



2015 ALBERTA STREET PROJECT

African American Youth Cultural Resource Inventory w/Recommendations

1992 Prioritized Student Project Recommendations

1. **Garbage and Litter Management.** Concerns regarding unsightliness and potential health hazards. Recommendation is that local residents cooperate with the City government to schedule regular garbage pickups and street sweepings.
2. **Neighborhood Improvements.** Concerns with poorly maintained churches, businesses, homes and lawns and with dangerous recreational conditions and abandoned structures. Recommendation is to establish a Neighborhood Watch Program and to alert and cooperate with existing home improvement programs.
3. **African American Businesses.** Concerns regarding small number of African American businesses in the study area. Recommendation is to first encourage active support of existing Black businesses, and also to follow guidelines of OAME Project Alberta to identify and fund new minority owned businesses in the neighborhood.
4. **Safe Recreational Areas.** Concern that only Alberta Park currently affords safe recreational opportunities for local residents. Recommendation is that serious attention be given to development of local recreational sites for children and young adults.
5. **Alberta Street Tri-Met Improvements.** Concern was that Tri-Met had too few bus shelters and benches and did not maintain trash disposal cans in study area. Recommendation was to install more shelters and benches and regularly manage garbage at designated bus stops.
6. **African Center.** Concern that there were no African cultural facilities in the city. Recommendation was for concerned citizens to begin lobbying for such a facility in the form of a museum or cultural center in the Alberta Street neighborhood.
7. **Tree Planting Selections.** Concern was too few trees in the study area, and that several existing exotic trees were subjected to disease and drought. Recommendation was that Peace Trees and other organizations be made aware of this problem and asked to help to resolve it.
8. **Paved Streets.** Concern was that unpaved streets in the neighborhood were unsightly, difficult to maintain, and potentially hazardous to local children. Recommendation was that local residents “have a meeting and see if something can be done.”