

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY

Plan Area: Far East Community Area
Subject: Visioning Board – Summary of Input Received
Date: June 21, 2022, Community Meeting #1
June 10, 2022 – July 10, 2022 for survey period via Public Input

OVERVIEW

The City of San Antonio Planning obtained public input using an online questionnaire and a public meeting to inform the “Vision and Goals” for the SA Tomorrow Far East Community Area, and to educate Planning Department staff on the assets, challenges and opportunities in the plan area.

Questionnaire

The Questionnaire included basic introductory information about the scope of the plan and assessed current assets, challenges and opportunities within the plan area. The questionnaire was promoted using email, the project webpage, social media, and at public meetings. Approximately 20 responses to the questionnaire have been collected thus far. The survey officially closes on July 4, 2022, at 11:59 PM.

1st Public Meeting

The meeting was on June 21, 2022 at the District Two Senior Center on 1751 S WW White Rd., in the Far East Community Area. It was organized as an open house format. The meeting included existing conditions information displayed on boards. Public input was collected using online and paper copy questionnaires available on the Far East website and at key community centers respectively. During the meeting, iPads and hard copies were made available for any participants that wanted to take the online survey during the meeting. Spanish translation services were advertised and available. The meeting was advertised using postcards mailed to all plan area addresses, and digital media. Approximately 38 people attended the meeting.

OVERVIEW OF QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

What do you like about this area?

Responses to the “What do you like about this area?” question included the following themes:

- Established Neighborhoods
- Quiet and Peaceful
- Friendly Neighbors
- Minimal Traffic / Ease of Automobile Accessibility
- Larger Housing Lots
- Accessible restaurants, retail, and bus stops
- District Two Senior Center
- Parks and Recreation areas

What is missing from this area?

Responses to the “What is missing from this area?” question included the following themes:

- Infrastructure
 - Increase street lighting
 - Street enhancements
 - Walkability / Sidewalks
- Restaurants
- Quality Retail
- Additional Grocer options
- Pearl District like area, where you can spend a day doing multiple things in the same area
 - Walking district with shops/restaurants/entertainment
 - Farmers Market with quality healthy foods
 - Centrally located walkable shopping/entertainment district
- Access to Medical Care
- Accessibility to goods and services
- Parks and Recreation
 - Bike Facilities
 - Safe Parks
 - Quality Parks and Enhancements
 - Lighting
- Bus services (additional stops)
 - Park and Ride

What would you change for the future?

Responses to the “What would you change for the future?” question included the following themes:

- Accessible shopping close to I-10 and Loop 1604
- Adding quality restaurants and retail options
- Vacant properties
- Additional public disposal options
- Modernized Schools
- Improved Infrastructure (Streets, Sidewalks)
- Convert into Mixed-Use like area
- Enhanced parks and recreation areas
- Retrofit/revitalize established businesses
- Accessibility and walkability
- Bike facilities
- Variety of retail and restaurants
- Improve aesthetics of businesses along WW White

What is your "big idea" for the Far East Area?

Responses:

- Improved infrastructure (streets, lighting)
- Enhanced Grocer options or of existing options
- Public Event Space/Center
- Additional bus stops
- Quality restaurants and more of variety
- Enhanced established parks and recreation areas
- Affordable and accessible place for Seniors
- Less industrial spaces
- Quality home building and housing stock
- Quality retail
- Revitalize area and have more attractive centers like other areas of the city
- Quality open spaces
- Entertainment options (district)
- Improved drainage systems

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC MEETING RESULTS

Most of the public input collected at the June 21st Meeting was recorded on the interactive paper wall graphic. Additional input was collected during one-on-one discussions at the meeting with residents. Comments provided by residents were recorded by city staff.

What do you like most about this area?

- The availability of a few parks. Convenient to most neighborhoods
- Senior Center
- Parks, well maintained and safe
- Lighting and maintenance of bridge by east Police Substation and ATT Center
- The greenery around. Single-Family residences and open spaces where children can play safely
- My neighborhood who care and share (sense of place).
- Access to shops and bus services
- The opportunity for growth. There's room for more residential, retail, community gardens and Parks, etc.
- The community feel. My friends and family. It's familiar
- Location

What is missing from this area?

