

**CENTRAL BUTTE PLANNING AREA SURVEY**  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Central Butte Area Plan Survey is part of a larger effort to create a neighborhood plan for the Central Butte Planning Area. The survey was conducted to understand opinions of citizens residing in the area about community development concerns and about specific issues in the planning area. The results of the survey can be used to develop goals and policies for the planning area.

## **SURVEY METHODS**

The survey is a sample survey. A sample consisting of 620 registered voters was randomly drawn from the Butte/Silver Bow voter rolls for residents of the planning area. The sample constituted about 38% of all voters residing in the planning area.

To begin the survey process, the 620 voters were each sent a postcard advising of their inclusion in the survey and requesting their participation. Next, the survey questionnaire was sent to the sample voters on August 3, 2010. Along with the questionnaire, voters were sent a cover letter explaining the survey and a response postcard that tracked who responded and served to enter the voter's name in the pool for prize drawings. All mailing items were included pre-paid postage. Publicity about the survey was generated via local newspapers and radio. Finally, on August 16, 2010, a reminder postcard was sent to every voter who had not mailed in the response postcard that was included with the questionnaire. The survey was closed on August 31, 2010 and responses received after this date were not included.

## **SURVEY ACCURACY**

The purpose of a sample survey is to make generalization about a population based on a scientifically selected subset of that population. This means a sample survey allows us to understand the views of the entire neighborhood by communicating with only a sample of the people in the neighborhood. The survey results are accurate within a calculated margin of error. In other words, the results of the sample survey with a margin of error will be representative of the views of all people in the neighborhood.

At the close of this survey, a total of 183 surveys were completed and returned. This equates to a response rate of 30%. The survey was designed to achieve an accuracy level of 5%. This level of accuracy is dependent on receiving a response rate of at least 50%. Because the actual response rate was lower, the survey accuracy level is 7% instead of 5%.

This means that the results from the sample of voters have a 95% probability of being within 7% of the answers that all voters would give. For example, if 65% of the sample voters said "yes" as the answer to a question then it is highly probable (95% chance) that between 58% and 72% (+ or - 7%) of all voters would have also answered "yes".

In addition, the 30% response rate means that the survey sample has a risk of being not representative of the whole population. The problem of "self-selection bias" is generally ruled out when the response rate reaches 50%. Because of the lower response rate of this survey, there is a possibility of self-

selection bias. This should be kept in mind when using the survey results.

### **SURVEY QUESTIONS**

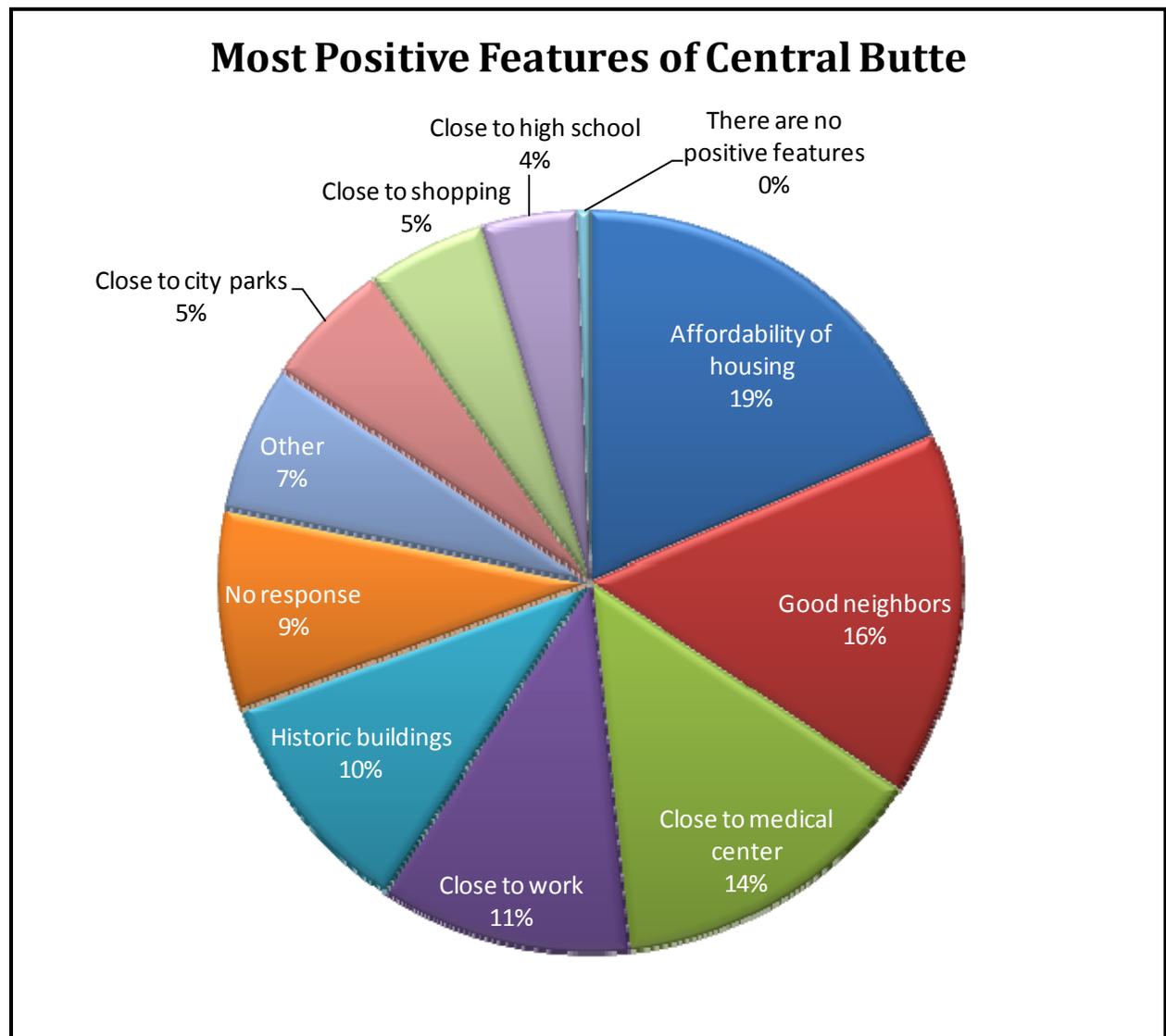
The questions asked in the survey were developed by the consultants with input from the Steering Committee and BSB Planning staff. The questions were multiple choice questions with most having "other" as an open-ended answer choice. This allowed survey respondents to write-in their own answer choice. The full text of the questions appears on pages 21-22 of this report.

