

SBStat City of South Bend

Date September 11, 2019 Department: Neighborhoods

SBStat Post Meeting Notes

Urgent Issues Review During Meeting:

• N/A

Decisions and Key Takeaways

- Sidewalk Repair Program
 - It would be helpful to advertise "bundling" opportunities to help residents realize cost savings
 - Council allocations could include cost reduction for "bundled" recommendations
 - Contractor availability and pricing is an ongoing barrier to residents accessing the program
 - Continue pilot in 2020 (target areas with higher reimbursement rates and program availability to non-home owners)
- Property Acquisition and Disposition
 - Communicate with Code Enforcement when acquiring property
 - Different departments have different time horizons for property decisions but increased communication will help find overlapping interests

Potential Topics to Discuss Next Meeting: Visualizing place-based investment

- Shared Goal: improve analysis and understanding of neighborhood investment
- This goal can be met in many ways, including a potential new data analysis or visualization that can be communicated on a per-capita, per-household, geographic, programmatic, or other lens
- Important to incorporate information on past (dis)investment to contextualize current data
- Catalogue programs and spending areas to include and consider basic services vs. targeted investment by Q4 meeting

Other Topics Discussed

- Community partnerships for park maintenance will ease the burden of acquiring and building new parks
- Analysis of historic costs for sidewalk repairs paid by City vs. residents; consider whether City should pay for all repairs up front and introduce new taxation