- Reputable hotels/motels
- "Pearl" like district/mixed use area with farmers market, restaurants and quality experience
- Commercial amenities like guilds
- Medical – specialty medical facilities
- Pre-owned car shops

- Computer technology jobs (STEM employment opportunities)
- Place for younger people to go to, youth resources (all members of community can use too)
- Attracting worthwhile events into Far East (major events)
- Shopping centers (smaller scale)
- Park and Ride to Spurs games and ATT Center
- Improved and quality grocery stores
- Amenities close by for Seniors
- Sidewalks and adequate curbs
- Affordable housing
- Community attractiveness (greenery)
- Standalone district two senior center with more parking and swimming.
- Area in need of movie venue (entertainment centers)
- Traffic calming and adequate public utilities
- Farmers market/vendor staging (like Pearl)
- Outdoor gathering places with shade and lighting
- Activity Centers for youth
- Local college, adult education, and Pre-K 4 SA
- Tennis courts, community sports complex, and swimming pool
- Ross, Marshall's - quality retail
- Wellness center
- High end massage/spa
- Movie Venue/bowling
- Entertainment options such as mini-golf
- Quality restaurants
- Higher quality grocery options
- Community services for non-english speakers, homeless/housing services, VIA Transportation enhancements, and childcare
- Park similar to Hardberger Park
- Senior Housing with adequate infrastructure
- Bike trails and better lighting
- Equestrian areas
- Additional jobs in area that is not industrial
- Walkability/accessibility for those with physical constraints along WW White and ease the access to local amenities (safe access)
- Managing growth and putting it where is appropriate
- Buffer large apartment communities and established neighborhoods
- Larger HEB (Like Northside)
- Appropriate sidewalks, curbs, and drainage
- American Restaurants (more variety of food options)
- Shopping Mall
- Hospital
- Fix and expand Copernicus Park and Community Center – Shade, Splash Pad, Water Fountains

- Comanche Park – needs maintenance, better roof and restrooms
- Implement TIRZ along IH 10 E and 410 S going from E Houston and Rigsby
- Park improvements and beautification efforts in existing recreational areas
- Road maintenance in heavy industrial areas

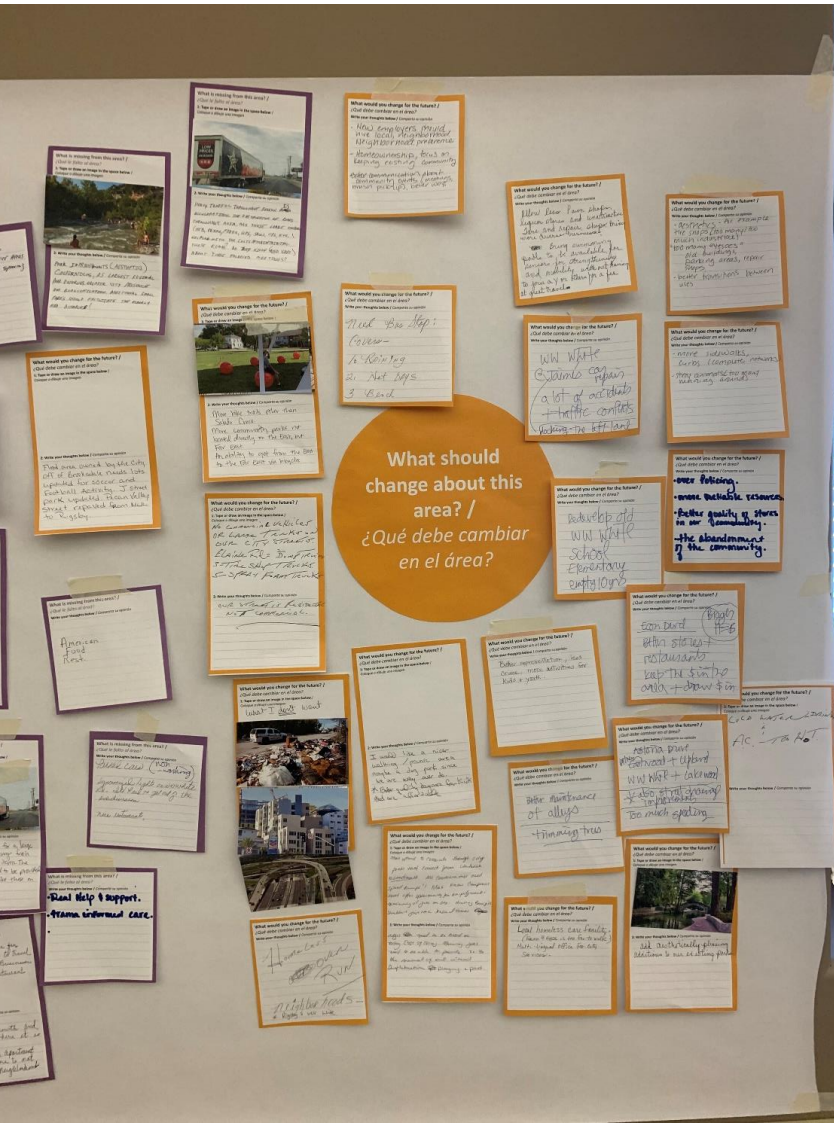
What would you change about the community so that it attracts future generations?