### **SURVEY RESULTS**

Survey results are presented beginning on the next page (page 3). Results are given in percentages. The percentages represent the percent of 183 surveys that were returned. For example, 10% equal 18 survey responses. In questions where more than one answer could have been selected, the percentage represents the percent of all responses. The survey questionnaire form contained space for written comments. One-third of the survey respondents (60 respondents) added written comments which are included beginning on page 11.

**Question #1 - Positive Features:** This question asked what are the most positive features of the neighborhood. There was no single top positive feature chosen by survey respondents. Instead, several features were roughly equally. The top positive feature was "affordability of housing", which was selected by 19% of the survey respondents. However, several other positive features were all within 10%. These were: "good neighbors", 16%; "close to medical center", 14%; "close to work", 11%; and "historic buildings", 10%.

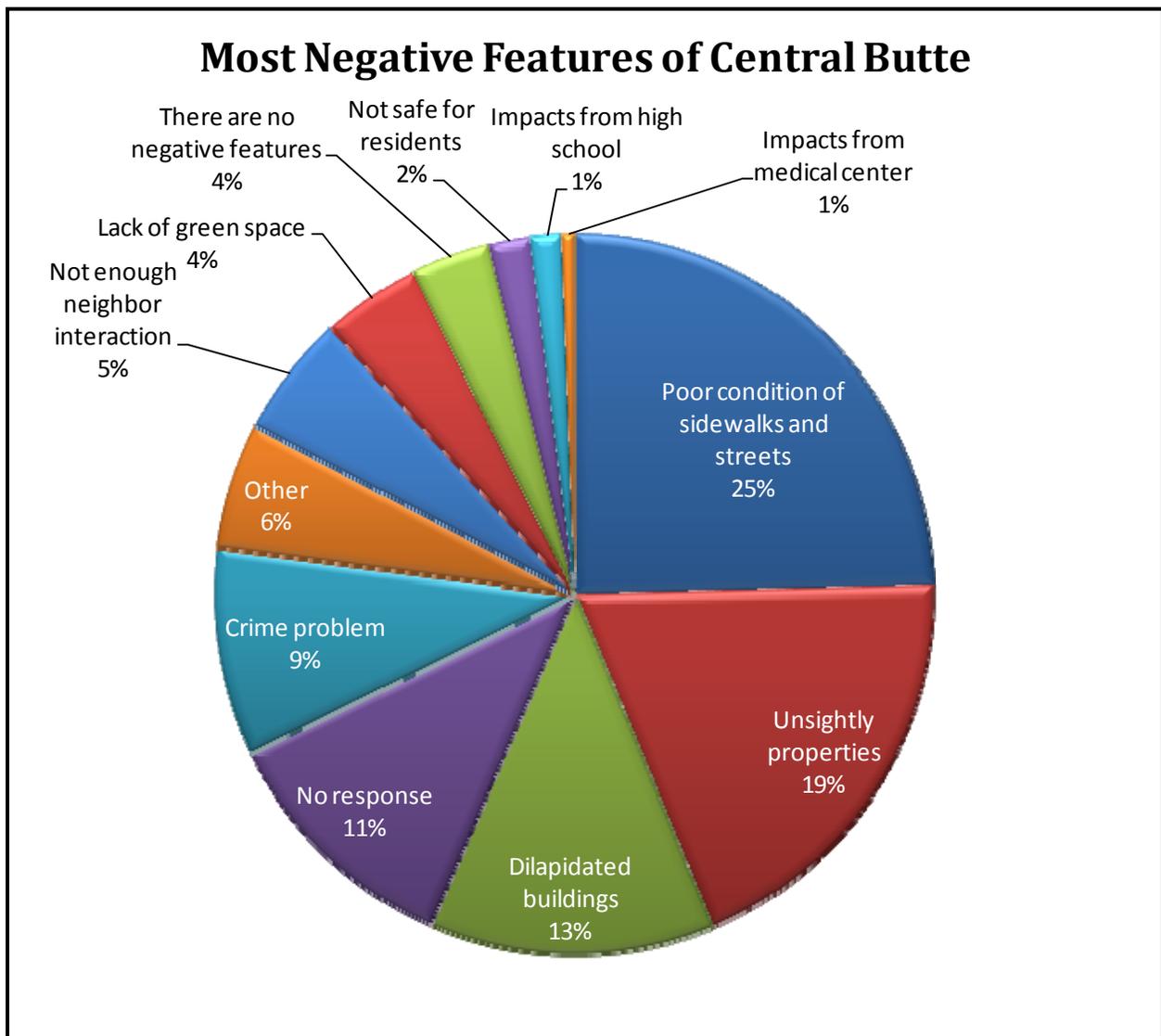
Other possible choices including "close to city parks", "close to shopping", and "close to high school" were selected by 5% or less of the respondents. The choice, "there are no positive features" was selected by less than 1%. The write-in choice ("other") was selected by 9% of the respondents. The most common write-in responses were "close to Montana Tech", "close to church", and "lived here all my life." Each of these was written-in three or fewer times.



**Question #2 - Negative Features:** This question asked what are the most negative features of the neighborhood. One-quarter (25%) of all respondents identified "poor condition of streets and sidewalks" as the most negative feature of Central Butte. "Unightly properties" was the next most common response (19%) followed by "dilapidated buildings" (13%).

No response was given by 11% of respondents, while "crime problem" (9%) and the write-in choice ("other") was selected 6% of the time. Write-in answers included "barking dogs", "speeding cars", and "parking problems" as well as others.

