

LOS DURANES SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN
September 26, 2009 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m. at the Los Duranes Community Center

Welcome to the second meeting for the Los Duranes Sector Development Plan!

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update to the community on the progress of the sector plan since the neighborhood fiesta held in February and to review the draft Vision Statements and Goals that are based upon the neighborhood's input. There are six draft VISION STATEMENTS proposed for the Los Duranes Sector Development Plan. Please read each one of them and consider whether you agree with them as written or whether they need any changes or additions. Following each VISION STATEMENT are a series of GOALS to help achieve the VISION STATEMENT. You may either write down your comments on the space provided under each Vision Statement and Goal or you may state your comments verbally at the meeting and your comments will be written down by the meeting facilitator. You will also be asked at the meeting to "vote" on your favorite Vision Statements and Goals.

A **VISION STATEMENT** is a description of a desired outcome. It should inspire, energize and help you create a mental picture of your target. It should be a vision of the way you would like to see Los Duranes in the near and distant future. The best vision statements describe outcomes that are five to ten years away, although some look even further out.

A **GOAL** is a concise statement describing a condition to be achieved. It does not suggest specific actions, but rather identifies a desired outcome.

If you are unable to attend the September 26th meeting, we still want to hear from you. Please mail your comments on the Vision Statements and Goals document to: Debbie Stover c/o City of Albuquerque, PO Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103 or drop off at the Los Duranes Community Center office by October 15, 2009.

1. DRAFT VISION STATEMENT - FAMILIES, ELDERS, AND CHARACTERS

"Los Duranes is a place that respects its roots and honors the generations of families which have lived here and taken care of the land. We value and celebrate the diversity of the neighborhood and the eclectic lifestyle by keeping our traditions alive through honoring the elders, respecting our neighbors, and encouraging the youth to remain living here."

Comments:

DRAFT GOALS:

A. Keep the traditions and heritage alive and promote the neighborhood as an excellent place to raise families.

Comments:

B. Develop multi-generational education programs that respond to today's needs and revitalize the traditions.

Comments:

C. Promote multi-generational cultural events that celebrate the neighborhood's pride and traditions.

Comments:

Suggested New Goals:

2. DRAFT VISION STATEMENT - HOUSING

"Los Duranes provides housing opportunities for a diversity of housing styles and affordability. We value the historic residences and encourage new housing that is authentic, sustainable, and in keeping with the neighborhood character in scale and materials. Housing types reflect our historic style, agricultural uses, and open space, and encourage family compounds while allowing best building practices."

Comments:

DRAFT GOALS:

A. Provide for a diversity of housing needs, including a variety of prices and types.

Comments:

B. Encourage family compounds to support multi-generations of families living in the neighborhood.

Comments:

C. Encourage innovation and sustainability in the use of materials and energy and water conservation.

Comments:

D. Encourage renovation and rehabilitation to preserve and enhance the existing housing stock.

Comments:

Suggested New Goals:

3. DRAFT VISION STATEMENT - STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS

“The narrow streets and acequias of Los Duranes are an essential part of our neighborhood character, which have been preserved and maintained in new developments. We have a connected network of safe routes to schools and community facilities and provide pedestrian and biking amenities for all ages and abilities. Bus shelters, access to transit, and bike, pedestrian, and equestrian trails provide viable alternatives to using the automobile. Shaded pathways and trails along the acequias and Bosque provide an interconnected network in and around the neighborhood.”

Comments:

DRAFT GOALS:

A. Improve transit facilities and service for Los Duranes.

Comments:

B. Improve roadway safety by reviewing and updating roadway signing and striping.

Comments:

C. Expand pedestrian/biking/equestrian opportunities and walkability in the neighborhood streets and along the acequias, and maintain the connections to the Riverside Trail along the Bosque.

Comments:

D. Develop traffic calming designs for the neighborhood streets that maintain the unique character of the area and provide for multi-modes of travel to the extent possible.

Comments:

E. Increase neighborhood identity through entry and interpretive signage and lighting.

Comments:

F. Improve traffic and pedestrian safety at the neighborhood street intersections to Rio Grande Boulevard.

Comments:

Suggested New Goals:

4. DRAFT VISION STATEMENT - LAND USES, AGRICULTURE, AND ACEQUIAS

“The rural historic character and agricultural land uses are the guiding form for our settlement pattern. The character is represented by generations living in family compounds, small neighborhood businesses, and gardening and livestock activities. The acequias are the heart and soul of the neighborhood and are maintained as a functioning living system and community cultural activity. The neighborhood accommodates varying housing densities that include the traditional pattern of clustered residences with open space and single family homes on a variety of lot sizes.”

Comments:

DRAFT GOALS:

A. Promote sustainable agricultural practices by enhancing and reconnecting the neighborhood with the acequia system.

Comments:

B. Create incentives for building and maintaining community and family gardens and locally grown produce.

Comments:

C. Preserve the acequia system by increasing neighborhood awareness and irrigation use.

Comments:

D. Support clustered housing and accessory dwelling units as a way of continuing historic land use patterns that accommodate diverse household incomes and lifestyles.

Comments:

E. Promote the conservation of irrigated agricultural land and open space.

Comments:

F. Promote sustainable building materials and practices; encourage solar and wind energy production, water, and energy conservation and appropriate lot configurations and building orientation.

Comments:

G. Support land uses that maintain the predominant residential character of the area, neighborhood scale businesses, and promote locally-owned business opportunities.

Comments:

H. Encourage residential and commercial development that is consistent in scale and massing with the neighborhood.

Comments:

I. Transition the land use intensities in the neighborhood with higher density nearer to Rio Grande Boulevard to lower densities nearer to the river.

Comments:

Suggested New Goals:

5. DRAFT VISION STATEMENT - COMMUNITY AND SPECIAL PLACES

“Our schools, community center, and park provide opportunities for our youth and elders to interact and learn from one another. The chapel, historic buildings, and narrow roadways hold an important place in the neighborhood by reminding us of our heritage and cultural traditions.”

Comments:

DRAFT GOALS:

A. Promote events and opportunities at the neighborhood schools, community center, and park for neighborhood gatherings and senior and youth activities.

Comments:

B. Protect and preserve the neighborhood’s historic properties and special places.

Comments:

C. Expand and/or improve the community center facilities and neighborhood park.

Comments:

Suggested New Goals:

6. DRAFT VISION STATEMENT - NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION

“Duranes is a pleasant and safe place to walk and enjoy our families and neighbors. There is a lack of crime and drug use due to neighborhood stability and residents who share in “eyes on the street” activities. Safe routes for all ages and abilities to schools and community facilities provide a genuine sense of community security.”

Comments:

DRAFT GOALS:

A. Increase the safety and security in the neighborhood and improve emergency services.

Comments:

B. Reduce crime by strengthening the police presence, increasing the neighborhood’s capacity to address crime, and improving the social and physical conditions.

Comments:

Suggested New Goals:

Thank you for your valuable input!

If you wish to receive future neighborhood information, please leave your name, address, and email:
