

# introduction & community input

## Strengths

Although it is also seen as a negative, the traffic of 16<sup>th</sup> street was seen as one of the biggest strengths. The neighborhoods, historic buildings, and history of Tinker Street were also the most often mentioned strengths of the neighborhood. The citizens suggested these four strengths as an opportunity to build Tinker Street into a stylish, important Indianapolis street.

### Other strengths:

- Location
- Major Thoroughfare
- Neighborhoods
- Historic Buildings
- Traffic
- Walkability
- Harrison Center for the Arts
- Clarian People Mover
- Opportunities for Development
- History
- “Up and Coming”
- Historical Fabric
- Clean Slate
- Herron School of Art - Anchor
- Business Destinations
- Existing Mixed-Use Development
- Easy Access
- Familiar Place
- Monon Trail
- Transportation Center
- King Park
- Local Theatre District
- Connection to Speedway
- Recognition
- Land Availability
- Diversity
- Density

## Weaknesses

The biggest weakness of 16<sup>th</sup> street as identified by the neighborhood residents was the lack of safety for pedestrians. The traffic, speed of cars, poor sidewalks, lighting, lack of trees all contribute to this pedestrian unfriendliness. Creating a space that is safe, walkable, attractive, and has character should be a top priority for Tinker Street. The reduction of the automobile was also mentioned as a concern.

### Other weaknesses:

- Unfriendly to Pedestrians
- Traffic
- Lack of continuity
- Barriers
- Poor sidewalks, scary
- Ugly
- No Connections
- Liquor Stores
- Unsafe
- No King Park Access
- School Perceptions
- Limited Grocery Options
- No parking
- Lack of green
- Not dense
- Name is Bland
- Undesirable
- Hard to Acquire Land
- Environmental Hazards
- Poor link to Monon Trail
- Bad Intersection at Delaware St.
- Gas Stations
- Prostitution
- Fast traffic
- No Buffer Along Street
- Lighting is Plain
- Billboards
- Utility Poles
- Zoning
- Vacant Buildings/Lots
- Lack of Neighborhood Businesses
- Not Enough Commercial
- Number of Section 8 Apts



The Tinker Street Urban Design Workshop brought design and planning students and faculty from Ball State's College of Architecture and Planning Indianapolis Center together with residents of the Old Northside and Herron-Morton Place neighborhoods. The three-day workshop, held in the Herron School of Art on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, was organized by the neighborhood associations representing both neighborhoods.

Community input was gathered primarily at a town hall meeting held at the Joy of All Who Sorrow Church on the first evening of the workshop. The working sessions of the workshop were also open to the public and provided neighborhood residents and business owners the opportunity to interact with workshop team members directly.

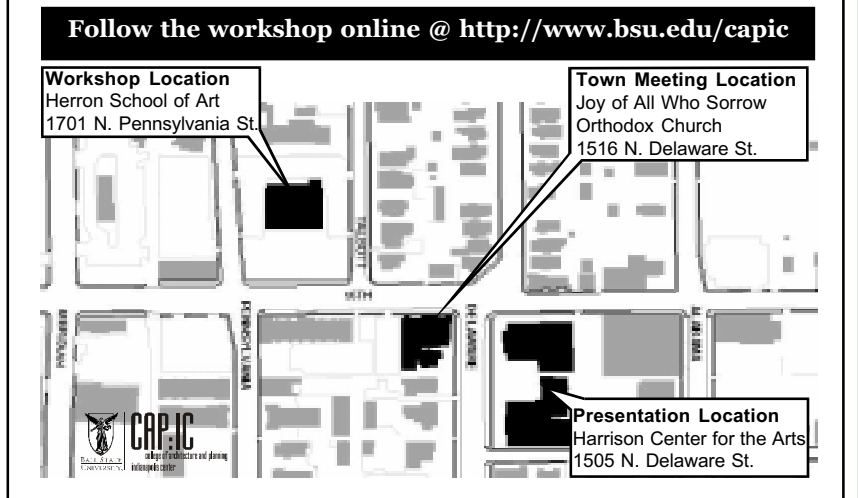
## Tinker Street Urban Design Workshop

Please join the Friends of Old Tinker Street Committee and the neighbors from the Herron-Morton and Old Northside neighborhoods in a discussion about the future of 16<sup>th</sup> Street/Tinker Street. Ball State University's College of Architecture and Planning Indianapolis Center will lead a three day urban design workshop to help develop a clear vision for the future of this neighborhood "main street." All events are free and open to the public. Join us and let us know your thoughts!

**Town Meeting**  
Thursday July 10th  
6pm to 7:30pm  
Joy of All Who Sorrow  
Orthodox Church  
1516 N. Delaware St.

**Working Sessions**  
Friday July 11th  
9am to 9pm  
Saturday July 12th  
9am to Noon  
Herron School of Art  
1701 N. Pennsylvania St.

**Presentation**  
Monday August 4th  
7pm  
Harrison Center for the Arts  
1505 N. Delaware St.



## Community Demographics

	Old Northside	Herron-Morton Place
Population	2256	1266
Population Density (Persons Per Acre)	14.9	7.7
Population Diversity (Percent White)	59.2%	50.2%
Population Diversity (Percent Hispanic)	1.7%	2.0%
Population Age (Percent Under 18)	12.3%	17.5%
Population Age (Percent Over 65)	3.3%	8.5%
Housing (Total Residential Units)	1441	857
Housing Vacancy	15.9%	28.2%

Source: City of Indianapolis Demographic Characteristics of Registered Organization Areas using data gathered from Census 2000.

## Character

Residents were asked to identify what the character of Tinker Street is, or what they would like it to be. By far, the most common answer was history. Morris-Butler, Benjamin Harrison House, Herron School of Art, and the Historic Districts were all mentioned as being a potential catalyst for Tinker Street to become a center of history and arts for the neighborhoods and Indianapolis.

### Other descriptive words:

- History
- Familiar
- Victorian
- Pedestrian
- Thriving
- Welcoming
- Eclectic
- Quaint
- Quirky
- Challenging
- Community
- Sketchy
- Light Commercial
- Basic Amenities
- Arts
- Residential
- Neighborhood

## Visioning

The residents were also asked to think into the future to what they would like for Tinker Street. Most would like mixed-use development, an emphasis on history and the arts, greenspace, and pedestrian emphasis. It was suggested by developers that Tinker Street needs a mixed-use development strategy for it to work. One development alone is not going to make it happen. The Harrison Center, Herron School of Art, and historic buildings were identified as places to start creating a character for the corridor.

### Other concepts for the future:

- Green
- Historical Center
- Architecture
- Vibrant
- Pedestrian friendly
- Revitalized
- Mature
- Cultural District
- Trails
- Full
- Safe
- Dense