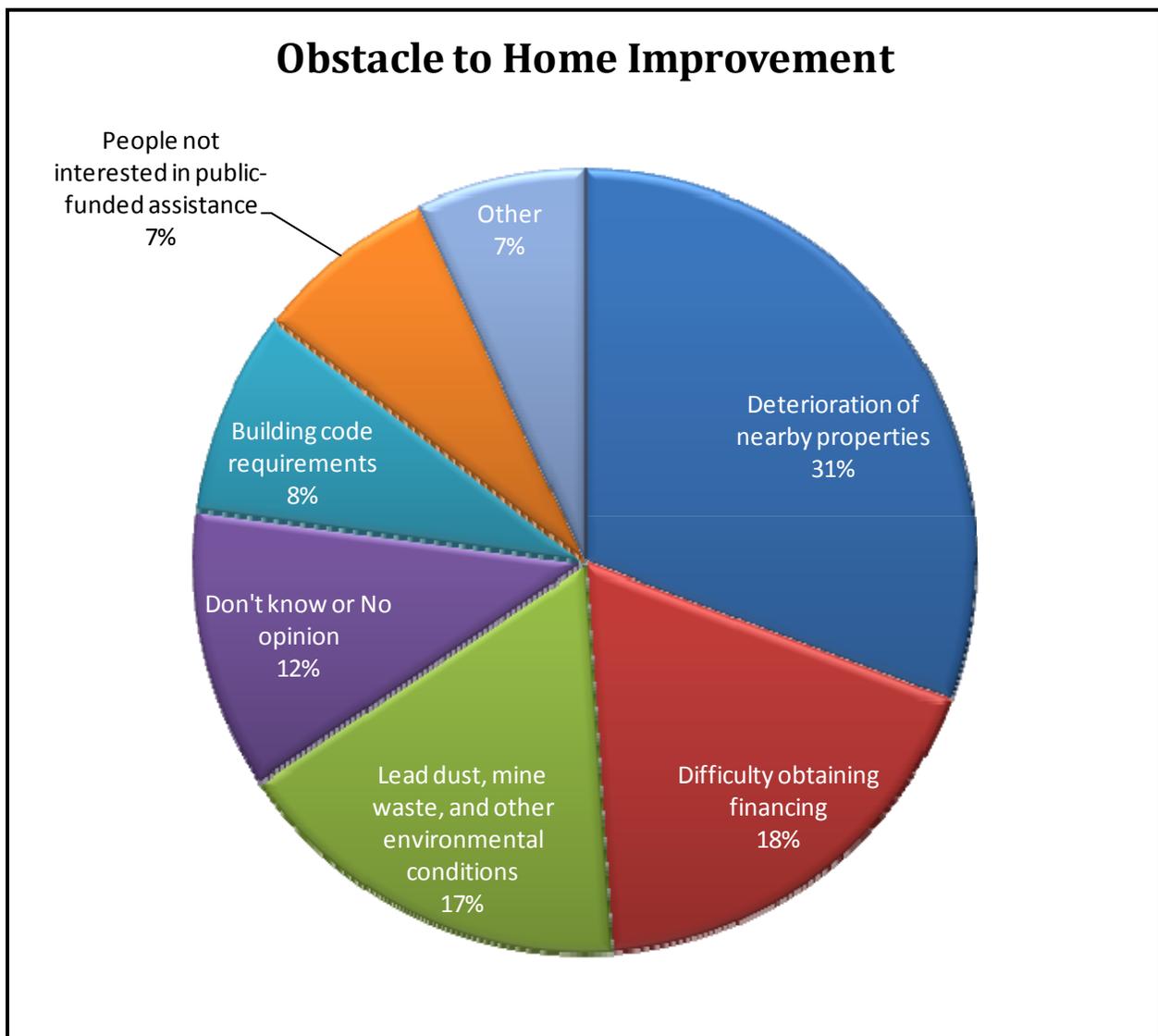
There were a total of 22 write-ins with no single answer appearing more than twice. Answers selected by 5% or less of the respondents included "not enough neighbor interaction", 5%; "lack of green space", 4%; "there are no negative features", 4%; "not safe for residents", 2%; "impacts from high school", 1%; and "impacts from medical center", 1%.



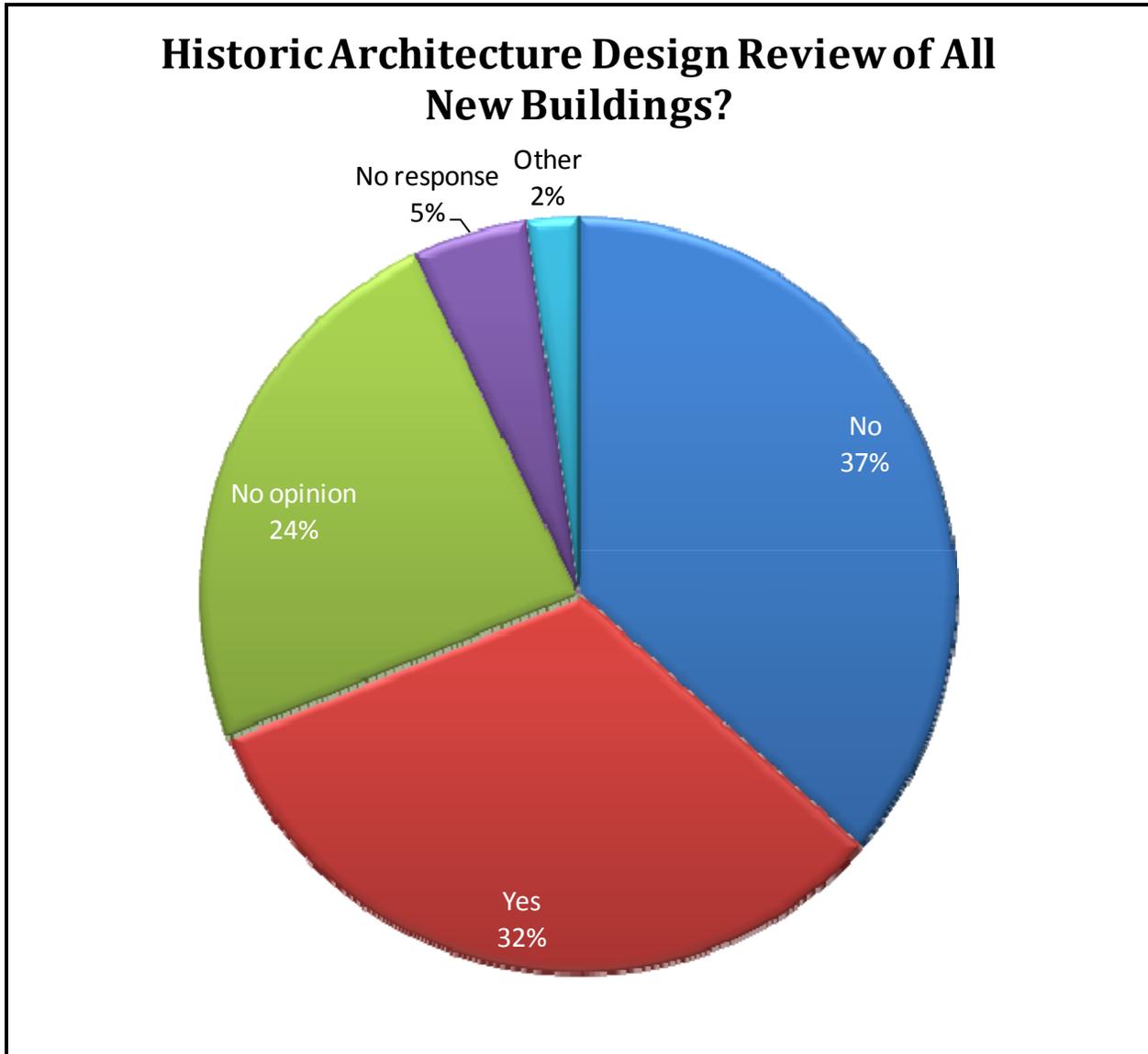
**Question #3 - Obstacles to Home Improvement:** This question asked what are the obstacles to home improvement in the neighborhood. Nearly one-third of survey respondents (31%) chose "deterioration of nearby properties" as the most significant obstacle to home improvement. "Difficulty obtaining financing" was a distant second at 18% and environmental conditions (lead dust, mine waste, etc.) was nearly equal at 17%.

