

DOWNTOWN URBAN FORM PROJECT

CENTRAL PARK/GRANT PARK COMMUNITY MEETING - JUNE 25, 2007

- Buckeye Road needs sidewalks where they don't exist and wider sidewalks where they do exist.
- The neighborhood needs planter strip improvements; sidewalks need to be improved and maintained.
- Street lighting: previous projects to light the neighborhood (Mojave & 10th Street?) have been cancelled – there's little faith that future projects will follow through.
- Grocery Store / Drug Store needed badly.
- Buses & Bus shelters: There are no shaded bus shelters or street furniture, and poor bus service.
- Game Traffic: Residents are blocked from of their streets and driveways during games. Particularly bad blockage at 7th Street and Lincoln.
- *No Parking* laws during game are NOT ENFORCED.
- Light Rail and Games create major traffic problems on Buckeye between 7th Ave and 7th Street.
- The City should publicize grants and other aid available to residents – people are typically not aware of the opportunities available to them.
- Need speed humps at 1st Street & Buckeye and 2nd Street & Buckeye.
- Historic designation: the district needs to work on getting more structures designated.
- Zoning: Keep residential neighborhoods residential. Support existing businesses -- do not push them out with new development.
- Pedestrian connection to Downtown Core needed from Central Park neighborhood. When polled, half of the room agreed that the pedestrian connectivity to Core is insufficient.
- Parking during games: parked cars block views around corners so that drivers can't see if cars are coming around the corner. This creates a dangerous condition.
- *Major problems exacerbated by game goers*: littering; speeding; noise; parking on vacant lots; blocking driveways. The neighborhood badly needs: better police response; better security; bike patrols.
- The neighborhood needs to be more protected from games – the neighborhood is discriminated against in terms of traffic violation enforcement. The major problem is *enforcement*.
- There are potholes where asphalt meets dirt along Buckeye.
- There are no curbs along portions of Buckeye Road east of Central Avenue.
- Street sweeping is insufficient. The neighborhood should receive equal treatment/equal services.

- Planter strips: the City should help property owners understand their responsibilities/ obligations regarding their landscaping. They should be informed about which part of the ROW they are responsible for maintaining.
- *Pedestrian connection along 3rd Street from Civic area to Hadley.* This is a great opportunity which should be fully exploited. There are art galleries at Grant and 3rd Street, and museums along Grant/Buckeye. This could be a lively pedestrian district – efforts at streetscape improvements would be well-spent here – the area deserves a concentrated, concerted effort by the city, Urban Form Project, businesses and property owners. If only trees were planted on both sides of the street, it would make a huge difference to the district, to game-goers, and to all of Downtown.