



The below outlines the priorities and corresponding goals for the Metcalfe Park neighborhood.

## SAFETY & PLACEMAKING

*We work with residents and partners to ensure resident safety through the development of public spaces where residents of all ages can interact and engage in activities that better support positive health outcomes and strengthen community spirit, cultural, physical and psychological safety outcomes.*

- **Increase safe public green spaces in the neighborhood.**
  - Redesign current neighborhood parks and provide positive programming in parks and repurposed vacant lots (including clubhouses and restrooms).
  - Cultivate a natural environment throughout the neighborhood that is specific to Metcalfe Park.
- **Increase traffic safety and reduce speeding in the neighborhood.**
  - Reduce the number of accidents and injuries as a result of traffic and speeding, focused on 33rd, 34th, 35th and 36th streets.
- **Decrease urban blight and address environmental concerns in the neighborhood.**
  - Conduct safety walks to document areas of concern (i.e., overhanging trees, loose dogs, abandoned homes, vacant lots, critical property safety violations).
- **Improve the public perception of Metcalfe Park to ensure the emotional and racial safety of residents.**
  - Develop and install unique community signage in the neighborhood, including the addition of artistically decorated garbage cans, as well as the planting of a “universal tree” that residents and community members will associate with Metcalfe Park.

## CONNECTEDNESS & CULTURAL VIBRANCE

*We are committed to bridging the gap between members of our community to build and maintain strong relationships in order to increase connectedness and cultural vibrance.*

- **Strengthen neighborhood identity and connect residents across cultures and geography.**
  - Install culturally relevant art in the neighborhood and change one of the street names to Ralph Metcalfe Street.
- **Increase the number of businesses that reflect the cultural diversity of the neighborhood.**
  - Identify and work with partners to help support small business diversity.

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

*We are dedicated to ensuring residents have an informed, active voice in the decisions affecting their community.*

- **Increase residents' capacity to effect neighborhood change at the policy level.**
  - Provide leadership and advocacy training to residents, with a particular focus on housing, social and environmental justice issues.
- **Increase residents' civic knowledge.**
  - Develop and support a civic engagement table.
- **Increase voting participation in the neighborhood.**
  - Identify and register residents who are not currently registered to vote.

## INTERGENERATIONAL WEALTH & OPPORTUNITY

*We open doors of opportunity for residents through transformational educational, employment, wealth-building and entrepreneurial experiences.*

- **Decrease displacement in the neighborhood.**
  - Increase resident homeownership while strengthening and creating healthy rental housing opportunities.
- **Increase access to opportunities for residents to build personal and community wealth.**
  - Identify partners who can co-create financial education and employment programs (i.e., banking services, investment clubs, better paying jobs).
- **Provide youth with wealth-building opportunities.**
  - Expose youth to career pathways and activities that prepare them to build assets, including green jobs, coding, SAT prep, entrepreneurship and financial education.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

*Metcalfe Park is a clean and green, environmentally and emotionally healthy neighborhood.*

- **Increase a sense of personal and community well-being for residents.**
  - Assess community health concerns and hold regular wellness, food and resource events.
- **Increase opportunities for residents to live in safe, healthy and secure housing.**
  - Increase the community's knowledge of eviction laws, legal and mediation support, and other resources that address housing quality and financial literacy.
- **Increase resident participation in environmentally responsible practices.**
  - Increase resident participation in backyard gardening.
- **Reduce residents' exposure to environmental toxins in their water and environment.**
  - Increase residents' knowledge of the impact of lead exposure in paint, water and dirt, and other toxins such as pharmaceuticals and animal waste; connect them to wellness activities to reduce such exposure.