The choice, "don't know or no opinion" was selected by 12% of respondents. The choices "building code requirements" and "people are not interested in public-funded assistance" were only selected 8% and 7% of the time, respectively.

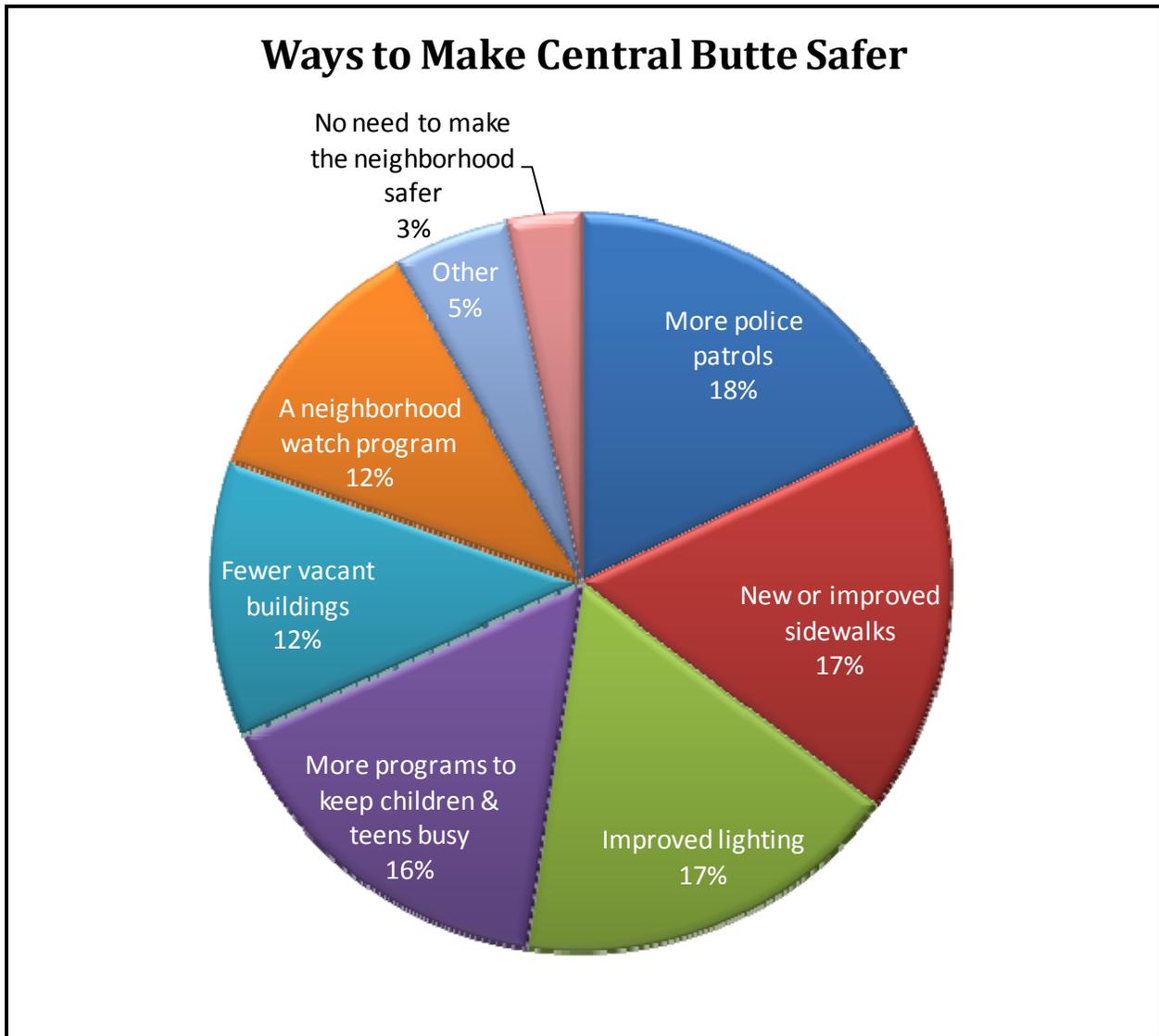
People chose to write-in answers 7% of the time (23 write-ins). The most common answer was "some people don't care" appeared three times while other write-in answers appears only one or two times.



**Question #4 - Architectural Design Review:** In this question, people were asked if Butte-Silver Bow should start reviewing building designs for all new buildings in their neighborhood to ensure they are compatible with the existing historic architecture. "No" was the most common response at 37%, while "Yes" was close behind at 32%. With the survey's margin of error of +/- 7%, this is a statistical tie when extrapolating this result to the entire population. Nearly one-quarter of the respondents (24%) had no opinion; this fairly high "no opinion" response rate may indicate respondents do not have enough information to form an opinion on this issue.



**Question #5 - Safer Neighborhood:** This question asked how the neighborhood could be made safer. There was no clear favorite response and six different answers were all within 6% of each other. These were "more police patrols", 18%; "new or improved sidewalks", 17%; "improved lighting", 17%; "more programs to keep children and teen busy", 16%; "fewer vacant buildings", 12%; and "a neighborhood watch program", 12%. Only 3% of respondents selected the answer "no need to make the neighborhood safer". The write-in answer was selected by 5% of respondents (26 write-ins) with seven comments concerning traffic enforcement and another six about the need for better animal control.



**Question #6 - Priority of Central Butte Improvements:** This question asked respondents to assign a priority rating to a variety of possible improvements that could be made to Central Butte. The highest priority was more frequently assigned to four improvements: "improve older housing", "improve sidewalks", "improve streets", and "eliminate junk vehicles and weeds". These four improvements were rated as high priorities by 50%, 49%, 48%, and 44% of the survey respondents, respectively.

Several improvements were most frequently rated as low priorities. These included "better public transportation", "more new housing", "more street sweeping", "improved stormwater drainage", and "new or improved parks". With these improvements, the percentage of respondents selecting "low priority" was at least 10% higher than the percentage selecting "high priority".

