Residents of the Independence Park community will enjoy the new aesthetic markers while visitors will be able to more easily orient themselves within the city.

Locations: Independence Park
• Irving Park Rd and Hamlin
• Irving Park Rd and Lawndale
• Irving Park Rd and Ridgeway
These kiosks would include maps with cultural highlights that might engage and inform visitors.

Informational kiosks will allow ward residents as well as visitors to learn about cultural highlights, historic events, and other interesting facts that make the 45th ward unique. Maps will also be included to make the ward more visitor friendly. Printed materials that require updating would be paid for by chambers of commerce and perhaps business advertisements.

Locations:
• Jefferson Park Transit Station
• (near) Pulaski/Irving Park Transit Station
• Montrose Transit Area
• Gladstone Park Police Station
Improvement program to wash, paint, and add pigeon netting to target viaducts and underpasses in the ward.

Programa de mejora para lavar, pintar, e incorporar redes de paloma a viaductos/pasos subterráneos en varias áreas del distrito.

All 45th ward residents will benefit from the viaduct remediation project. The washing, painting and pigeon control improvements will make the streets and sidewalks in the area cleaner and safer for pedestrians and drivers.

Our proposal includes the general improvement and repair of viaduct underpasses at the following locations:
- 5700 W Foster
- 5210 N Central
- 4810 W Wilson
- 4650 W Montrose
- 4200 W Irving Park
Protected bike lanes on Milwaukee between Addison and Lawrence to improve safety, promote sustainable transit, and increase foot traffic for local businesses.

Ciclovías protegidas en la Avenida Milwaukee entre Addison y Lawrence para mejorar la seguridad, promover el transporte sostenible, y aumentar el tránsito peatonal para apoyar a las empresas locales.

Safe transportation for all ward residents is important to creating and vibrant community in the 45th ward. Bicycles and cars are increasingly asked to share the road. Creating buffered bike lanes will improve safety, promote sustainable transit, and increase foot traffic for local businesses.
On-street bike parking structures at various locations in the ward.

Bicylce corrals will be installed at Mariano’s, Fischman’s, and Lawrence between Mason & Marmora. The corrals will only reduce parking space by 1 - 2 space at each location and will promote bicycle use and improving foot traffic for local businesses in the 45th ward.
Adding 5 solar trash/recycling bins to keep neighborhoods clean by using renewable energy and space savings strategies.

Adding solar powered trash and recycling bins will benefit residents and visitors along with those concerned about neighborhood cleanliness and the environment. These receptacles will provide a green and cost efficient way to allow 45th ward residents to keep the ward clean.

Locations:
- Jefferson Park Transit Center
- Six Corners
- Jeff Park Pool Entrance
Safe transportation for all ward residents is important to creating and vibrant community in the 45th ward. Bicycles and cars are increasingly asked to share the road. Creating buffered bike lanes will improve safety, promote sustainable transit, and increase foot traffic for local businesses.
Beaubien Elementary would like to replace the black top that is used for recess with an artificial turf that is made of recycled materials.

The children of Beaubien Elementary need a safe place to play! The black top surface in the area currently used for recess is hot in the warm weather and very hard resulting in frequent injuries to the children. The artificial turf surface that the children need is made of recycled materials, is weatherproof and has an average life of 60 years. Help us create a safe space for our children to play outdoors.
Independence Park Playground

Independence Park is in poor condition and is currently inaccessible to many children with disabilities who are in the most need of a safe, clean outdoor play space. The community has raised over $60,000 to help support this renovation and the Chicago Park District is also contributing a third of the funds needed to cover the full cost of giving our children and safe place to play. This project will benefit all children in the ward and those in the surrounding community.

Adding rubberized surface, two new play spaces, and lower raised surface for easy accessibility to the Independence Park playground.

Incorporar una superficie cubierta de caucho y dos espacios de juego, y bajar la superficie elevada para facilitar el acceso.

Playground Renovation
Independence Park

Proposed design:
- A new rubberized surface
- Lower raised surface for accessibility
- Two play spaces for children: 2-5 and 5-12 years old
- Adjacent water feature to completed as funding allows
This project will purchase wood, hardware, and the materials to build a shed that will hold all of the equipment for the garden.

Para comprar la madera, las herramientas y las materiales para construir un cobertizo que guardarán las herramientas del jardín.

Olive’s Neighborhood Garden is an award-winning garden in the Jefferson Park neighborhood of Chicago providing handpicked produce for local residents in need. The garden is situated on a previously abandoned lot of state owned property on the edge of the Kennedy expressway on the corner of W. Ainslie Ave. and N. Laramie St. on the northwest side of Chicago.

Today, the garden is worked by shared commitment between neighbors and scouts. In 2012, a “share the harvest” program was added, where home gardeners can drop off their surplus produce to be distributed to the pantry as well. Some neighbors have taken that a step further and dropped off boxed donations such as pasta along with their tomatoes.

Fundraising efforts are underway to decrease the time from ground to table by purchasing transplants rather than growing from seed (when appropriate). This expansion would help to further the ability of the garden to feed the hungry and help 45th ward residents and the surrounding community.
Community Garden Shed
JARDÍN COMUNITARIO

$ 2,500

To purchase wood and hardware to build the garden beds for Our Lady of Victory & St. John’s Lutheran Food Pantry and Community Garden.

Neighborhood food pantries, local residents, those concerned for the environment, and those with insufficient access to fresh produce will all benefit from the community support of the neighborhood resource. Our Lady of Victory Church and St. John’s Lutheran Food Pantry bring care, nutrition and a sense of community to our ward. The Garden shed will provide a safe and secure space for the storage of the tools and supplies they need to continue to serve residents of the 45th ward.
Improve lighting and visibility under viaduct on Milwaukee north of the Jefferson Park Transit Center.

Para Mejorar la Iluminación y Visibilidad de los Viaductos en la Avenida Milwaukee, Norte de la Estación de CTA. Los viaductos tendrán todas las superficies pintadas de blanco para mejorar la reflejación de la luz y así aumentar la seguridad.

Our proposal works to improve the safety and security of 45th ward residents by installing double streetlamps at all corners at the viaduct North of the Jefferson Park Transit Center. The viaducts will also have all of the surfaces painted white to better reflect the light to improve safety.
This project will replace the fencing on the Kennedy Expressway pedestrian bridge between Avondale and the Gladstone Metra Station with wrought iron style fencing at both ends of the bridge and cleaning of entrance and exit points.

Reemplazar las vallas por vallas de hierro forjado en los dos extremos del puente, y limpiar las entradas y salidas.

Our proposal benefits 45th ward residents by providing safer pedestrian traffic crossing of the Kennedy Expressway for commuters and by beautifying and cleaning the area.
Our project will benefit 45th ward residents, visitors, commuters, and shoppers in the neighborhood by improving pedestrian safety in a heavily trafficked area.
This project will repaint street poles on Milwaukee from Foster to Peterson to improve the appearance.

Repintar a los postes de calle el la avenida Milwaukee, desde Foster a Peterson

Our proposal works to beautify the 45th ward for all residents and will benefit pedestrians, visitors and local businesses. The cost per streetlight pole will be $300. Between 125 - 130 poles will be refinished and painted.