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The TIPS initiative on Dayton Street in Rochester, New York, was implemented to both to show support for a neighborhood that has been taken aback by drugs and youth violence, and to investigate community member's concerns and desires for their neighborhood. This paper is designed to analyze the second part of the initiative. This paper will discuss; the various likes that the community around Dayton Street has for the neighborhood, the various concerns the community around Dayton Street has about their neighborhood, and the initiatives or activities the community around Dayton Street would like implemented within the neighborhood. Finally, this paper will provide multiple anecdotes that the community members near Dayton Street wish to share with law enforcement agents in Rochester.

Methodology

The initiative implemented surveys to obtain this information. These surveys asked people to list their likes, concerns, and desires for things to be done within their neighborhood. Finally, the surveys asked the respondents if they had anything specific to tell the police. Groups of four volunteers were sent out to administer the survey to particular streets. Each group had at least one Rochester City Police officer with them. These groups were instructed to travel down one side of the street and then return on the other side, knocking on every door. When people answered, the volunteers were to read a ready made script to the participant. Only those houses where people responded and agreed to take the survey were included in the sample. Because of this, the resulting sample is not a random sample of the community surrounding Dayton Street. In spite of

this, the resulting analysis should give valuable insight into the various issues within the Dayton Street Community.

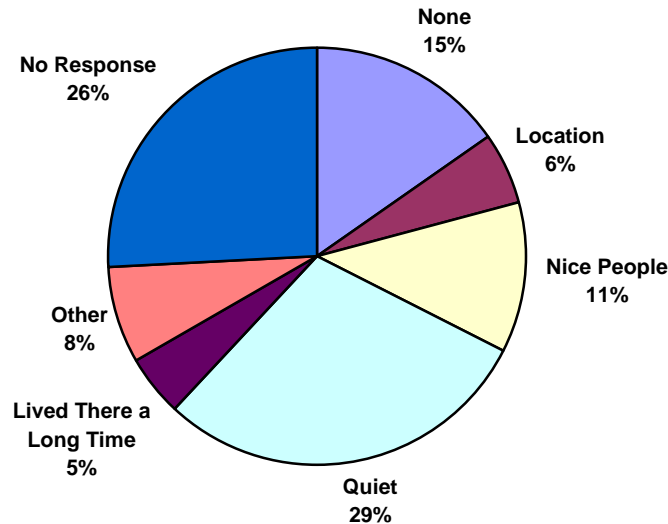
Data Analysis

As stated above, nine streets were surveyed for this analysis; Pulaski Street, Avenue D, Ernst Street, Dayton Street, Roycroft Drive, North Street, Bradford Street, Agnes Street, and Cleon Street. To begin, those streets will be pooled together for analysis. I will call this nine street area ‘the neighborhood around Dayton Street.’

Firstly, we will examine the likes the neighborhood around Dayton Street listed. Of the 105 total surveys collected, 78 listed a response for this question. Of those 78 responses, three common answers were listed by the neighborhood around Dayton Street much more so than others. Thirty-one respondents listed that they liked the neighborhood because it was quiet with little activity, sixteen respondents explicitly stated that they liked nothing at all about the neighborhood, and twelve respondents listed that they liked all or some of the people within the neighborhood. It is important to note that while coding the surveys, respondents who left this question, “what do you like most about your neighborhood?”, blank, were coded as missing answers instead of the answer of ‘nothing.’ It is possible that these people intended to write that they liked ‘nothing’ about the neighborhood and left the question blank instead. Twenty-seven respondents left this question blank. Other likes stated by the neighborhood around Dayton Street include; six people stating the location was convenient, five people stating that they lived there their whole life, three respondents stating that they liked the cameras, two people stating that they liked the nearby community programs and another two who liked the

cheap rent, and finally one person who stated that they liked ‘everything’ about the neighborhood around Dayton Street.

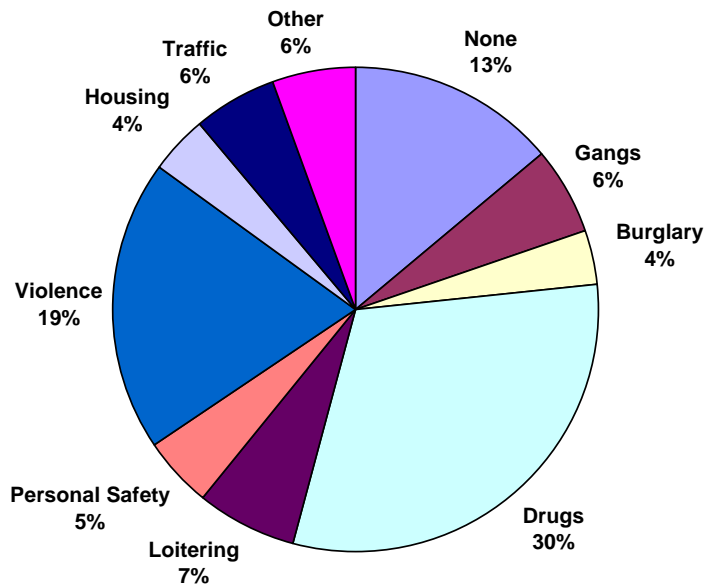
Likes Listed:
Percentage of Total Surveyed



Next we will look at the major the concerns listed by the neighborhood around Dayton Street. Many people listed more than one answer to this question. In order to capture all responses, responses will be measured in percentage of total concerns listed by the neighborhood around Dayton Street. Eighty-two people listed responses to this question, totaling one-hundred and seven responses. Again there were three common answers listed more so than others by the sample. Thirty-three people listed that drugs and drug sales were a concern to them, twenty-one stated that violence was a concern to them, and eighteen explicitly responded that they had no concerns within the neighborhood around Dayton Street. Again it is important to note that while coding the surveys, whenever a respondent left this question blank I coded it as ‘missing’ instead of

‘no concerns.’ It is possible that these people meant to respond that they have no concerns. Twenty-three of one-hundred and five people surveyed left this section blank (22%). Other responses include; seven responses for loitering or youth hanging out, six responses for excessive traffic on the street or speeding, six respondents were concerned about gangs, five respondents were concerned for their own safety, and four stating that broken down and vacant houses were a concern. One respondent each was listed for having concern for the following; lack of hope in the youth, disrespectful police, over aggressive policing, lack of health insurance, garbage on the street, and youth safety.

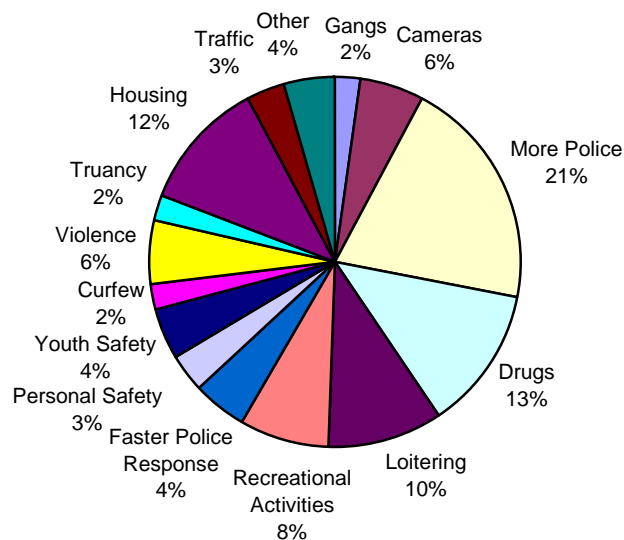
**Concerns Listed:
Percentage of Total Concerns Listed**



Unlike the previous questions, when the neighborhood around Dayton Street was asked what specific things they would like done only one response stood out. Eighteen respondents stated that they wanted more police and more visible police presence within their community. After that; eleven respondents wanted the drugs removed, ten

respondents wanted the vacant houses removed or fixed, nine wanted youth loitering or ‘hanging out’ removed, seven wanted more community programs and recreational activities, five wanted more cameras and five others wanted the violence removed, four wanted faster police response to calls for service, four wanted the youth to be protected and three wanted anything done that would make the neighborhood safer, three wanted the traffic to be reduced and people to drive slower, two wanted gangs removed, two wanted the curfew put back in place, and two wanted truant youth to be dealt with and taken to school. Lastly, one person each responded that they; wanted burglary dealt with, wanted youth harassment toward the community ended, and wanted noise late at night to stop.

