



Humboldt Park Chicago Ave Community Roundtable

February 2022

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Reflecting on ISW Community Roundtable Surveys

Welcome!

Community

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Alicia Ivy, Admin. Assist – 27th Ward
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Abraham Fattah, The Ice Cream Bar
Ken Johnson, Bro N Laws Barbeque
Ellen Moiani, Noble Network of Charter Schools
Maurice Fears, The Children’s Place
Cathy Krieger, The Children’s Place
Bruce Hardy, The Children’s Place
Franklin Williams, Headliners Barbershop
Sam Abuaqel, Income Patriot Tax Service

Dr. Michael Early
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Reflecting on INVEST South/West Community Roundtable Surveys

Process and Timeline



- Understand sentiment in each neighborhood
- Identify areas to go deeper

- Share observations about Roundtables today
- Discuss what we want to see going forward
- Commit to participating in changes
- Foster a sense of ownership over Roundtable success

- **Goal:** Roundtables reflect stakeholders' priorities and are a genuine forum for sharing important neighborhood news and providing input

- We will revisit these questions again at the end of the year and moving forward.

What has worked and what hasn't?

What do we need to do to maintain positive changes?

Reflecting on the Roundtables
Aggregate Survey Results

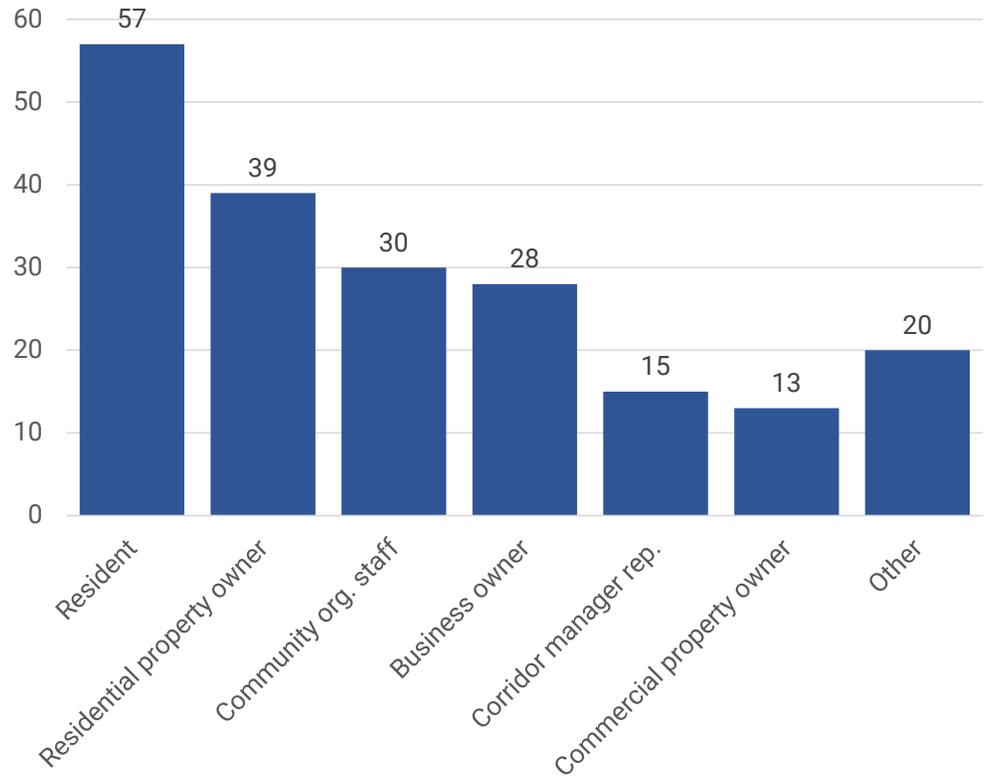
Who responded to this survey?

Which of the following best describe(s) you as a stakeholder in this neighborhood?