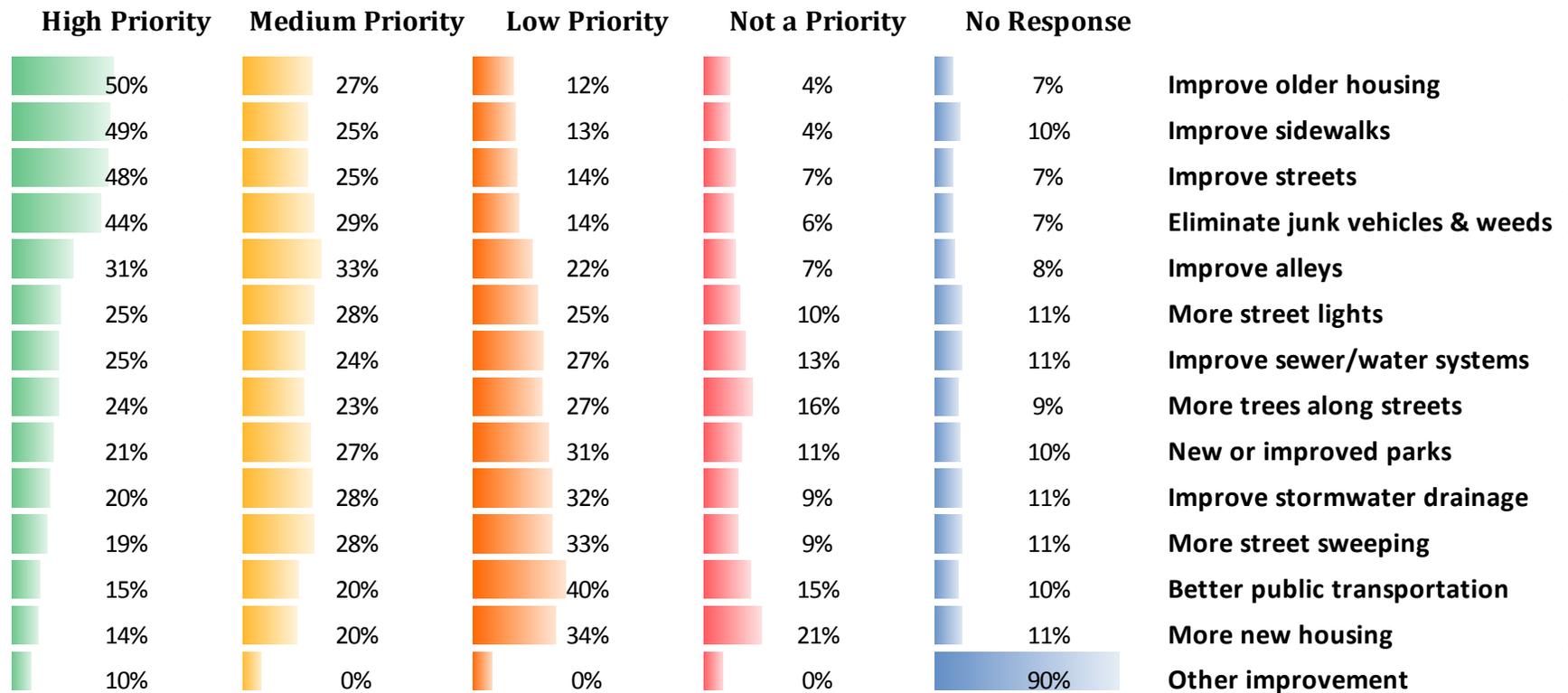
The write-in answer ("other") was given by 24 respondents. The most common write-ins were dealing with the need to have more animal control and removing blighted buildings (there were three write-ins about each).

(See next page for Question #6 graphic)

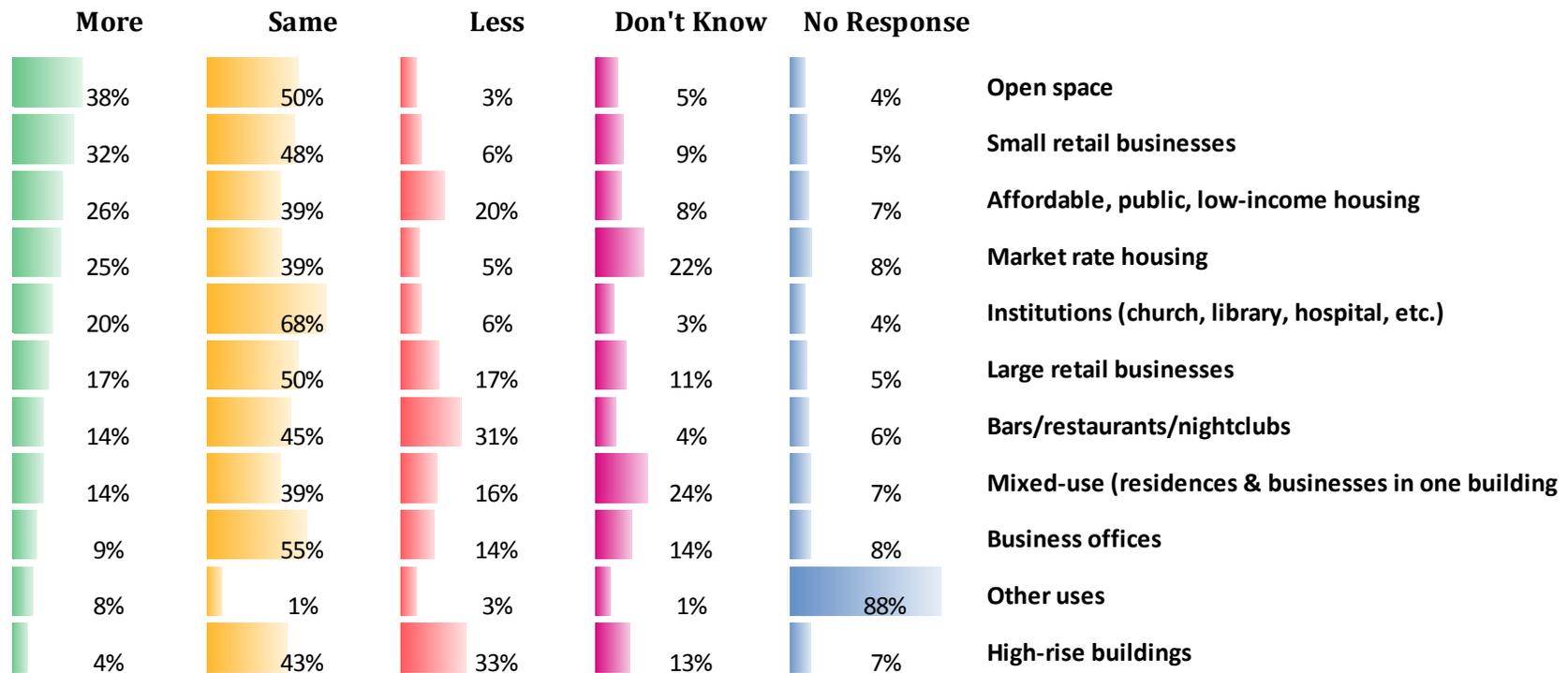
**Question #7 - Future Uses:** This question asked respondents to review a list of land uses and building types and indicate if there should be more, the same, or less of these in the neighborhood. In all cases except "other" (the write-in) and "high-rise buildings", survey respondents chose "the same" over all other choices. "Grocery store", the most common write-in, mentioned four times among the 20 write-ins answers. In general, the results of this question indicate satisfaction with the types of land uses that are present in Central Butte.

