



Franklin Avenue Walking Engagement

April 19, 2024



On April 4, 2024, we engaged with people at Pow Wow Grounds and walked East along Franklin Avenue starting from Peavy Park. On April 11, 2024, we walked East starting at 14th and Franklin Avenue. The team doing engagement included City of Minneapolis staff who spoke English, Spanish, and Somali. We talked with about 64 people including:

- Adults
- New immigrants from Ecuador
- Spanish speaking people
- Somali speaking people
- English speaking people
- Minneapolis residents
- Visitors to Minneapolis

We asked the people who we met what services they thought were most important in the Lake Steet and South Minneapolis Community Safety Centers. Most people said the same services were important at both sites.

Top 5 social services:

- Drug or alcohol addiction
 - Supportive services
- Affordable housing
 - Housing opportunities
- Mental health
 - Therapy
- Employment support
 - Job training
 - Help finding jobs
- Homeless Resources
 - Showers
 - Water
 - Electrolytes
 - Bathrooms
 - Laundry
 - Shelter space to sleep and hangout

Top ranked other uses or resources:

- Quiet/resting space
- Medical services
- Space for community meals
- Free office space for small business
- Giving out opioid overdose medicine

Quotes:

- My biggest concern is that if the nature of policing in Minneapolis doesn't change people will be reluctant to use these services if located near the police station and the community services will be in danger because another uprising is likely if the nature of the police does not change to one of accountability for people of color.
- In recovery. Wants us to share information on resources and have drop in space. Wants staff with a good attitude, welcoming and friendly. Community garden anything that brings the community together.
- Most important to me is the Police