Some “other” types included:

- Neighboring community resident
- Family member of resident
- Community organizer
- Institutional stakeholder
- Chamber of commerce member

A total of 112 responses between November 2021 and February 2022

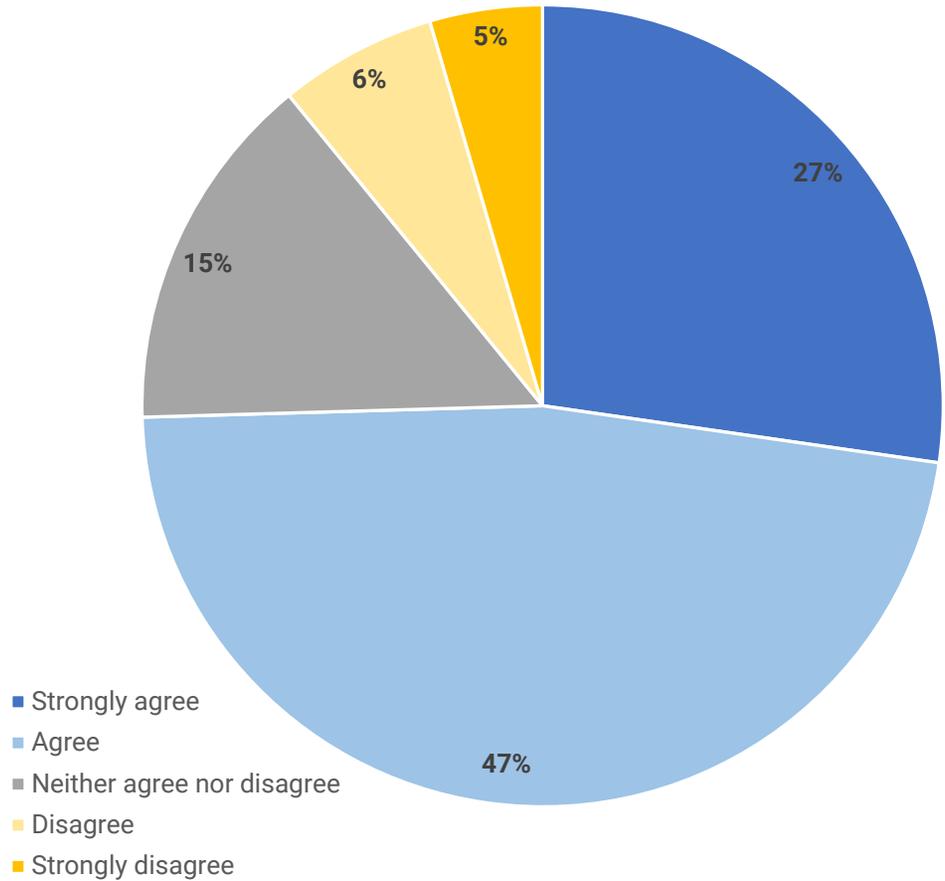


Gathering feedback

Is the roundtable is effective in obtaining feedback on INVEST South/West projects as they advance?

A majority (74%) agree that the roundtable is an effective way of providing feedback on projects as they advance

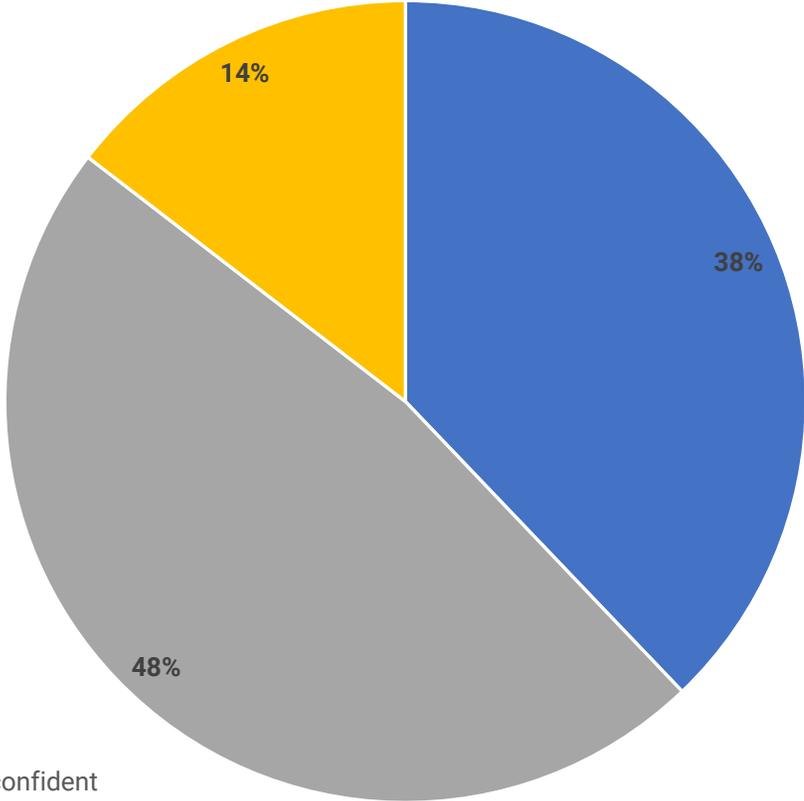
Most respondents join to participate in the discussion, share their opinions, or advance organizational or neighborhood priorities