(See Page 9 for Question #7 graphic)

### Priority of Central Butte Improvements



**Should Central Butte have more, the same, or less of the following:**



**Written Comments**

Below are the comments from the 61 surveys that contained written comments. (Note: each survey was individually numbered when it was received. The number appearing before each written comment is that survey number.)

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1. Mercury St. from Montana to Main on the south side looks like a war zone, bad buildings, weeds, rundown. Homeowners need some responsibility!

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8. When Jack Lynch was chief executive of the city, way back when, all of the alleys from Main St. to the other side of Excelsior were totally redone, paved, black top, etc. However, Mike Thatcher lived 2 doors from me so consequently our 1 block of alley from Gold St. to Platinum could not be done. I had several conversations with Lynch regarding the issue. He informed me said alley wouldn't be done because he would not want to be showing or be blamed for showing favoritism, being that Thatcher was his friend and was with the pre-release program. The alley has never been maintained. I was advised to speak to Mr. Cash. He informed me the city was not in the alley paving business. Then when Bill Melvin ran for our district, he came over, checked it out, and informed me if he was voted into office he would go about getting it fixed. Here we are many, many years down the road and guess what? Nothing accomplished except a very poor patch job one time. This alley is vital to the residents whose garages are beneath their house, 522 and 521 S. Jackson and whose garages exit the alley. I would appreciate this matter being brought before the central planning area and whoever else could assist before we become held hostage by not being able to get to the alley or do serious damage to our cars.

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9. Control vegetation blocking view of street signs, sidewalks.

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10. Landowner should make background checks before renting to people on welfare. Get rid of drug dealers.

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13. We have lived in the same house and neighborhood for 31 years, and there has been no active improvement made except for ?? Park due to lack of funding. We can't afford to improve our house on our own.

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16.

1. I was just thinking about my improvements. How will that raise property taxes, which in turn will more than likely raise rents for people in this area most of which, in my opinion, live at or below poverty levels such as myself.

2. There is a real need for public housing in this area where rent is based on income.

Thanks for listening.

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17. Must remember the time and economy in your plans. People cannot afford things they might want to happen. Maybe then could be grants or how you charge to fix alleys at so much per to be added to taxes until paid for.

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18. Living next to Tech, we have a lot of problems also with the students throwing trash in our yard, partying all night, and just being plain disrespectful and destructive.

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22. A good place to start would be to refurbish/repair or tear down dilapidated properties. Save/fix what is truly historic, not just random shacks. Fix the old St. James, storefronts, and buildings that add valued to uptown Butte. There is no reason that Butte's uptown cannot be better. Butte's uptown/historic district has the potential to be better than Helena, Missoula or Bozeman!

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24. #3—Been on city list for new sidewalk for over six years, no reply when ask about new sidewalks, I am willing to pay but no answer.

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25. Spend less money on Front and Main Street and more on other areas in the northwest residential areas of Butte. Make these houses for humanity clean up their yards.

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27. Concrete foundation at the Travonia mine has been/is/becoming a "hangout" for teens. It is vandalized and graffiti old and new is apparent on concrete slabs. Rental housing in the area is dilapidated and unsightly. Many dogs in the neighborhood run free, especially on the weekends. Some areas in the neighborhood have uncontrolled spreading of weeds—makes it difficult to have a nice lawn or flowerbeds. The reclamation done at the Travonia mine west side (i.e. the planting of trees, etc.) is very nice, but it needs to be extended to the east side of the mine towards Travonia St.

30. Apartment complexes rent to multiple families with multiple cards. No off-street parking is required but should be addressed by a city ordinance. For example, Silverado Apartments located in the 800 block on Silver, owned by Dryden Properties, receiving URA funds.

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32. Owners of apartment complexes should be required to provide off-street parking for renters. Gary Dryden should be made to provide parking since most of his monies come from the URA.

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34. Speeding and noisy vehicles on Platinum Street (motorcycles), traffic (one way) on Clark Street.

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37. Iron Street needs new sidewalks—2 blocks from highway and sidewalk is a disgrace and unkempt yards, old buildings, eyesore for anyone coming into Butte. Most homeowners try to keep this property and houses to look nice and only a couple of people don't care at all, a weekly job to pick up garbage of uncaring people. We need city park at mine yards, plenty of room with play equipment for children. Get these kids off the street.

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42. I think the county needs dog parks. I also think there should be more things for teens to do to keep them off drugs. Whatever happened to the DARE program?

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43. The junkyards on the 800 block of S. Main need to be cleaned up. Would like sign so that alley will not be blocked. It's always blocked by neighbors.

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45. Many good things are happening in Butte. We do need help in Central Butte. Our sidewalks are in need of repair, but they put sidewalks that are never used on north Main St. I spend a great deal on my home to keep it painted, nice yard, etc., but houses behind mine on the 1100 block of Iowa are horrible. Junk cards in yards, weeds. They need to clean these houses up block by block, sidewalks redone at no charge.

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46. Years ago the Model City Program tore down many dilapidated buildings. In the process, they ran sand trucks over sidewalks when filling in basements of those structures. Needless to say, the sidewalks were pulverized. Many vacant lots reflect this condition although some property owners purchased the vacant lots and replaced the flattened sidewalks.

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50. 1. We have trouble with the school buses flying down the street. They go well above speed limit. There are small children. We live on the corner of Nevada and Aluminum, and people do not even know what stop signs are. They come from Utah straight to Main Street at a high speed and never stop at the stop sign.

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52.

- Weed problems in empty lots need to be cleaned up.
  - The stray animal problem is huge.
  - Dilapidated properties, streets, sidewalks.
  - Quality of education.
  - Better paying jobs.
  - People being held accountable for keeping their properties clean and maintained and should their sidewalks.
  - No more bad landlords not keeping up their property.
  - Spray painted houses and properties.
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55. It would be wonderful for future Butte to have a community park within walking distance of every neighborhood in town no matter the income level of the residents. It may bring our sense of community closer. Plus it would increase Butte's beauty. It would be nice to have more activities for the youth and family. The skate park is great, why not an indoor roller rink for year-round fun? It's constructive activity. There are many buildings in town that, with work, could be converted to paintball courses. This puts empty buildings to use and generates income. These kinds of things could promote family and youth gatherings in positive environments.