- More retail stores and shopping centers
- Stop going up on property taxes
- Less spread of industrial areas
- Enhancements to city-owned land and convert into soccer and football activity areas (floodplain areas)
- Street infrastructure improvements
- More bike trails outside of Salado Creek
- More community parks within Far East
- Ability to travel on bike from Far East to the Eastside
- No allowance of larger commercial trucks on residential streets
- Neighborhoods
- Focus on employers in area hiring within Far East
- Encourage homeownership
- Focus on preserving existing community (neighborhoods)
- Better communications between city and residents
- Enhanced bus stops with covers and benches
- Enhanced walking/picnic areas
- Dog Park
- Quality Daycare Centers
- More options to connect park to park and landmark to landmark
- Speed bumps
- Homeless care facility
- Multi-lingual office for city services
- Street Maintenance
- More activities/spaces for kids and youth
- Redevelop old WW White Elementary School
- Traffic accidents and constraints on WW White Rd. - improve overall streetscape
- Allow less pawn shops, liquor stores and unattractive business fronts
- More diverse businesses
- Swimming pool for seniors
- Aesthetics of businesses and industrial areas (“too many eyesores”)
- Better transitions between uses
- Complete transportation networks (especially for pedestrians)
- Quality retail shops
- Economic Development (better stores, restaurants)
- Larger grocer option (bigger FAR)

- Astoria Dr., Eastwood and Upland Drives, WW White and Lakewood Drives (focus areas)
- Street infrastructure improvements - Drainage
- Traffic Calming
- Lower Urban Heat Island Effect (“it’s too hot”)
- Add aesthetically pleasing additions to our existing parks

What is your vision or what are your “big ideas” for the future of this area?

- Better infrastructure (more sidewalk accessibility, better street lighting, and road improvements)
- Quality retail (like nearby Brooks area)
- Hospital
- A new HEB Plus
- Greenspace in neighborhoods (Eastgate)
- No Hotel for homeless
- To have more community centers (specifically for youth activities)
- Equal job opportunities for people in the community
- To see inclusion and diversity established within community
- For there to be equal access (to housing, retail, grocery)
- Extensive bike trails and community parks
- Better quality shopping mall (not a strip mall)
- Improved connectivity of road networks and add beautification where applicable
- Economic Development – more quality restaurants, eateries, recreational venues and entertainment options
- No more industrial areas
- Build upon adjacent ATT Center (entertainment district)
- Dellcrest Park needs shade trees and shading for kids and parents (Park enhancements)
- VIA Bus Stops need shade
- Safer bike lanes with lighting
- Rice and Diane St. Find a permanent drainage and street infrastructure issues
- More street lighting on FM 1346 between 1516 and Foster Rd. And should be expanded, more investment area





Name:

Dellcrest
Park needs
shade trees +
shading for kids and parents.

My BIG idea for the
Far East Community Area:

VIA Bus Stops need shade.



Name:

Safer bike
lanes w/ lights,

My BIG idea for the
Far East Community Area:

Rice +
Diane St. find a permanent solution
for re-appearing potholes, flooding,
standing water and fix sidewalks.

Name:



My BIG idea for the
Far East Community Area:

More Street
lights on FM 1346 between
1516 and Foster Rd. and
should be 4 lanes. More
investment in the area.

Name:



My BIG idea for the Far East Community Area:

To see inclusion and diversity at its finest.

For there to be equal access, (access to housing, retail, grocery)

Better lighting and better streets (bond)

Extensive bike trails and community parks.

Name: **EDWARD**



My BIG idea for the
Far East Community Area:

HOW ABOUT A NICE SHOPPING
MALL (NOT ANOTHER STRIP MALL
AND IMPROVED ROADS LEADING TO
AND THROUGH OUR BEAUTIFUL AREA THAT
IS DUE FOR (LONG OVERDUE FOR)
A BEAUTIFICATION

Name:

Economic
Development



My BIG idea for the
Far East Community Area:

Interested in restaurants,
cateries, recreational venues,
things for enjoyment for our
citizensry. Answers on industrial
venues going up everywhere, no
more... What about the 'SPURS'
venue? Is it to stay in our
District? Build it up then...

Nombre:



Mi idea PRINCIPAL para el
Área Comunitaria Far East

BETTER STREET & more side
walks to walking instead
OF WALKING STREETS SO YOU DON'T
GET HIT BY CARS
more LIGHTS ON STREETS

Name:



My BIG idea for the
Far East Community Area:

Better
lighting

More development similar
to what has been done
on Military Drive. No
more Liquor stores. How
about retail, Movie theatre
Like the one coming to
S.Side. We need a hospital.

Name:

A new
HEB Plus!

Green space in my neighborhood! Eastgate
NO hotel for homeless!



**My BIG idea for the
Far East Community Area:**

Name: J. Williams



My BIG idea for the
Far East Community Area:

to have more
community centers
that ~~are~~ run down in the community
for our youth. to be more engaged!

Also. Equal job opportunities for the people
in the community.

