

MEETING NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

ATTENDEES:

Action Team Members Present: Chris Carr (Encanto – east), William Harris (Vista del Cerro), Teresa Kevane (La Rosa), Nancy Lesko (Solana – west), Nettie Meier (Ventura – north), Mark Rentz (Sierra Vista), Justin Roth (El Camino), Steve Tseffos (Ventura – south)

Other Residents: Frank Ekeberg (Encanto – east)

City Staff: Catherine Hollow (Traffic Engineering – Project Manager), Shelly Seyler (Traffic Engineering), Carlos de Leon (Deputy Public Works Manager – Transportation), Amanda Nelson (Community Outreach & Marketing)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

GROUND RULES

Team Members agreed to the following ground rules: Respect each other, follow the process and parameters, assume the best of each other, agree to look forward and work together, and own your words. Members opted to not elect a chair and vice-chair, but instead to operate on consensus basis.

STEP PROCESS

Staff and Team Members reviewed the Streetscape and Transportation Enhancement Program Manual, focusing on the STEP guidelines and process.

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Action Team Members identified the following neighborhood problems related to traffic issues:

- Fraternity houses w/in neighborhood
- Lack of safety
- Lack of neighborhood feel/identity
- Speed of traffic
- Volume of traffic
- Mon-Fri cut-thru traffic
- Crime
- Rental code issues tied to traffic issues
- Misuse of Daley Park parking lot
- Lack of enforcement
- On-street parking
- Bicycle & pedestrian safety
- Sidewalk discontinuity

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS BY STREET

Members then identified problems by street (RPP = Residential Permit Parking):

Sierra Vista (RPP-yes)

- Rolled curb; curb too low at Sierra Vista & Encanto (speed/safety)
- Parking problem at “Y” of Sierra Vista & Solana
- Crime – burglary
- Lack of RPP enforcement
- Discontinuous sidewalks
- Visibility of Encanto street sign (on park side) hidden by overgrown park trees

La Rosa (RPP-No)

- No traffic problems

Ventura – north (RPP-yes)

- Speed
- Disregard of stop sign
- Lack of RPP enforcement
- Traffic volume
- Lack of visibility

Solana – west (RPP-Yes)

- Speed
- Park traffic – volume and speed (no outlet)
- Rental traffic

El Camino (RPP-Yes)

- Pedestrian safety (crossing Encanto to visit park)
- Traffic doesn't yield/stop (Encanto to Encanto connection at El Camino)

Vista del Cerro (RPP-no)

- Parking – rentals and parties
- Parking – wrong direction
- Parking – volume (builds up from east to west)
- DUI / lack of enforcement
- Speed (not major issue)
- Crime – burglary

Encanto – east (RPP-yes)

- High volume – eastbound; p.m. peak
- High speed – westbound; p.m. peak
- Parking – weekends/football
- Parking – rentals (east end)
- Parking – wrong direction
- Stop sign violations at Encanto/Ventura

Ventura – south (RPP-yes)

- Volume
- Speed
- Cut-thru
- Parking on Solana

Encanto – west (RPP-no)

- Speed
- Cut-thru
- Volume
- Gateway to neighborhood
- Lack of neighborhood identity

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Refine problems/statement
- Review new traffic data
- Identify objectives
- Begin discussing alternatives