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58. Let people know about home improvement programs. Make judges accountable for the lack of enforcing laws. Too many repeat drunk drivers, repeat offenders. Confiscate vehicles from drunk drivers and no insurance. Let people know crime does not pay. Industry does not want to come to Butte. There's too much meth crime and at 3:00 a.m. on the Butte streets the drunks, thieves and cops are the only ones out and they're in the same car. (Thank you, Jack ??) P.S. Jail inmates should do community service.

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67. Street lights on the west side of S. Excelsior have been out for 2-3 moths now (as of 8/9/10. I reported it twice.

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72. My largest concerns are break-ins, theft and vandalism. I have observed and scared off groups of people at night looking through windshields and messing with street signs. I know people have had property damage, but even when the perpetrators were caught, they saw no restitution, just fines and jail time. Dogs have always been a problem. I am glad to see a few finds in the paper for leash law violations. I have been attacked by 2 Rottweilers and a black Lab, so it's not just Pit Bulls.

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1. Why didn't you include a map of the Central Butte Planning Area and,
2. What do you mean by "neighborhood"? How can a person adequately respond to the questions without having this information?
3. Where is the money coming from for the (a) planning and (b) any results of said planning?
4. Dogs—they still are running free and some bark all day.
5. Fireworks! Plan all you want but outlaw aerial fireworks because during some 4th of July they will cause some major fires.
6. Sidewalks—not too bad except in winter when most people don't shovel them.
7. Also sidewalks—trees and hedges grow into the walk space making it difficult to walk. Make owner cut and trim them. Also make owner trim hedges and trees that block intersections.
8. Streets! What a joke! Why fix up an area if the streets look like they're through a WWII bombing?
9. Control weeds. They blow in my yard every time the wind blows.

78. #6—We need more affordable housing.

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82. Get the drug dealers, pre-releases, and perverts out of these neighborhoods. There are many elderly people who reside there that are scared to death of the violence that is going on. They can't fix anything up because of the vandalism. They need help to finance their improvements. These can be great neighborhoods and great places to raise a family. I grew up in these neighborhoods and they can be nice again. Problem is all the code restrictions make it too expensive for most people.

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87. I like to enjoy walking but since we moved here, it is hindered by the large amounts of dogs wandering around off their leashes. This is dangerous for everyone but especially for small children. It would be nice to see the leash law as well as the "pooper scooper" law\* enforced.

\*Not sure if it is a law, but common courtesy and pet owner responsibility would be nice.

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90. Direct your city towards family and you will have a strong, healthy community, what attracts families. Clean, small business friendly. Less casinos and bars. More family oriented. One of the greatest annoyances—barking dogs, another dirty weed-infested property.

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93. I believe people/residents need to be held more accountable for the upkeep of their buildings and yards. I also think something needs to be done with the vacant lots (the one with no buildings) and vacant buildings (i.e., the motel on Clark St.). These buildings look terrible. Please start a city recycling program! Butte is behind the times when it comes to this!

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94. The two major improvements I would make in my neighborhood would be:

1. Better stray dog control.

2. Fines for people who fail to keep their sidewalks clean of snow in the winter. Especially on Park St. near Montana Tech. Walking to school in winter is very difficult due to the amount of ice and snow on sidewalks.

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96. Noise pollution is a documented health issue. The noise in this neighborhood, in good weather if windows are open, is almost unbearable. You can't hear radio or TV or conversation, and it is constant day and most of the night. The "truck route" compounds the issue but the speed and "souped-up" vehicles, motorcycles, etc., mufflers, and there seems to be no control at all. I believe this would be a high priority in improving this neighborhood. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this survey.

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99. People not cleaning up their garbage. No lids on garbage cans. People going too fast on streets.

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102. You can do all the work you want on infrastructure, and that would be great, but without a change in attitudes and behaviors, it won't have a lasting outcome. You must address the drinking culture, the violence against property and people, the unkempt homes, and the dogs that roam and bark all hours of the day and night. This is a lack of stewardship and pride.

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108. Rundown house next door has had a succession of loud drunks, drug users, yard that resembles a dump. Don't feel safe. Person who owns the house apparently doesn't check on tenants. One person who was living there would sit on the back steps with a rifle pointing it at different things. When he did this, he had the look of someone on drugs. Fortunately for us he moved out.

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109. We keep our dog on leash or back fenced yard, but there are other dogs loose. There are times they come after ours, and no one deals with their dogs. It needs to be checked on. I thought there was a leash law. Where is it? Check on Washington St and around. God, that is what every dog owner wonders. Thought all law was for everyone.

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111. I'm sad to say that we're in need of more police patrol in our neighborhood. We've been having quit a bit of teenage mischief lately including large groups getting into your yards and others taking off after ringing door bells.

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114. Please, please, please make a huge effort to require parents and pet owners to be more responsible. I frequently see small children roaming the streets with no supervision. In light of all the rapists and pedophiles in our alarmingly "pre-release" community, I fear for the safety of

children. Curfews should be enforced. Motorcycles fly past my home on a regular basis. I've observed a group of young men trying to open car after car. This neighborhood is in dire need of patrols after 2 a.m. Don't single out Pit Bulls, but all dogs should be restricted to pet owner's property. I've lived at this location for 10 years and feel the dog issue is out of hand. Also, the noise pollution from howling/barking dogs owned by dog owners who don't control their pets is outrageous. Thanks for the survey!

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120. We bought our new home on 630 S. Crystal in December 2007 for about \$200K. I finished the landscaping, new driveway, new grass and retaining wall. Unfortunately, our building has the back of an apartment building (600 block of Travonia) and trash from a rental always in the alley. Anyway, the back of the apartment building looks like crap. Drive down the 600 block of Crystal and see for yourself. Some of us take pride, some don't, but landlords who rent-for-profit should be made to keep up. My last comment is the ever spoken dog problem in Central Butte. No other town has this issue. Thanks and I'd love to help in anyway.

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126. I think we need more chain restaurants, i.e., Applebee's, Chili's, Outback, Golden Corral, so lower income can enjoy to go out for dinner with family instead of fast food. Restaurants are too expensive here in Butte.

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127. More action by the Planning Department in dealing with obvious county issues and county owned properties to get them back on the tax roles. County property weed and growth issues. Also properties to be brought into compliance with building and weed control.

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129. Dilapidated rentals homes are a problem. Something is needed to get landlords to improve properties.

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131. Response to Question #4: I believe some guidelines would be helpful to the preservation of the Historic District. The remodeled front on the historic Taft Hotel is a travesty and looks like a bombed-out storefront in skid row. This is especially distressing since it is in the same area as the ?? Hotel and the Thorton Building. I'm not suggesting laws so difficult that it prevents businesses from opening; however, it would be reasonable to pass a historic looking district to the future generations.

