

Singing Arrow Neighborhood

Input from Questionnaires and February 2009 Meeting

Planning Team analysis and suggestions in three columns on the right

NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS:

- Transform Singing Arrow Neighborhood into one of the city's "hidden gems".
- Landscape Central Avenue and line it with stable development including businesses.
- Attract more small businesses.
- Improve property values.

NEIGHBORHOOD STRENGTHS:

- Civilized, quiet area
- Convenient to I-40 and Juan Tabo, Eubank, Wyoming and Central
- Big Park
- Nice Views
- Flat Streets
- East/west bicycle route
- Bus Service on Singing Arrow Road

Topic	Issues Identified by Neighborhood	Project and Program Recommendations by Neighborhood	Include Topic in East Gateway Plan	Can be Initiated by Neighborhood	Needs Further Discussion
General Appearance	Views are an area asset – want them preserved	Prohibit building heights and mass that block views of the mountains	X		X
Maintenance					
Safety	Small apartment complexes need more landscaping, maintenance, and a better appearance overall	Reinitiate an owner/manager association to ensure good apartment complex management	X	X	
		Enforce weed and litter ordinance on private properties particularly townhomes and apartments between Western Skies, Singing Arrow, Dorado and Central.	X	X	
	Homeless people sleep under overgrown shrubs in the park and around the Singing Arrow Community Center	Maintain landscaping in public spaces or discontinue planting so much	X		X
		Clean up and develop the archeological site as a walking area	X		X
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			Gateway Plan	Neighborhood	
General Appearance Maintenance Safety	Drainage problems still persist on private properties	Report drainage problems promptly		X	
		Drainage problems at the Dorado Place/Dorado Street intersection are ongoing		X	
	Minimum standard development	Prohibit piecemeal development that does not follow a bigger plan. Require better quality development	X		X
	Home break-ins and car thefts	Pursue Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) funding and practices to improve neighborhood appearance and deter crime	X	X	
	Neighborhood does not have a positive recognizable identity	Identify entrances to the neighborhood with Singing Arrow Neighborhood signs.		X	

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Street Design Circulation for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers Street Lighting	The traffic light at Juan Tabo and Central prevents a smooth entry to I-40 Lights are not synchronized between Wyoming and Tramway	Synchronize Central Traffic Lights (Wyoming – Tramway) and north on Tramway to I-40	X	X	X
		Do not restrict Singing Arrow Avenue neighborhood access to Juan Tabo.	X		X
		Do not add additional streets in the neighborhood.	X		X
	Central is dangerous for pedestrians to cross.	Lengthen major street crossing times for the elderly and others	X	X	
		Install a pedestrian overpass like on Tramway?			X
		Simplify traffic movements on Central and reduce the speed limit	X		X
	Bus service needs improvement.	Provide bus shelters	X	X	
		Extend the RapidRide to Tramway	X		
	Traffic speed limits on many streets are ignored. Examples are Central Avenue and Juan Tabo Boulevard	Enforce speed limits Install more speed limit signs	X	X	
	Many times each day 3 buses are parked and vehicles and bicycles turning from Tramway to Wenonah have to turn into the oncoming traffic lane. Need a Rapid Ride	Widen or redesign Wenonah near Tramway Design and build a bus pull-off area	X X		

	terminal somewhere at the east end of Central Avenue				
		Finish Southern Boulevard as a 4 lane road from Eubank to Juan Tabo/Central Others say make it a 6 lane street and cut out expensive landscaping in the median	X		X
	Singing Arrow Avenue is too wide to be a neighborly street.	Make Singing Arrow Avenue a more neighborly street by installing a tree-lined median	X		X
	Traffic volume and speeding has increased on Juan Tabo south to new subdivisions	Initiate a plan to ease potential heavy traffic Widen Juan Tabo – south of Central			X
		Improve parking around townhomes bordered by Singing Arrow, Dorado, Piru, and the park. Streets are narrow and difficult to negotiate when cars are parked on both sides of the street.			X
	Neighborhood streets are dark. Many streetlights have been added, but more are needed.	Install more streetlights on dark streets, particularly at Western Skies Apartments and fourplexes to discourage crime including drug deals. Install more lights on Juan Tabo south of Central. Ensure that all residential areas are adequately lit.	X	X	
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Housing	Concerned that Four Hills Mobile Home Park will be rezoned or closed		X		X
	The neighborhood is very densely populated. Some believe this has contributed to crime.	Ensure that zoning regulations maintain or achieve a dwelling unit density of no more than 10 dwelling units per acre Too many apartments... replace them with duplexes or other lower density housing products eventually.	X		X
	Some residents do not want 50 homes to be built in the arroyo where a horse farm was. It is now owned by Stillbrooke Homes.				X
		Do not build any more housing for low-income households in Singing Arrow.	X		X

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Schools and Activities for Children	School kids are bussed out of the neighborhood even though Manzano Mesa School was just built	Build an Elementary School for Singing Arrow			X
	Need more indoor and outdoor activities for children	Install a fishing pond or swimming pool			X
		Condemn worst four plexes and replace with play area for kids			X
		Supplement school programs with sports, music and hobbies that kids can sustain through life.	X	X	
The Park and Archeological Site	Park is underused	Convert part of Singing Arrow Park into a dog park	X		X
	Archeological site in the park is an eyesore	Complete excavation, recordation and redevelopment of archeological site	X		X
Singing Arrow Community Center	Singing Arrow Community Center is insufficient for serving neighborhood needs	Expand this youth recreation center to serve multiple generations. Build an indoor gym	X		X
Major Public Open Space	Open Space is needed Keep roads out of Tijeras Arroyo and preserve arroyo as public open space.	Designate Tijeras Arroyo as Major Public Open Space from Tranway to KAFB	X		X
Trails	Bicycle and walking paths are needed	Light and pave the bicycle path along the north upper edge of the arroyo from Four Hills Road to KAFB	X		X

		Expand walking trails down through the arroyo			
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Homelessness	Empty bottles and clothing left in park from Homeless population Homeless people living in the Open Space at the southwest end of Tomlinson Drive				X
	Transient people still create problems near the Four Hills Village Shopping Center – pan handling and grocery cart migration				X
Crime Prevention	APD notes that domestic violence is an issue in the neighborhood	Offer Family Counseling Classes and sessions to prevent domestic violence through the Community Center		X	
		Make marriage counseling available to the neighborhood		X	
	Need to prevent and respond to crime	Locate an APD Substation nearby	X		X
		Establish a neighborhood watch program to communicate problems quickly and raise awareness		X	
		Reduce crime clusters such as weekly motel rentals and night clubs on Central	X		X
Library	No nearby and accessible library	Use the old Furr's Grocery Store building at Juan Tabo and Central as a library	X		X

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Neighborhood Organization and Participation	Singing Arrow Neighborhood Association Membership is low	Welcoming committee could initiate programs Invite all neighborhood residents Sponsor neighborhood events Newsletter generation and distribution		X	
Medical Services	Lack local medical services	Provide urgent care clinic, hospital, or other medical facility in the area or nearby			X
Life-long Education		Provide more community classes for mid-income population		X	
Jobs and Commercial Services	Need more well-paying employment nearby	Encourage commercial and office development and small light manufacturing uses that can serve and employ neighborhood residents	X		X
	Several 4 Hills Shopping Center stores empty		X		X
	Blighted lot SE corner of Central and Juan Tabo		X		X
	Blighted Franklin Plaza on NE corner of Central and Juan Tabo		X		