

MEETING SUMMARY
Downtown Neighborhood Area
Sector Development Plan Update

10am to 12:30pm, February 20, 2010 – Manzano Day School

There were 35 attendees at the second public meeting for the Downtown Neighborhood Area Sector Plan update. The attendees were asked to sign-in and to place a dot on a parcel map to indicate where they live in the neighborhood. The majority of the attendees were from south of Lomas Boulevard. The main purpose of this meeting was to review the draft vision statement, goals, and objectives that were based upon the comments gathered during the first public meeting and comments by the Sector Plan Committee.

The first part of the meeting was devoted to a neighborhood mapping exercise. As soon as the participants arrived, they were asked to gather at tables in small groups of 5-6 people. The groups were asked to indicate where they lived and draw what they consider to be their neighborhood boundary on a map showing streets and parcels. The map covered an area from Aspen Avenue on the north, Coal Avenue on the south, Broadway Boulevard on the east, and Rio Grande Boulevard on the west. The purpose of the exercise was to learn how the participants define their neighborhood boundary, where they like to walk and ride their bicycles, what their destinations are, what the most important physical features are in their neighborhood, and what they think is missing from their neighborhood. The consultants will use this information to help prioritize recommended neighborhood improvements as they relate to the neighborhood's physical condition (e.g. sidewalks, bicycling routes, parks, etc.).

The second part of the meeting involved reviewing the draft goals and objectives, which were based upon the input received at the first public meeting on January 16th. The goals provide the foundation for the Sector Plan and form the basis for the policies contained in the Plan. The goals and objectives were organized into the following five categories:

- Land Use and Zoning: 3 Goals and 10 Objectives
- Historic Preservation: 1 Goal and 5 Objectives
- Community Character: 2 Goals and 5 Objectives
- Transportation: 4 Goals and 13 Objectives
- Quality of Life : 4 Goals and 12 Objectives

The group broke up into three smaller groups for the facilitated discussion on the goals and objectives. The facilitators were Jackie Fishman, Karen Marcotte, and Jim Strozier from Consensus Planning. The facilitators led the participants through a "red light, green light" exercise. The facilitators recorded comments on large note pads and color coded (green, yellow, or red) each of the goals and objectives. Green symbolized the group's approval, yellow represented that some revisions need to be made, and red meant that the goal or objective should be deleted. The groups spent approximately two hours on this portion of the meeting and the majority of the draft goals and objectives were given the "green light".

Consensus Planning will revise the draft goals and objectives based upon the feedback gathered from the participants and present an updated draft for the Sector Plan Committee to review before moving forward with the Sector Plan rewrite. The next public meeting will be to present the draft Sector Plan.