



Kickoff Meeting

September 22, 2009

Likes/Dislikes Issue Identification Citizen Participation Exercise

DISLIKES BY CATEGORY

Urban Design

- Want other/accessory uses on ground levels of parking decks
- Preserve Sunnyside's historic character
- Improve gateway at Pecan Avenue at railroad
- Kings College needs a parking deck
- Rehab/redevelop older strip shopping center (Roy White/Dollar General)
- New developments need more green space
- No new buildings over 3 stories in keeping with the neighborhood
- 5 stories maximum height in limited areas (no Latta Pavilion or Selwyn Towers)
- Firefighter townhomes don't fit in – lack character
- Not enough parking proposed for Winter project
- CPCC parking deck and Culinary building turns back on Seventh Street
- Dislikes anything over 3 stories
- Eckerts at Laurel Avenue and Providence Road
- Infill development all looks the same and is disconnected from street
- Design and siting of parking decks
- How Mercy Hospital addresses Kenmore Avenue

Streets/Traffic/Signals

- Need left turn lanes at Laurel Avenue and Seventh Street
- Improve traffic light sequencing on Hawthorne Lane (too many stops)
- Traffic calming on Pecan Avenue, Hawthorne Lane, and in neighborhoods
- Maintain John Belk Freeway better
- Problem intersection at Randolph/Cranbrook/Dotger (five-way intersection)
- Traffic calming and sirens are an issue at Pecan Avenue and Eighth Street
- Stoplight at Seventh Street and Clement Avenue
- Intersection of Seventh Street and Charlottetowne Avenue
- Intersection of Fourth Street and Charlottetowne Avenue
- Access to Mint Museum and the park
- Need left turn arrow at Hawthorne Lane and Third Street
- Need signal at Vail Avenue and Caswell Road
- Add left-turn phase (traffic signal) at Hawthorne Lane & Seventh and Queens & Third
- Left from southbound Laurel Avenue onto eastbound Randolph Road needs protected left turn
- Need traffic calming devices on Dotger Avenue
- Need left-turn signal on eastbound Fourth Street onto northbound Hawthorne Lane
- Add left and right arrows on Cranbrook Lane at Randolph Road
- Add left-turn phase (traffic signal) at Hawthorne Lane and Seventh Street
- Do not connect Cameron Avenue with Bascom Street (pedestrian safety concern)
- Left turns back up traffic on single (counterflow) lane on Seventh Street

- Elizabeth Avenue narrowing and bus stops impede traffic flow
- Traffic signals at Seventh Street and Pecan Avenue
- Dislikes no left turn at Seventh Street and Pecan Avenue
- Bad intersection at Fifth Street and Caswell Avenue
- Connect Seventh and Eighth Streets
- Cut-through traffic on Dotger Avenue
- Traffic flow on Pecan Avenue
- Hospital traffic on Vail Avenue
- Turning on Vail Avenue and Caswell Road
- Impact of density on traffic at Seventh Street/Pecan Avenue intersection
- Consolidation of left turn spots without arrows
- On-street parking on Fifth Street during the day
- Off ramp from Belk Freeway to Fourth Street and the U-turn
- Vail Avenue and Caswell Road intersection – blind spots
- Stop sign at Ridgeway and Kenmore Avenues needed – redirected traffic from Fifth Street

Noise/Crime/Nuisance

- Quiet zone on railroad
- Railroad needs maintenance – it attracts vagrants
- Traffic calming and sirens are an issue at Pecan Avenue and Eighth Street
- Friendly Mart
- Vagrants on railroad property and at Louise Avenue and Fifth Street
- Noise from train

Sidewalks/Crosswalks

- Difficult for pedestrians at Greenway Avenue and Caswell Road
- Not enough crosswalks on Seventh Street and Pecan Avenue
- Improve sidewalks on Pecan Avenue as in Plaza Midwood
- Crosswalk does not work well at Seventh Street and Pecan Avenue
- Need sidewalks on Dotger Avenue to access transit stops on Randolph Road
- Crosswalks are too fast (not enough walk time)
- How can there be a pedscape plan for Sunnyside area without sidewalks?
- No sidewalk on Dotger Avenue
- Improve sidewalks on Pecan Avenue as in Plaza Midwood
- More walk time (crosswalk signal) at Hawthorne Lane and Seventh Street
- Make Seventh Street and Pecan Avenue (and other intersections) safer for pedestrians
- Need mid-block pedestrian crossing on Hawthorne Lane between Fifth and Elizabeth
- Wider sidewalks on Elizabeth Avenue
- Make Seventh Street bridge into Uptown more walkable and bikable
- Make intersection of Fifth and Seventh Streets safer for pedestrian crossing
- Lack of pedestrian connection between Independence Park and area north of Seventh Street
- Seventh Street/Pecan Avenue intersection – poor traffic/pedestrian coordination
- Poor pedestrian environment on Charlottetowne Avenue
- Condition of sidewalks on Seventh Street near Roy White
- Need crosswalk at Caswell Road and Greenway Avenue
- Sidewalk on lower Seventh Street – no planting strip buffer
- Crossing at Randolph/Dotger/Cranbrook

Land Use

- Land designated as vacant near Deacon is actually a creek
- Hospitals
- Sunnyside neighborhood not covered by Belmont plan – no text addressing it
- Develop corner of Hawthorne Lane and Fourth Street
- Multi-family development on Independence Boulevard past Hawthorne Lane is too big
- Dislikes older housing and new condos in Weddington Avenue area
- Empty lots on Elizabeth Avenue
- Mercy Hospital expansion kills street life at the intersection of Vail Avenue and Caswell Road
- Impact of Presbyterian Hospital parking deck on pedestrians

Parks/Open Space/Environment

- Concerned about preservation of creek
- Develop greenway on Little Sugar Creek
- No access to Chantilly Park
- Upgrade Memorial Stadium
- New developments need more green space

Streetscape/Trees

- Replace fallen street trees
- Street trees on Greenway Avenue not restored after Hurricane Hugo

Blight/Eyesores

- Undeveloped or underdeveloped parcels (concerned with safety and blight)
- Does not like Weddington Avenue area as it is now – it is “unsightly”
- Apartments at Emerson are blight (Martha Washington Homes?)
- Railroad bridge on Seventh Street (Monroe Road?) needs maintenance
- Railroad needs maintenance – it attracts vagrants
- Blight at Dollar General
- Housing on lower Seventh Street
- Dilapidated house on corner of Seventh Street and Clement Avenue
- Fourth Street blight (Grubb development site)
- Clean up railroad crossing on Pecan Avenue
- Dislikes billboards
- Friendly Mart is an eyesore (messy alley, obnoxious lights)
- Rental area on Seventh Street (Winter assemblage)
- Roy White/Heroes property
- Railroad property needs maintenance
- Railroad/Pecan Avenue intersection
- Seventh Street/Pecan Avenue shopping area
- Rental area at Seventh Street and Weddington Avenue
- Condition of multi-family housing at Cranbrook Lane and Vail Avenue

Miscellaneous

- Wants to pay less in taxes