Influence in decisions

Do you as a stakeholder feel more, or less confident in your ability to influence investment decisions in your neighborhood since the start of the roundtables?

While some respondents (38%) believe the roundtable has improved their ability to influence decisions, about 14% have less confidence and the rest (48%) don't believe it has changed much either way



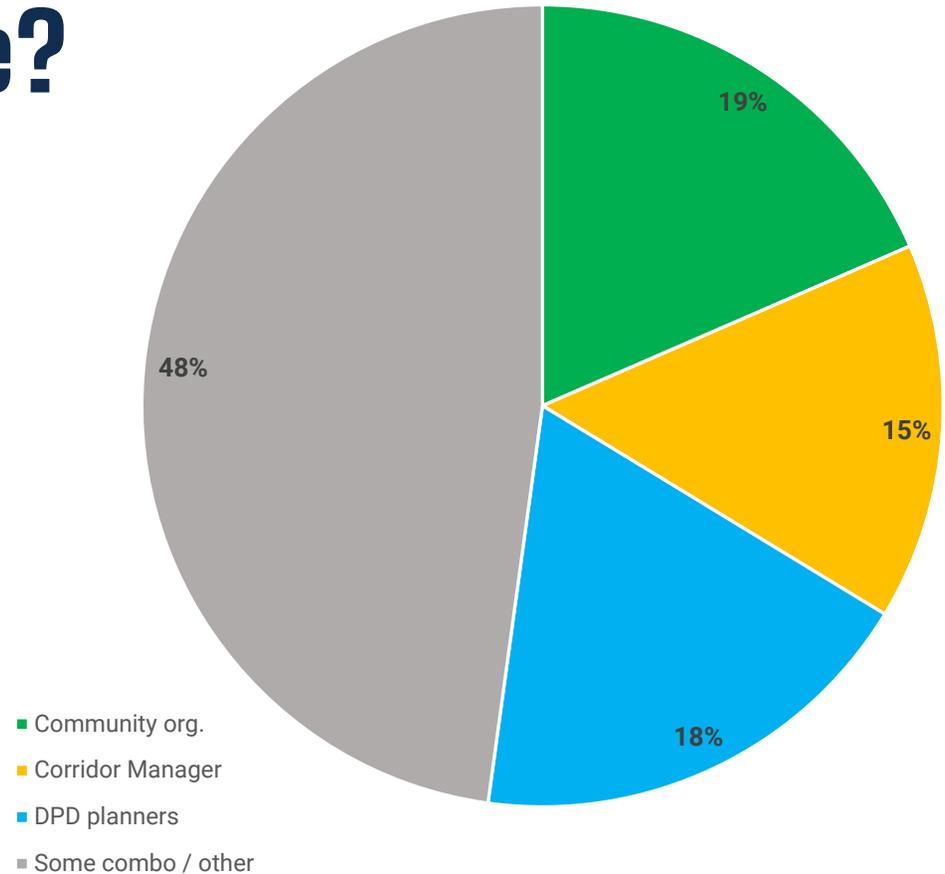
- More confident
- About the same
- Less confident

Who should facilitate?

