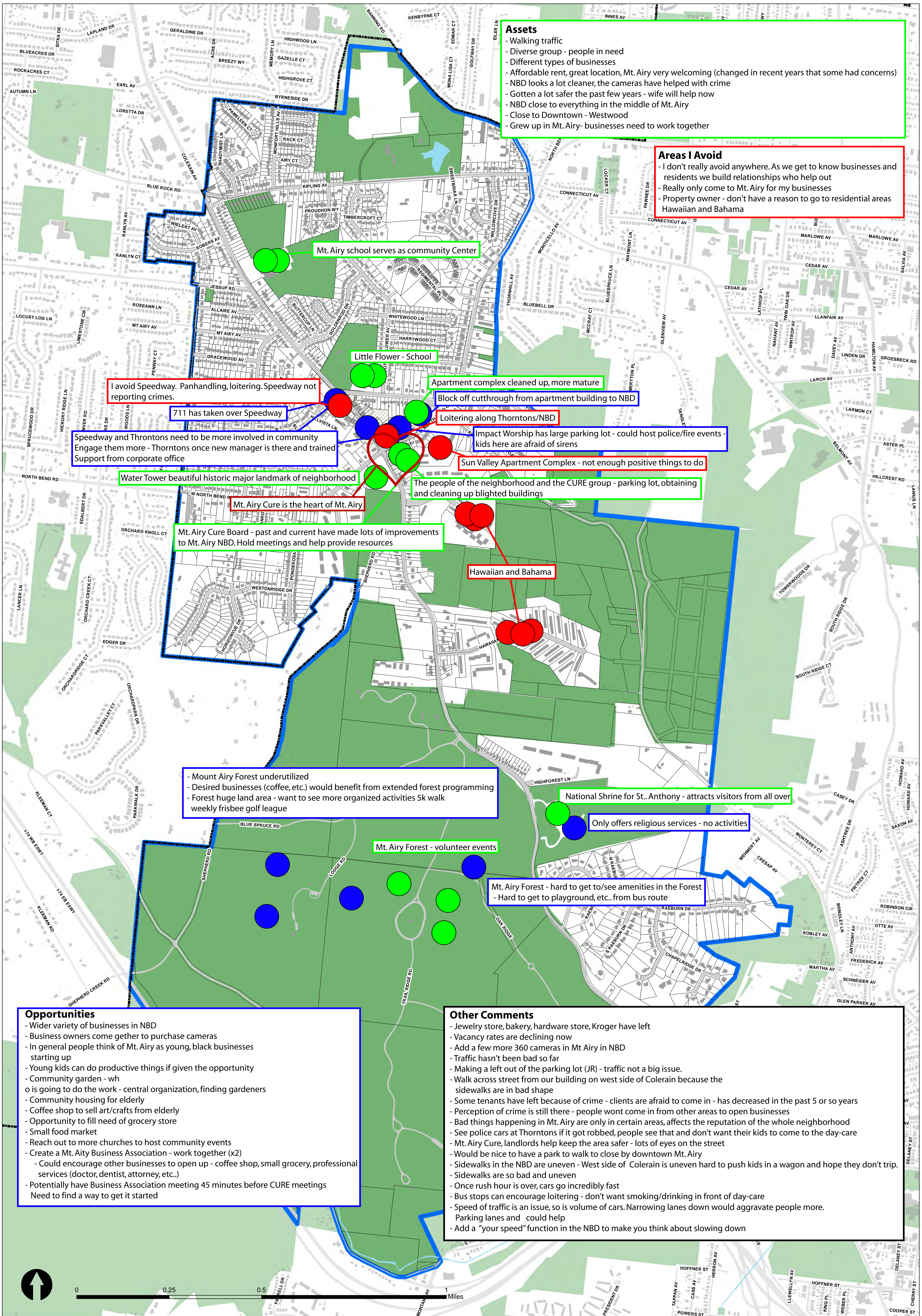


VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR | MAP ACTIVITY

BUSINESS DISTRICT: 8-17-2020 & 8-19-2020



Assets

- Walking traffic
- Diverse group - people in need
- Different types of businesses
- Affordable rent, great location, Mt. Airy very welcoming (changed in recent years that some had concerns)
- NBD looks a lot cleaner, the cameras have helped with crime
- Gotten a lot safer the past few years - wife will help now
- NBD close to everything in the middle of Mt. Airy
- Close to Downtown - Westwood
- Grew up in Mt. Airy- businesses need to work together

