



Planning Chinatown

Snapshot #1
August 8, 2016

Introduction

Phase one of the Planning Chinatown public engagement process has launched and is well on its way. We would like to give you a snapshot of themes that we have heard so far and also would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have participated at our events so far. This snapshot includes all events starting July 9, 2016 and includes all in-person events up until July 20, 2016.

During this phase, the team will continue to talk to and engage with people up until August 21, 2016. From there they will analyze, review and report their findings, which will inform the draft guiding principles for planning in Chinatown.

What we asked

1. Why is Chinatown special to you?
2. What are the most important issues facing Chinatown today? How do you think we can address these issues?
3. Imagine your ideal Chinatown 20 years in the future. What does it look like? How does it feel?
4. Think about the future of Chinatown. What are you most worried about?
5. As Calgary evolves, how can we plan for changes in Chinatown while preserving the character of the community?

What we've done

As of this update the project team has had 429 face-to-face conversations with people we met on the streets of Chinatown, at the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre, at the Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizens' Association Centre and at T&T supermarket. In addition, since the launch of the project website on July 8, we have collected over 830 individual comments and had nearly 1300 unique visits to the project website.

What we've heard

From the conversations we've had with the community up to July 20, the following charts (see next page), summarize what we have heard so far about opportunities and challenges people see facing Chinatown



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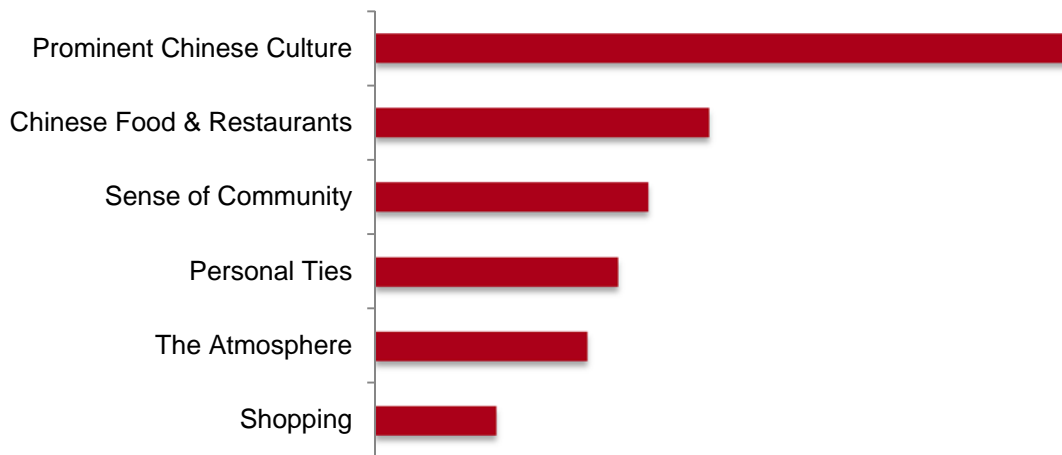
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today and in the future. This snapshot highlights the top six emerging themes heard so far for each question and is not a conclusive reflection of all input received to date.

Emerging Themes

The following charts display both the top themes being heard for each question and the popularity of each theme by length of a bar. The longer the bar, the more times that theme was heard. The following is a summary of input received from July 9 to July 20, 2016.

Why is Chinatown Special to you?

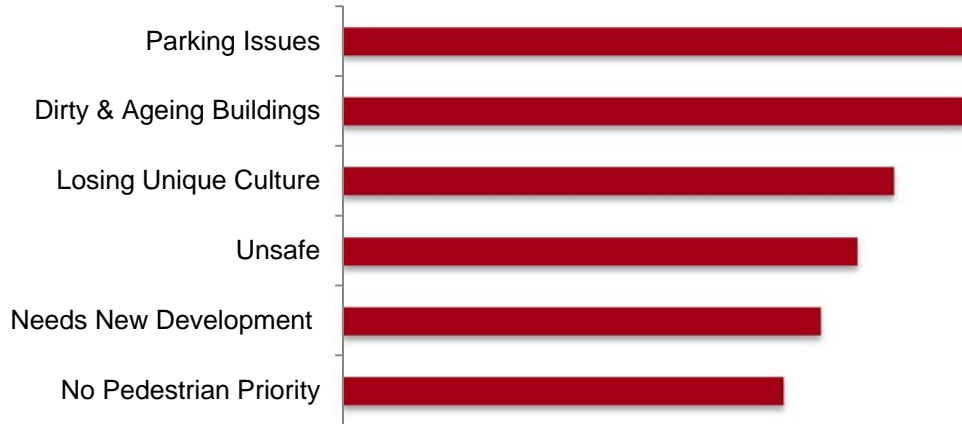




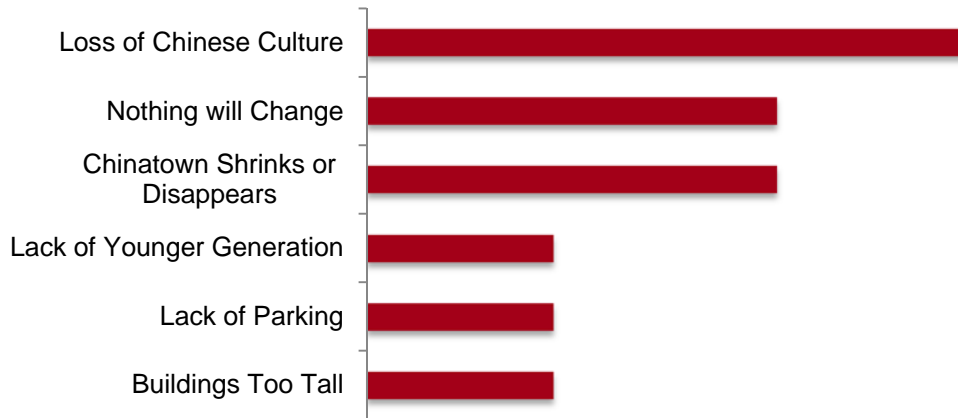
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What are the most important issues facing Chinatown today? How do you think we can address these issues?



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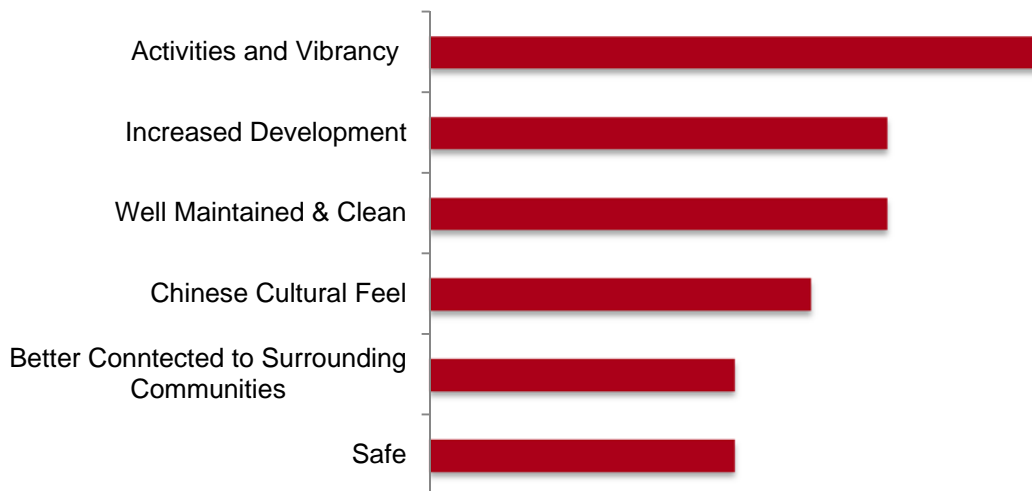
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What's next?

The team is still analyzing the responses to date. Tune in at the end of August for our next snapshot that will summarize events from July 20 to August 21, as we continue to summarize what we are hearing in the Planning Chinatown engagement process.

Don't forget, there is still time to come and talk to us, with two more community events scheduled for August 10 and August 21 as well as online at www.engage.calgary.ca/planningchinatown or at the sounding boarding set-up on 3rd Avenue and 1st Street SE. See you there!



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