Manchester Photovoice Project

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On our walk, there were a plethora of churches and places of worship all over the neighborhood. To us, this provided evidence that religion is a pillar of the community. In this church, the “all are welcome” sign symbolized the warm and welcoming feeling we observed all throughout the neighborhood.
We were struck by the beautiful architecture of all of the houses in Manchester. This picture shows the classic architecture, that appeared primarily be Victorian homes that were built over 100 years ago. The majority of lawns were immaculate, and appeared well cared for, proof to us that that community members really cared about their neighborhood.
This photo was taken on the border of the Manchester community with Chateau street. It was clear to us that there are borders to this community that aren’t necessarily natural, and may have split up the way the community previously was. In addition, because the neighborhood is directly next to the highway, it creates a good deal of noise and air pollution that we assume the residents of this community do not enjoy.
This is a sign that is displayed in front of the community garden we came across. Though the garden appeared slightly unkept, it was built with elevated beds, and was evidence of strong community revitalization projects.
The Historic Landmark sign was a sign that we encountered very often. It shows how old the community is, and based on many of the articles we found in the library, ties into how passionate people are about preserving the community. In addition, it is clear that the historic status of the neighborhood can easily be used to gain more money to further improve the community.
We found this sign particularly interesting, because we felt it shows community activism and dealing with problems directly on the community level, such as preventing violence. It's clear that in this neighborhood, community members feel passionate about the preservation of their neighborhood so much so that they're willing to take matters into their own hands.
Even though the majority of the homes in this neighborhood are beautiful and extremely well maintained, this neighborhood does appear to still be in transition, with many houses still falling apart, and either on the housing market, or in need of renovation. To us, it seemed that great things are occurring in this neighborhood, there is still work to be done.
We were struck by the convenience of this neighborhood, to downtown, and assumed that it must be a popular attraction for many people because of this location. This picture is evidence to the buses that we saw around the neighborhood, connecting Manchester to the rest of the area.
We found this sign extremely interesting. To us, it showed that the community participants are ready and willing to take criminal justice into their own hands, both in terms of dealing with it once it is happening, and also preventing it.
Throughout the neighborhood, the majority of homes had some sort of political sign in their lawn or on their window. It showed to us how the community must be both very politically aware, and passionate about getting people to vote and being active in their government.