

Issues by Topic Area (Kick-Off & Initial Survey)
Large Group Exercise—March 31, 2009

Neighborhood Design	
<p>Aesthetics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance properties (commercial and residential) • Enhance commercial corridors • Enhance parking lots (ex. Regan High) 	<p>Scale of new development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New development is out of scale (McMansions) • Preserve built character

Parks & Environment	
<p>Existing Parks/Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve existing parks, green-belts, and recreational areas • Maintenance is needed • Landscaping and beautification of public parks • Collaborate with Parks & Rec. department to access meeting rooms 	<p>New Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor recreation space is needed • More parks are needed • Dog park is needed • Swimming facility is needed • Hike & bike trails are needed • Interpretive signage and historical markers needed at parks
<p>Trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More trees are needed • Health of trees is declining in Coronado Hills 	<p>Natural Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve and reestablish natural areas • Prevent flooding

Transportation	
<p>Traffic Flow, Speeding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut-through traffic • Excessive speed limits • Blind corners • Better street connectivity • Concern for traffic increase from Mueller area • Traffic stops and enforcement are needed 	<p>Pedestrian Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidewalks (repair existing and add new) • Unsafe crosswalks • Bicycle lanes/trails • Walk/hike trails • Street widths—narrow, unsafe • Beautification (trees, soft lighting, etc) • Turn lanes with raised median with trees/lighting are needed
<p>Transportation Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inefficient bus services • Need more transportation options for seniors 	<p>Street Signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better street signage directing traffic

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Land Use, Zoning & Housing	
<p>Land Use, Zoning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe, convenient shopping complex is needed • Eliminate commercial/individual vendors • Small businesses that do not conflict with residential areas are needed • More controls on land use and zoning are needed • Greater neighborhood notification is needed 	<p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need incentives for good development: improve housing, vacant properties, fix-up • Increase amount of affordable housing • Clearly define/analyze affordable housing issue • Explore affordable home ownership programs, rental programs • Collaborate with organizations that concentrate on housing issues

History
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve Black Heritage/History of this area • There is a lack of knowledge of meanings of history • Recognize and retain historical character (keeping tract of history and capturing changes that are happening) • Determine names of the first settlers that broke ground in the community

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Community Life/ Public Safety	
<p>Safety & Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer place to live for all residents including seniors • Types of crimes—Drugs and prostitution ; truancy (teens); shooting and robbery; panhandling and loitering • Crimes around commercial development area • Security cameras are needed around Old Town • Neighborhood watch program is needed 	<p>Code Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic maintenance of front yards is needed • Numbers of cars parked at a single family home is an issue • Junk cars are an issue • Increased public safety/ code enforcement is needed • Improve condition of buildings • More code enforcement staff is needed
<p>Community Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better quality of life • Inclusive process (Spanish community and western St. John) • Increase civic pride & Community unity • Have a voice to identify and address neighborhood concerns • Capitalize on the assets of the neighborhood • Need a social or communication network to help community members who need it • Improve reputation of the area • Give voice to all races/ethnicities • Help keep community family-oriented • Improve businesses and start new businesses in the area 	<p>Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education—Improve schools (ex. Regan plan; AISD) • Need places for youth to congregate safely • Need activities beyond 5 P.M. (YMCA) • Need collaboration between schools and the community • Need education programs in Spanish and English

Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City structure – “distance” from city representatives • City of Austin to be more respectful and trustworthy • Concerns that get addressed – Prioritization and Implementation • Property taxes