

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPONENTS & COMPOSITE DIMENSIONS

The seven components a thriving neighborhood needs, and the concrete, notice-if-missing dimensions distilled under each. One line per dimension, the thing you would notice if it went missing.

★ marks the dimension the room voted up most. Three boards (Place, Recognition, Mutual Obligation) drew no clear dot signal; their dimensions are listed as distilled.

01

PLACE & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The physical container. Whether a person on foot can live well here.

DESIGN & HUMAN SCALE

Walkable and built to human scale, with the person on foot kept at the center.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Sidewalks, crosswalks, streetlights, and safe public spaces, kept in good repair.

PUBLIC SPACE

A free gathering place within walking distance, open to everyone.

HOUSING

Everyone housed, in homes that stay affordable for long-time residents and newcomers alike.

NATURE

Shared green space open to all, with the more-than-human world treated as a stakeholder.

02

RECOGNITION & BELONGING

Whether people know each other, and feel known in return.

FAMILIARITY

People can say where the neighborhood starts and stops, and what makes it theirs.

ENTRY-LEVEL RECOGNITION

People who pass each other regularly nod, say hi, and get newcomers introduced.

KNOWN BY NAME AND GIFT

A typical person knows the first names, and the talents, of several neighbors nearby.

ACTIONS THAT FOLLOW BEING KNOWN

If your car would not start, a neighbor would help; people have someone local to call.

BEING KNOWN AND VALUED

Neighbors see you as valuable, not a problem to solve, and you feel seen and heard.

03

RHYTHM & RECURRENCE

Whether the same people show up, again and again, on purpose.

REGULARS ★ MOST VOTED

Something recurring happens most weeks of the year, and the same people keep showing up by choice.

CONSISTENT EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

The annual events keep going year to year: the car show, the community yard sale, the celebration.

SHARED MEETING SPACES

Free, predictable times and places to gather, for play, food, fellowship, and skill sharing.

EQUITABLE ACCESS

People share the same everyday places: the grocery store, the church, the school.

CREATED TOGETHER, NOT IMPOSED

Neighbors start and run the recurring gatherings themselves, rather than having them handed down from outside.

04

MUTUAL OBLIGATION

What neighbors and systems owe each other, and are willing to pay.

ACCOUNTABLE BOTH WAYS

The systems that serve the neighborhood answer to residents, and residents answer to them too.

WILLING TO GIVE, AT A COST

People give space, food, funding, or time to efforts that help others, even when it costs them.

HELP IS ASKABLE

People know where to turn for help and can ask for it, for a sudden crisis or an ongoing need.

MUTUAL AID & ADOPTION

Mutual-aid networks form, and institutions take each other on, a church adopting a school.

WE BELONG TOGETHER

People act as if they belong together and are committed to this place, not just passing through.

05

COMMON STAKES

What pulls neighbors together across their differences.

GRASSROOTS CATALYSTS ★ MOST VOTED

Specific people, the instigators and connectors, take it on themselves to bring neighbors together.

CONNECTION ACROSS DIFFERENCE

Neighbors who differ still come together around shared cares, and can hold the difference rather than split over it.

RESPONDING TO HARM TOGETHER

When a flood covers the street, or an outside force threatens the place, people show up and respond together.

CREATING NEW INITIATIVES

Neighbors start new things for the common good, not only maintain what already exists.

INSTITUTIONAL ANCHORS

The organizations that hold the place, and how they answer to it.

A CONNECTOR INSTITUTION ★ MOST VOTED

One institution ties the others and the neighbors together, a connector or community quarterback. The group named the church as the one that could.

CLOSE, AND ANSWERABLE TO IT

Institutions stay close to the people they serve and measure success by the neighborhood's flourishing, not their own survival.

GOVERNED BY THE COMMUNITY

Residents actually govern the institutions that serve them, through shared leadership and shared power.

HEALTHY AND DIVERSE

A working spread of institutions: childcare, healthcare, a grocery with good food, a library, schools, social supports.

UNDERSTANDS THE COMMON STAKES

Institutions grasp the neighborhood's shared stakes and obligations, and add to the place rather than extract from it.

STORY, MEMORY & IDENTITY

Who the neighborhood says it is, and who gets to tell it.

HOLDING COMPLEXITY ★ MOST VOTED

People can tell a complicated, many-sided story of the place, including who started it, without flattening it to one clean version.

HELD BY THE WHOLE

Kids and elders, not just a small group, can tell the neighborhood's story, and neighbors make its name together.

FULL IDENTITY WITHIN DIVERSITY

Newcomers and long-time residents claim one identity, big enough for everyone and specific enough to belong to.

STEWARDED THROUGH PRACTICE

Specific people are known for keeping and sharing the stories, including the overlooked ones, and they do it regularly.

AFFECTION FOR PLACE

People speak about the place with affection, not just as where they happen to live.

CONNECTING FOR CHANGE

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