frequency increased, more weather coverings, extended areas
12 bags a year garbage pick-up

COMMUNICATION

Cultural activity newsletters
50% adults have no access to internet
“Did You Know?” in Sentinel
Communication – “Did You Know?” constant info like letter to editor disclaimer
Publicize the valuable groups and services of Evergreen Commons
Communicate frequently

HOW WE LEARN

Educate realtors about the value of diversity – no false narratives

PUBLIC INTERACTION

Peddler’s market spring and fall
Pop-up neighborhood events
PCR Neighborhood relations
Invite a local band to play in the park
Making sure community center is available for community potlucks, cultural gatherings for all (low cost by group size)
Meet your neighbors
Annual picnics for a given area (e.g., the Heights) party sponsored by city
Neighborhoods: 1) Neighborhood picnic twice a year (minimum once a year); 2) Have a welcome house which rotates annually – their job is to go around and “touch base”
Share ethnic holidays
Suggest activities: potlucks, garage sales
Porch lights on at dusk
Contact Boys and Girls club – how to get involved
Get to know your neighbors
Be welcoming: be open and available