

Miles Neighborhood Plan Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2009

Summary of Comments

In response to the presentation of the neighborhood survey results, meeting attendees contributed the following comments:

- ◆ Arroyo Chico Apartments – concern about their aging, the type of tenants it is attracting and what its future will hold.
- ◆ How should the community support the elderly in the future (Pima Council on Aging a good resource)? Neighborhood should discuss this.
- ◆ Looking at the neighborhood from the outside: as housing prices rise and fewer people are able to afford to buy homes, rental rates in the neighborhood may increase. It's important to reach out to landlords now.
- ◆ More effort should be made to reach neighborhood business using door-to-door outreach. Many businesses did not receive the mailing.
- ◆ Would like to see the inclusion of public art in neighborhood in the future.
- ◆ Consider the option of traffic circles and other calming devices for mitigating traffic problems.
- ◆ Cherry Fields – issues with dogs using the walking area and owners not cleaning up after them. Can we install some type of pick up station?
- ◆ When trashcans are located either outside Cherry Fields or on the school property for community use, there are issues with who maintains the trash collection service.
- ◆ The group should be careful about demonizing renters as many are long term, stable and good neighbors.
- ◆ There are more multi-unit rental dwellings on the eastside of the neighborhood than the westside.
- ◆ Expansion of the Neighborhood Watch program would be good – currently there is one active group that covers a couple of blocks.
- ◆ With the Broadway widening, we need to ensure that there are enough safe crossings.
- ◆ Would like to ensure that the neighborhood walking/biking paths connect to the Rattlesnake Bridge and the Basket Bridge.
- ◆ The location and condition of the sidewalks are spotty.
- ◆ There are too few shade trees along the street in the public realm.
- ◆ The neighborhood won't attract young families unless there is a system to ensure that local kids are able to go to Miles School. People should have the choice to send them there or not and local families should have precedence.
- ◆ There is concern about the future of the Red Cross building and what will become of it if and when the Red Cross relocates.

- ◆ Please get rid of the Red Cross billboard.
- ◆ There are problems with a sewer smell from the manholes on Vine near the school.
- ◆ Add Famous Sam's to the establishments with a liquor license.