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140. The renters in the area do not improve/clean up properties, neither do the landlords. Several empty lots are overgrown with weeds.

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141. Streets should be upgraded and potholes fixed. Alleys should be graded and water holes filled with road mix or asphalt sidewalks should be fixed.

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144. Do something about uptown. It's dead. Quit crying and have a five-year plan to jazz up this town.

1. A small uptown park or plaza
2. Fix façade, upgrade existing buildings
3. Add shops in buildings, more unique eateries to attract customers, both lunch and dinner and after hours

Right now I see people coming uptown to get the hell out. Need a lot of outdoor eating areas and attractive shops. Fix walkways. Make the place something to be proud of. This will help keep visitors to our festivals stay a little longer and spend their dollars in Butte.

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146. It would be nice to have the alley between Utah and Wyoming (1100 block) resurfaced and cleaned. Also, one of the establishments there are feeding birds, pigeons, vermin, etc. Would like that stopped for health reasons. The empty lot on Wyoming behind Annie's Café has junk vehicles, glass, nails, lumber, junk! Transients go to the bathroom out there, unsafe sanitary conditions. Thank you.

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147. Kids and others driving extremely loud ORVs are an out-of-control public nuisance. Most of these vehicles are unregistered. Why doesn't the police enforce the law?

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148. I would like to see the owners of neighborhood rental properties take responsibility for their property, e.g., weed removal, snow removal, etc. Please inform me of the time and place of your next public meeting as I would like to attend.

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151. Meter maids?? in residential areas. The neighbor will voice a complaint.

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155. This survey I used to apply to the residence/reside now at 207 Bavaria, Butte, MT 59701, not 5295 Colorado. Thanks.

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157. Better enforcement of weed control on the 700 block of Arizona St.

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168. Pioneer Concrete is the biggest eyesore in this neighborhood. Creates excessive dust and perimeter of property especially sidewalks are in poor shape, which is very ironic for concrete business. Never clean snow off walks in winter. More trees around business may help keep dust down.

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169. It would be nice if streets such as Colorado, Dakota, etc. were better maintained (i.e., snowplows and sanders) during the winter. Also, we have made several complaints over the last two years about the street sign on the corner of 500 block of South Colorado and Platinum. Every time we have a high wind, it twists and turns and tips and runs the danger of falling on someone or something so it goes from having us live on Colorado to living on Platinum or somewhere in between.

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173. Thank you for your interest in the improvement of our neighborhood! I have lived at 609 W. Galena for 4 years. My husband and myself are currently attending Tech and have 3 children, 5, 7 and 9, who attend West. However, over the past 4 years the amount of disturbance seems to be getting more frequent. The most common disturbance is a domestic dispute usually from one of the apartment buildings. I have in the past observed the police investigate such situations sometimes during the disturbance, sometimes hours later. Personally, I think that the landlord should be held accountable for such tenants.

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175. I think a neighborhood watch program would be great! Also more activities for teens. The big drainage (?) potholes on the corners of streets need to be fixed or spray painted/cones to alert drivers they are there. Thank you for including me in the survey.

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177. Evaluate the wide streets for opportunity for streetscape improvements, i.e., traffic calming bulb outs, green space (boulevards), use appropriate species for street trees.

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178. Mercury and Washington needs to a four-way stop. It is extremely dangerous with low visibility and people travel the streets at high speeds. It is near impossible to see traffic on Washington Street from Mercury Street. I have witnessed way too many near accidents.

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179. Alcohol/drugs in the area are a problem. Enforce the speed limit on Excelsior Ave. particularly at night. Speeding is very common for cards traveling north to south on Excel.

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**SURVEY QUESTIONS**

**1. What do you believe are the TWO most positive features of your neighborhood? (Please check only TWO answers)**

- Close to work
- Close to high school
- Close to medical center
- Close to city parks
- Close to shopping
- Affordability of housing
- Historic buildings
- Good neighbors
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- There are no positive features

**2. What do you believe are the TWO most negative features of your neighborhood? (Please check only TWO answers)**

- Dilapidated buildings
- Poor condition of sidewalks and streets
- Lack of green spaces
- Not safe for residents
- Not enough neighbor interaction
- Crime problem
- Unsightly properties
- Impacts from high school
- Impacts from medical center
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- There are no negative features

**3. In your opinion, what are the obstacles to home improvement in your neighborhood? (Please check all that apply and leave the others blank.)**

- Building code requirements
- Difficultly obtaining financing
- Lead dust, mine waste, and other environmental conditions
- Deterioration of nearby properties
- People not interested in public-funded assistance
- Don't know or no opinion
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Should Butte-Silver Bow start reviewing building designs for all new buildings in your neighborhood to ensure they are compatible with the existing historic architecture? (Please check only one answer)**

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. In which of the following ways do you believe your neighborhood could be made safer?** *(Please check all that apply and leave the others blank.)*

- Improved lighting
- New or improved sidewalks
- Fewer vacant buildings
- A neighborhood watch program
- More police patrols
- More programs to keep children and teens busy
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- No need to make the neighborhood safer

**6. Which of the following neighborhood improvements should be the highest priority?** *(Please indicate whether you feel that each item should NOT be a priority, should be a LOW priority, MEDIUM priority, or HIGH priority)*

➤ Improve streets . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ Improve alleys . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ Install more street lights . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ Plant more trees along streets . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ More frequent street sweeping . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ Improve stormwater drainage . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ Install, improve, and repair sidewalks . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ New or improved public parks . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ Improve sewer and water systems . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ Eliminate weeds and junk vehicles . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ Better public transportation . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ More new housing . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ Improve or restore older housing . . . . .	Not	Low	Medium	High
➤ Other: _____	Not	Low	Medium	High

**7. Do you think your neighborhood should have MORE, LESS, the SAME (same as now) amount of the following?**

➤ Small retail businesses . . . . .	More	Less	Same	Don't Know
➤ Large retail businesses . . . . .	More	Less	Same	Don't Know
➤ Business offices . . . . .	More	Less	Same	Don't Know
➤ Bars/restaurants/nightclubs . . . . .	More	Less	Same	Don't Know
➤ Affordable, public, or low-income housing . . . . .	More	Less	Same	Don't Know
➤ Market rate housing . . . . .	More	Less	Same	Don't Know
➤ Mixed-use (residences and business in one building) . . . . .	More	Less	Same	Don't Know
➤ High-rise buildings . . . . .	More	Less	Same	Don't Know
➤ Institutions (church, library, hospital, etc.) . . . . .	More	Less	Same	Don't Know
➤ Open space (parks and plazas) . . . . .	More	Less	Same	Don't Know
➤ Other: _____	More	Less	Same	Don't Know