

OVERALL GOAL

Improve the wellbeing of the community by eliminating criminal activity through improved public safety measures to ensure that all community members especially children are able to work and play without fear in a safe environment

Goal 4: Create a safe environment that is inviting to residents and visitors by working as a community with the City to abolish drug trafficking, burglary, prostitution, loitering, and any other crimes

Objective 4.1: Reduce criminal activity in the neighborhood

Action Steps:

- 4.1.1. Track crimes in the neighborhood to see what types of crimes are most prevalent and why the City is unable to prevent them
- 4.1.2. Request stronger city ordinances to curb crime
- 4.1.3. Participate in community policing efforts such as Cellular on Patrol and Citizens Police Academy
- 4.1.4. Report all crimes to the San Antonio Police Department by calling 311 or (210) 207-SAPD (210-207-7273), all calls are anonymous; Some crimes may also be reported online at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/>
- 4.1.5. Encourage crime prevention through environmental design

Timeline: Short and ongoing

Lead Partners: Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Police Department, COSA Parks & Recreation Department

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Objective 4.2: Increase law enforcement and police presence

Action Steps:

- 4.2.1. Request increased police presence to include:
 - Park Police
 - Police storefront
 - Dedicated traffic control during large events at the Alamodome and the AT&T Center

Timeline: Short to Long

Lead Partners: Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Police Department, COSA Parks & Recreation Department

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

4.2.2. Request hot spot policing to:

- Identify crime hotspots especially in areas where people loiter such as along Houston, Hackberry, and Nolan
- Utilize undercover Police Officers to investigate crime in hot spots
- Establish a satellite police station in hot spots
- Request more lighting and or video surveillance in crime hot spots to deter criminal activity

Timeline: Short to ongoing

Lead Partners: Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Police Department, COSA Parks & Recreation Department, COSA Code Compliance

Funding Sources: Bond or grant program

4.2.3. Work with the City to institute Police Bike Patrol which will:

- Provide a strong presence in Dignowity Hill area
- Designate hours of Bike Patrolling

Timeline: Short to Long

Lead Partners: Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Police Department

Funding Sources: Unknown

Objective 4.3: Eliminate consumption of alcoholic beverages on public streets and in public parks

Action Steps:

4.3.1. Work with the City to prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages in Dignowity Hill area similar to provisions for Downtown and the King William area

4.3.2. Prevent the purchase of one alcoholic beverage at a time at convenience stores

Timeline: Short to Long

Lead Partners: Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Police Department, COSA Parks and Recreation, State Representative

Funding Source: General fund monies

Goal 5: Enhance public safety by participating in beautification efforts

Objective 5.1: Collaborate with the City to increase public safety through code enforcement, graffiti abatement and property maintenance

Action Steps:

5.1.1. Participate in and promote anti-graffiti programs such as:

- Community Graffiti Volunteer Program
- Annual Graffiti Wipeout
- Mini-Graffiti Wipeout
- Adopt-A-Spot



Participants in the annual Graffiti Wipeout



San Antonio neighbors participating in a neighborhood cleanup

- 5.1.2. Request a Neighborhood Sweeps
- 5.1.3. Report a graffiti act in progress by calling (210) 207-SAPD or report a graffiti act that has already been committed by calling 311
- 5.1.4. Plan a mural or public art display that is representative of the cultural identity of the neighborhood to cover a wall plagued by graffiti
- 5.1.5. Plant trees or other natural barrier to prevent graffiti
- 5.1.6. Improve and rehabilitate properties including commercial and vacant properties
 - Work to stop illegal dumping of refuse material
 - Call 311 to participate in the Dial a Trailer Program
 - Report dumping as it is occurring by calling 311 or (210) 207-SAPD
 - Contact absentee landlords who allow properties to become unkempt
 - Participate in the Neighborhood Blue Card Program with Housing and Neighborhood Services Department to notify property owners that his/her property is unkempt
 - Collaborate with neighbors to assist absentee, disabled, or elderly property owners to maintain their properties
- 5.1.7. Encourage strict enforcement of City codes and code compliance efforts

Timeline: Short to ongoing

Lead Partners: Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Housing and Neighborhood Services, COSA Planning and Development Services

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Goal 6: Encourage responsible pet ownership

Objective 6.1: Promote proper animal care practices and reduce the number of stray animals

Action Steps:

- 6.1.1. Provide community education regarding responsible animal care
- 6.1.2. Request increased Animal Care Services

- 6.1.3. Invite responsible pet owners advocacy groups to present to neighborhood events or meetings
- 6.1.4. Invite mobile spay and neuter units to provide free or low cost services in the neighborhood
- 6.1.5. Publicize animal control programs

Timeline: Short to Long

Lead Partners: Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Animal Care Services, Alamo Area Partners for Animal Welfare (AAPAW), Spay-Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP), Own Up San Antonio, Animal Defense League, Humane Society

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Goal 7: Stress neighborhood responsibility

Objective 7.1: Encourage residents to take responsibility for their neighborhood

Action Steps:

- 7.1.1. Promote participation in the Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association and Plan Action Team
- 7.1.2. Advocate for neighbors to take care of or look out for each others property
- 7.1.3. Develop activities to foster residents' responsibility for the neighborhood wellbeing

Timeline: Short to Long

Lead Partners: Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association

Proposed Partnerships: Neighborhood Resource Center

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer