

WHY WALKABILITY

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INTRODUCTION



- Cancer survivor and community advocate for walkability and urban improvement
- Struggle with physical and mental health challenges
- Recognized the importance of walking for health and wellness
- Passion went beyond personal wellness but safe community and walkable spaces
- Organized walking groups and coordinated events
- Had a vision for community-driven change



MAKING CHANGES BY WALKING

- Walk for health and wellness
- Created WalkingGroups in Southeast













- America Walks
 Walking College
 Fellowship
 Program
- Created Action
 Plan- (COS
 Walkability
 Summit)







WHY WALKABILITY



- Walkability makes the community healthier, safer, greener, and more connected
- Encourage exercise and reduce stress
- Cut car use, lower pollution
- Boost the economy
- Improve accessibility
- Strengthen community and safety



2023 COS Walkability Summit



- COS 1st Walkability
 Summit
- Walking Audits
- Walkability Proclamation Resolution







2023 COS WALKABILITY RESULTS



- 51 attendees
- Walkability Day
 September, 22nd
- Construction/Installment
 New SE Sidewalk
- COS Walkability Advisory
 Committee





2023 COS WALKABILITY RESULTS



- 51- summit participants including volunteers
- 23- surveys completed
- 16- (69.6%) participants elected to be on the Walkability Advisory
 Committee
- 78.3%- length of presentations was just right
- 69.6%- summit structure well
- 56.5%- improve understanding of walkability
- 95%-Satisfy for networking opportunities





- 75 Participants Registered
- Three COS City Councilmembers
- One Manitou Councilmember
- 35+ Neighborhoods
- Presenters/Facilitators- City
 Planners, Public Works, CDOT
 Public Works, CDOT, County Public
 Works and many more
 organizations







