

# Fairwest Neighborhood - Community concerns and recommendations

## Strengths:

Community: Neighbors, Central location, small, Fairgrounds, long term residents, mature trees, diverse, flea market, African American Performing Arts Center, easy access to shopping, kids, close to UNM and Nob Hill, kids feel safe, pet walkers, El Mesquite, places for kids, restaurants.

Infrastructure: Zia and Jefferson school.

Zoning/Land use: mixture of businesses.

Transportation: public transportation.

## Opportunities:

Community: Work on area identity, cultural food options, small area - all needs within walking distance, recruit businesses that are good for neighborhood, restructure flea market

Infrastructure: More green space, 1% for the Arts to add mural to Fairgrounds wall,

Zoning/Land Use: Need doctors, orthodontist, coffee shop, large public green space, services that reflect what residents need and draw outsiders to area

Transportation: Develop better trails and bike ways, better connections to existing trail, Copper as bicycle boulevard - link through Fairgrounds

## Challenges:

Community: Walmart as a competitor to local/small businesses, perception change, perception that east and south Fairwest is unsafe, area identity, illegal dumping, too many businesses have closed, perception that south of Central is a bad influence, Vagrants sleeping in bushes, absentee landlords, prostitution.

Economic: State budget for Fairgrounds.

Zoning: Too many car dealerships, predatory lenders, Motels functioning as short term apartments, run down apartments south of Copper,

Transportation: Crossing Lomas, Major Arterials, improvements to Copper - widen sidewalks, landscaping, uneven sidewalks, speeding in neighborhood, lack of walkability to Central

