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## MEETING NOTES

*Meeting Subject:* Southdale Neighborhood Meeting #1

*Location:* Girl Scouts of Blackhawk Council

*Meeting Date:* January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007

*Issue Date:*

*Participants:* Southdale Neighborhood Residents

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### **DISCUSSION:**

The follow content is a compellation of questions and comments expressed at the Southdale Neighborhood Meeting.

#### **Transportation:**

1. Concerns with heavy truck traffic through the neighborhood, especially car transporters.
2. Is the new Badger Road/Beltline Frontage Road bridge capable of supporting heavy loads?
3. Residents expressed concerns with the connection of Lake George Rd and Deer Valley Rd and its potential for increasing truck traffic in the neighborhood.
4. Due to the heavy construction traffic, residents are concerned for the noise, health, safety and well being on their children.
5. The intersection at Rimrock Rd. and Oregon Rd. posses a safety threat to bicyclist and walkers. Many drivers turn left from Ski Lane onto Rimrock Road even though it is not permitted.
6. The potential for transit to downtown was seen by some residents as beneficial to the neighborhood.
7. The adjacent roadways are highly used and generate a fair bit of noise that can at times be bothersome. Additional traffic may increase noise levels and reduce pedestrian safety.

#### **Pedestrian Circulation:**

1. Incorporate additional sidewalks and develop a more efficient sidewalk network throughout the neighborhood.
2. Residents would like a pedestrian connection from Lake George Rd. to Deer Valley Rd.

3. Residents would like to see off-street bike paths introduced to the neighborhood.

**Land Use:**

1. Residents would like the ability to safely walk for a cup of coffee or a donut. There is a general lack of accessibility to neighborhood services such as grocery, restaurants and shops.
2. Provide more diversity in economic structure. Provide aesthetically pleasing architecture that is welcoming to all economic standings and affordable to local residents.
3. Residents would like the addition of a Grocery Store, coffee shops and businesses geared more toward the community.
4. Community gardens are valuable to this community. Residents would like to see existing gardens preserved and/or additional opportunities for community gardens.
5. The vacant land at the “point” of the neighborhood near the Park Street interchange is seen as an ideal location for commercial development.
6. The neighborhood needs a place to gather and serve as the focal point for the community where such activities as voting could take place.
7. The addition of a community center was seen as desirable.
8. Preservation of open space and habitat are important.
9. New development should look at how it can improve the quality of life for residents. Some of the current development and goods and services are not beneficial to existing neighborhood as they are too expensive. The new bank is seen as highly beneficial.
10. Consideration should be given to how different uses impact other uses within the neighborhood to limit conflicts
11. Southdale Park is a vital part to the community. Newer and updated facilities would be ideal. (playground, fields and courts)

**Identity and Gateways**

1. The existing strip mall offers some neighborhood services but is not very pleasing to look at. Some wondered if there was a way to enhance the appearance while offering some services to residents.
2. There is mixed feeling regarding the level of isolation and connectivity. While crime and services are issues, residence are attracted to the diversity and affordability of the neighborhood.
3. Some residents enjoy the isolated character of the neighborhood

**Miscellaneous:**

1. Residents wondered who is JJR working for and who asked for changes to the neighborhood.

2. Who has asked for and who is sponsoring the development of a neighborhood plan?
3. A church has purchase a couple of properties east of Rimrock Road and intend to build a church.
4. Improve safety and access to the Southdale Park. The rear bike path entry to Southdale Park was referred to as “a Gauntlet”. The lack of lighting plays a major part in this.
5. Animal Hospital owners stressed the importance of maintaining easy access to the clinic.
6. Many attendees stressed that they would like to see the attendance of Alder, City and Town officials attend upcoming meetings to hear resident concerns.
7. Participants would like to see the process of developing the neighborhood plan to be more inclusive of all residents. Meeting notices should be provided in multiple languages to include the large presence of the Latin and Hmong community.
8. Attendees would like the ability to review meeting notes and projected schedule of events. Look for opportunities to post information or make it available within the neighborhood so residents can have access to it.
9. Some attendees did not receive notification of the meeting or were notified very late. Please notify people well in advance of the meetings.
10. Attendees encouraged the idea of displaying updated drawings in a storefront or clearing house. (Is vacant office at strip mall a possibility?)
11. Some participants understood development may occur and wondered how it could be done in an environmentally more green manor (particularly in reference to the Novation Campus).
12. The Southdale Neighborhood used to be an organized association. Formally organizing an association may be helpful as it could allow residents the ability to apply for funding from local planning councils.

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