

Eastern Triangle Community Plan

SWOTs Public Meeting, 05/31/2008

Crime and Public Safety Issues by District

SWOTs: Strengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities, **T**hreats

I. NORTH DISTRICT

strengths / opportunities	weaknesses / threats
<p>S- Longtime residents and neighbors S- Formation of Eastwood Village Neighborhood Association S- Active Huntleigh Park Residents Association S- Cooperative neighbors in Huntleigh Park and well-kept neighborhood S- Not as many liquor stores as in past O- Residents and Neighborhood Associations could come together in community policing efforts</p>	<p>W- Older housing stock in need of rehab W- Increasing number of rental houses that are not being taken care of W- Low resident participation in neighborhood issues; lack of resident empowerment W- Weak council representatives W- No employment centers to employ residents locally W- Traffic calming needed along Kenmar & Upland W- Traffic calming needed on Kay Ann Ave and Susanwood W- Need more community policing W- Stray animals; dogs, cats & domestic farm animals W- Limited resident education regarding 311 and code compliance in general W- Many overgrown vacant lots, trash dumping W/T- Lower school enrollments W/T- No police foot or bike patrols (like beat cops from the past) T- No trade oriented businesses at which youth can learn and be mentored T- Younger generation moving out of neighborhood; fear of gangs T- Juvenile crime, gangs</p>

III. EAST DISTRICT

strengths / opportunities	weaknesses / threats
<p>S- Stable population (not much migration out of the neighborhood) S – Large number of older residents to provide mentoring to younger adults and children in the neighborhood. S/O- Educated workforce in the area S/O- Income is under-reported O- Police substation w/in residential areas</p>	<p>W- Lack of corporate/business community involvement in the area W- Sinclair is dangerous W- Disinvestment by the City W – Lack of youth facilities W- Gangs W- Idleness in the Vineyard W- Insufficient number of police patrols W/T- Lack of nearby post-secondary education/job training facilities W/T- General apathy on the part of residents in the area.</p>

II. SOUTH DISTRICT

strengths / opportunities	weaknesses / threats
<p>S- Rural and quiet neighborhoods S- Comanche and Lower South Eastside NA's S- Sheriffs substation at Loop 410 and Keasler O- Revitalization of WW White</p>	<p>W- Lack of more Home Owners Assoc. (HOA) or Neighborhood Association in the district W- Many vacant buildings W- Lack of lighting on Loop 410 (Rigsby to IH-37) W- Poor road maintenance W- Speeding along Sinclair – no enforcement W- General lack of youth programs W- Lack of animal control; too many horses, animals roaming the streets W- Area crime W- Dumping on Roland St. W- Code Compliance problems on Sinclair Rd. W- Zoning not enforces, ex. Group homes, Multi-family developments in Single-family neighborhoods W/T- Businesses leaving area W/T- Lack of a police presence T- Lack of lighting on Loop 410 (Rigsby to IH-37) T- Gang and drug activity increasing T- Dumping and increased code violations</p>

IV. WEST DISTRICT

strengths / opportunities	weaknesses / threats
<p>S- Active Neighborhood Associations S- More homeowners in the area S- Salado Creek Linear Park S- Churches throughout area S- New Covenant Church at Yucca and Clark S- Boys and Girls Club S/O- Good parks in area O- develop vacant land to bring in more homeowners & less slum lords O- Rehab of existing housing stock O- Empty-nesters in neighborhood O- Martin Luther King – bring in more small businesses & reduce unemployment O- Possible Sports Complex for area O- Availability for more youth recreational opportunities</p>	<p>W- Wheatly Heights area has “slum lords” W- Youth leaving neighborhood W- Lack of resident participation W- lack of businesses in general W- high unemployment W- Lack of support programs; i.e., drug rehab programs W- Stray dog population W/T- Lack of local job opportunities W/T- Lacking sufficient support for education W/T- Lack of after school programs W/T- Slow response from Police Dept. T- Drug activity around Gates Elementary T- Registered sex offenders and prostitution around Gates Elementary T- Gangs in the area T- Violent crime along Drexel St. T- Lot of vacant houses and land, people squatting in vacant houses T- Vacant homes and properties in area</p>

V. CENTRAL DISTRICT

strengths / opportunities	weaknesses / threats
<p>S- Friendly neighbors S- Educated retirees reside in area S- Many churches S- Interested volunteers in neighborhood S- Minimal traffic S- Good fire protection/EMS S/O- Community's human capital – long time residents in neighborhood between Hein & Orchard, west of WW White O- Retrain garbage collection staff to minimize trash on streets O- Blinking/flashing lights for St. Benedict School Zone O- Improved services / more officers O- Small police substation near Dellcrest Park</p>	<p>W- Poor lighting W- Need streetlight at Rigsby & Willenbrock W- Not enough supervised activities for kids W- Illegal dumping in western part of district, near Shrader St. W- Need more code enforcement W- Graffiti in drainage ways & along Diane St. W/T- Businesses leaving area W/T- Vacant buildings W/T- Slow police response T- Mobile vendors obscure motorist vision T- Kids roaming the streets at night T- Some crime in the Wheatly Heights neighborhood T- Gangs T- Speeding in school zones & residential areas T- Home invasions T- Prostitution in some areas T- Security issues around Sea Breeze St. & WW White T- Crime between MLK & Hein, west of WW White T- Speeding along; eastern portion of Rigsby, Willenbrock, Semlinger, northern portion of WW White in School Zone T- Motorcycle racing at southern end of WW White T- Cut-through traffic along Hein T- Crime concerns around Lynfield and WW White T- Vacant properties & criminal activity near WW White, north of Lakewood St.</p>

VI. DISTRICT MAP

