

Community Relations Commission

Meeting Agenda

Northside Neighborhood Walkabout



Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 4 until 5:30 p.m.

Chamberlain Elementary School, 428 N. 5th Street (Park in the west lot)

Attendees and invitees

- **CRC MEMBERS:** E-man Monge, Lori Copsey, Angie Wentz, Tim Swartzentruber and John Dolezal. City support: Gina Leichty (Mayor), Phil Lederach (City Council Liaison), Michael Wanbaugh (Director of Administrative Affairs/Interim Community Relations Director), Amanda Guzman (Communications Manager) and Theresa Cummings (CDGB administrator).

About the Walkabout

You are invited to join a walkabout through the Northside neighborhood during the upcoming Community Relations Commission meeting. This follow-up to our 2024 walkabout offers a valuable opportunity to:

- Observe ongoing and completed improvement efforts
- Learn about initiatives in planning and development
- Engage with residents, community partners, and City personnel actively involved in neighborhood transformation

The walk will cover approximately two miles and feature guided stops and brief presentations at key sites across the Northside.

Preliminary Northside Neighborhood Walking Tour outline

1. Chamberlain Elementary School

- a. *Principal Todd Williams:* Overview of student and family engagement in the Northside community.

2. Artisan Builders Group

- a. *Marlin Schwartz, President:* Tour of a recently remodeled home and discussion on transforming blighted properties into safe, healthy, and prosperous homes.

3. Maple City Health Care Center

- a. *Alita Yoder, Director of Operations:* Insights into neighborhood health challenges and community-based care solutions.

4. 5th Street Corridor

- a. *City of Goshen: Don Shuler, Legal, and Myron Grise, Travis Eash, Micah Helmuth, Building Department*
 - Blight Remediation and Receivership Program
- b. *Lacasa Inc.: Jeremy Stutsman CEO*
 - 5th Street Neighborhood Investment Strategies

5. Walnut Park

- a. *City of Goshen: Tanya Heyde, Parks Department*
 - Update on recent and planned Parks Department investments in Walnut Park.

6. Public Works and Redevelopment

- a. *City of Goshen: Dustin Sailor, Jamey Bontrager-Singer, Becky Hutsell*
- Overview of infrastructure projects, strategic planning, and reinvestment by Public Works and Redevelopment.

7. Mill Street Park

- a. *Tanya Heyde, Parks Department and Brett Weddell, Rotary*
- Highlighting the public-private partnership that created Mill Street Park, featuring community gardens, play spaces, and public art.

8. Public Health and Safety

- a. *Jim Ballard and Andrew Priem, Mobile Integrated Health Coordinators*
- Presentation on safety and health initiatives being piloted in Northside.

Estimated Route of Walking Tour: [2025 Goshen Northside Walking Tour - Google My Maps](#)