Areas I Avoid

- I don't really avoid anywhere. As we get to know businesses and residents we build relationships who help out
- Really only come to Mt. Airy for my businesses
- Property owner - don't have a reason to go to residential areas Hawaiian and Bahama

Mt. Airy school serves as community Center

Little Flower - School

I avoid Speedway. Panhandling, loitering. Speedway not reporting crimes.

711 has taken over Speedway

Speedway and Throntons need to be more involved in community Engage them more - Throntons once new manager is there and trained Support from corporate office

Water Tower beautiful historic major landmark of neighborhood

Mt. Airy Cure is the heart of Mt. Airy

Mt. Airy Cure Board - past and current have made lots of improvements to Mt. Airy NBD. Hold meetings and help provide resources

Apartment complex cleaned up, more mature

Block off cutthrough from apartment building to NBD

Loitering along Throntons/NBD

Impact Worship has large parking lot - could host police/fire events - kids here are afraid of sirens

Sun Valley Apartment Complex - not enough positive things to do

The people of the neighborhood and the CURE group - parking lot, obtaining and cleaning up blighted buildings

Hawaiian and Bahama

- Mount Airy Forest underutilized
- Desired businesses (coffee, etc.) would benefit from extended forest programming
- Forest huge land area - want to see more organized activities 5k walk weekly frisbee golf league

Mt. Airy Forest - volunteer events

National Shrine for St.. Anthony - attracts visitors from all over

Only offers religious services - no activities

Mt. Airy Forest - hard to get to/see amenities in the Forest
- Hard to get to playground, etc. from bus route

Opportunities

- Wider variety of businesses in NBD
- Business owners come together to purchase cameras
- In general people think of Mt. Airy as young, black businesses starting up
- Young kids can do productive things if given the opportunity
- Community garden - who is going to do the work - central organization, finding gardeners
- Community housing for elderly
- Coffee shop to sell art/crafts from elderly
- Opportunity to fill need of grocery store
- Small food market
- Reach out to more churches to host community events
- Create a Mt. Airy Business Association - work together (x2)
 - Could encourage other businesses to open up - coffee shop, small grocery, professional services (doctor, dentist, attorney, etc.)
- Potentially have Business Association meeting 45 minutes before CURE meetings
- Need to find a way to get it started

Other Comments

- Jewelry store, bakery, hardware store, Kroger have left
- Vacancy rates are declining now
- Add a few more 360 cameras in Mt Airy in NBD
- Traffic hasn't been bad so far
- Making a left out of the parking lot (JR) - traffic not a big issue.
- Walk across street from our building on west side of Colerain because the sidewalks are in bad shape
- Some tenants have left because of crime - clients are afraid to come in - has decreased in the past 5 or so years
- Perception of crime is still there - people wont come in from other areas to open businesses
- Bad things happening in Mt. Airy are only in certain areas, affects the reputation of the whole neighborhood
- See police cars at Throntons if it got robbed, people see that and don't want their kids to come to the day-care
- Mt. Airy Cure, landlords help keep the area safer - lots of eyes on the street
- Would be nice to have a park to walk to close by downtown Mt. Airy
- Sidewalks in the NBD are uneven - West side of Colerain is uneven hard to push kids in a wagon and hope they don't trip.
- Sidewalks are so bad and uneven
- Once rush hour is over, cars go incredibly fast
- Bus stops can encourage loitering - don't want smoking/drinking in front of day-care
- Speed of traffic is an issue, so is volume of cars. Narrowing lanes down would aggravate people more.
- Parking lanes and could help
- Add a "your speed" function in the NBD to make you think about slowing down

