

How can we bring Heart and Soul into this conversation (about safety)?

Can we profile our community's demographics and assess unmet needs?

Is it time for our community to have a family center?

Can the community build adult-to-adult or family-to-family sponsorship/mentoring relationships for our newest neighbors?

We are still working to analyze the data from the community conversations we held recently (with close to 350 community members) and will be presenting the top values to the community in March. After that, we will continue to work with the data which also tells us quite a bit about people's hopes for the future and specific action ideas. We also have plans to bring people together to work with these ideas and craft some plans for moving to action. We'll let you know more about the timing and structure of this soon. In the meantime, here is what we can tell you right now.

1. People identified almost 100 values during the conversations. Of all of these, a much smaller number of clear priority values emerged, and safety is third on the list. 151 individual people voted for safety to be a top priority during the conversations.
2. The data also shows a strong interest in creating more venues where the community can gather (the idea of a Family Center seems well aligned with this hope).
3. Not surprisingly, there is a lot of interest in supporting our youth, and the issue of mentoring definitely came up a fair number of times.

I hope this bit of preliminary information is helpful. Heart & Soul is transitioning from the "Explore our Community" phase of the project to the "Choose Our Future" phase and we would like to keep in close touch with you as we plan our next steps.