What entity, in your opinion, is best suited to convene and plan the roundtables?

Nearly half of respondents think that some combination of DPD, Corridor Manager and community organizations should facilitate

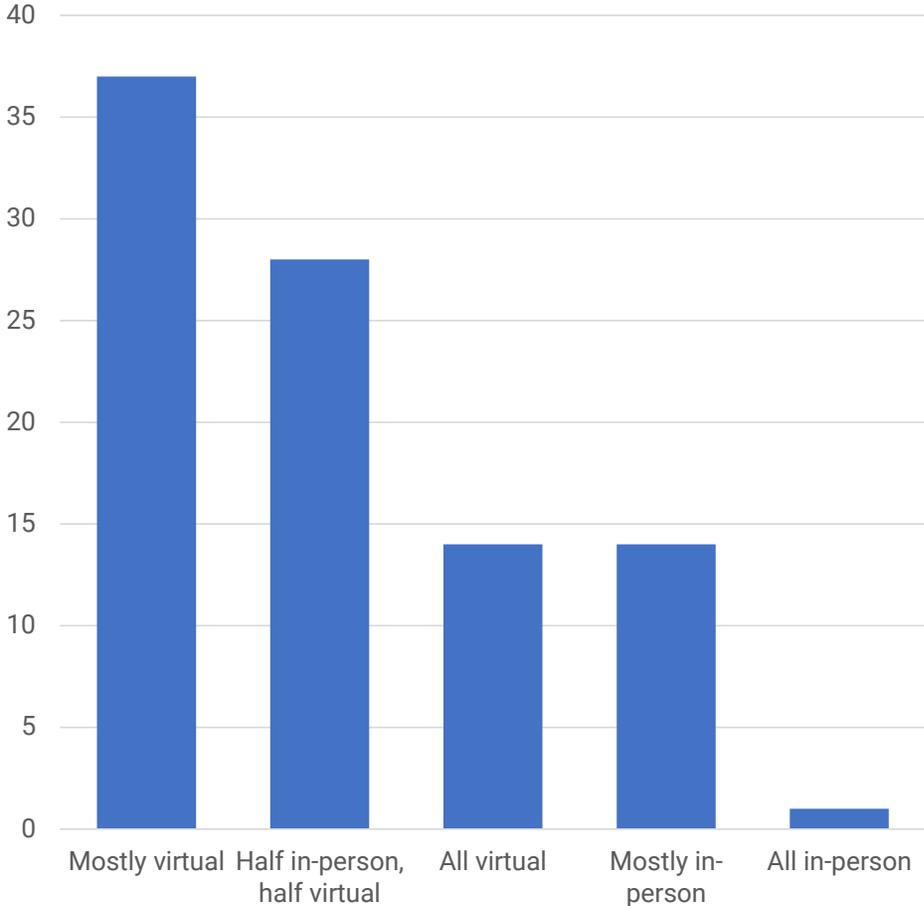
“Other” responses included: all three; block clubs; community members; and allowing CBOs to nominate themselves to partner with DPD to co-facilitate



Meeting format

As vaccinations rise and people are more comfortable gathering indoors, what is the best format for Neighborhood Roundtables?

Most respondents would prefer a mostly virtual meeting format, followed by splitting between virtual and in-person



What should be changed?

Thinking ahead to future roundtables, what is ONE change that would make the biggest positive impact?

- Engage more and broader set of stakeholders
- More transparency
- More clarity on expectations, timelines, and deliverables
- Allow community more voice in shaping outcomes
- Better community outreach
- Consistency on locations and time

(This list is not exhaustive, but includes themes or ideas that were articulated most often by respondents)

Open discussion

What strikes you about these results? What other ideas do you think should be included?

Why do you think that most participants feel the roundtable is a good forum for engaging and providing feedback, yet don't feel confident that the feedback they provide is being incorporated into government decisions?

What would make this forum more effective for community engagement?

Who should facilitate roundtables and how often should they meet?

Next Month Dates

Next Steps

1. Chicago Recovery Grant, Second Round Deadline
-- *March 10th*
2. Next Neighborhood Roundtable
-- *March 23rd*

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