**Specific Things Respondents Requested to be Done:
Percentage of Total Responses**



The fourth and final question asked community members if they had anything specific to tell the police. Sixty-one of the one-hundred and five respondents answered this question (58.1%). Of those sixty-one, only three reported any specific crimes. Eight people called for more police patrols of some sort. Six people stated that the police were doing well and two stated that they would call the police when they needed help. Five people expressed the desire that police remove drug activity from their neighborhood. Three people stated that the cameras installed in their area were helpful, and one person stated that they were a waste of money. Two people called for closer police-community relations. Two people expressed that they were sorry for what happened to Officer DiPonzio. Others made general statements about crime like “Reduce crime [and] clean up [the] area,” “get guns off [the] street,” and “youth with guns [are] walking down [the] street, [and their] behavior [is] supported by [their] parents.” Finally, two people stated that police officers need to be more respectful. These last two stated that their community needs “more respectful [police] officers who act as better role models,” and “[we are] sorry for [officer] DiPonzio, but please treat us with respect.”

Street by Street Analysis

One luxury that we had for the Dayton Street TIPS analysis that wasn't in place for the Driving Park TIPS analysis was the ability to separate the surveys by street name. This means that this analysis can show possible differences between the individual street blocks within the neighborhood around Dayton Street. For the most part, because of the diversity of answers and small number of respondents for each street, there was very little variation that could be seen.

Only three streets were notable outliers when it came to listing likes. On Dayton Street, five of the six respondents explicitly listed that they had no likes in their neighborhood. This is in stark contrast to both Bradford Street and Avenue D where every respondent listed at least one like for their neighborhood. All other streets had at least one person who listed that they had no likes for the neighborhood.

Only three streets stood out when comparing listed concerns. Bradford Street had eight respondents who listed that they had no concerns for the neighborhood. This is more than all of the other streets combined, which totaled seven. Pulaski Street and Roycroft Drive however were the only two streets who did not have at least one respondent list that they had no concerns for their neighborhood. Pulaski Street and Roycroft Drive were also responsible for the most responses to this question, eighteen and nineteen respectively. This is four and five more responses than the next closest, respectively. This happened even though Pulaski Street and Roycroft Drive were tied for third and fifth for most surveys completed, respectively.

These indicators may go to show that Bradford Street is an area with less crime and drug activity, and that Pulaski Street and Roycroft Drive have higher levels of crime and drug activity. However, this last part could also mean that Pulaski Street and Roycroft Drive have community members that are more aware of the issues in their neighborhood and more willing to share that information with police. These interpretations are meant to stimulate thought and discussion, not to be conclusive.

Street Level Data

Likes	Pulaski	Avenue D	Emst	Dayton	Roycroft	North	Bradford	Agnes	Cleon	Total Listed	% of all surveyed
None	4	0	1	5	2	1	0	2	1	16	12.40%
Location	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	5.70%
Nice People	1	3	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	12	11.40%
Quiet	6	3	6	1	0	2	6	2	5	31	29.50%
Lived there their Whole Life	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	5	4.80%
Other	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	8	7.60%
Total in Column	12	15	8	6	7	6	11	6	7	78	
No Response										27	25.70%
Concerns										Total Listed	% of all Concerns
None	0	2	1	1	0	1	8	1	1	15	14%
Gangs	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	5.70%
Burglary	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	3.70%
Drugs	6	3	2	6	6	3	4	2	1	33	30.80%
Loitering	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	7	6.50%
Personal Safety	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	4.70%
Violence	3	1	3	2	5	3	2	1	1	21	19.60%
Housing	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	3.70%
Traffic	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	5.70%
Other	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	5.70%
Total in Column	18	13	12	12	19	9	14	5	5	107	
Specific Things to be Done										Total Listed	% To be Done
Gangs	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2.20%
Cameras	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	5	5.60%
More Police	1	1	5	1	4	2	0	1	3	18	20.20%

Drugs	4	0	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	11	12.40%
Loitering	3	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	9	10.10%
Recreational Activities	0	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	7	7.90%
Faster Police Response	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	4.50%
Personal Safety	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3.40%
Youth Safety	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	4.50%
Curfew	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.20%
Violence	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	5.60%
Truancy	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.20%
Housing	2	3	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	10	11.20%
Traffic	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	3.40%
Other	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	4.50%
Total in Column	16	13	9	12	15	6	9	6	3	89	