



# ZONE 2- Survey Responses

In an effort to gather additional input and to give the opportunity to everyone to express their views and desires, during the first public meeting and through the “New Plan for Mobile” website, the consultant team distributed a survey/questionnaire to the residents and stakeholders of Zone 2. Five questionnaires were completed and returned to the EDSA team. The list below includes the array of all the responses and records the frequency in which they appeared.

## Question 1 – Study Area Thoughts

In this survey, you can help us to identify general conditions, needs and opportunities for your neighborhood and surrounding neighborhood areas. Please list the top three things and/or areas that you believe are strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to your Neighborhoods.

Total  
Responses

### Strengths

Working on improvements	1
Relatively clean	1
Housing	1
Florence Howard School	1
Bishop State Jr. College	1
Lincoln drug store	1
Affordable housing	1
Beautification in the neighborhood	1
Police are doing a good job	1

### Weaknesses

Vacant/abandoned, dilapidated buildings/housing; blighted housing - vacant houses & lots encourage crime: drug trafficking, prostitution, hang out areas, people sleeping in empty buildings & cars etc.	3
Street drainage; flooding, etc. (e.g., Dublin & Ghent; Bay to Gale)	2
Need better sidewalks	1
Need more business on Martin Luther King Ave.	1
Clay Street Apts. 408-412 Clay St.	1
Gas station and marts are unclean and house transients (addicts to alcohol and drugs)	1
Youth in neighborhood don't recognize that this is their community and that they should respect it	1
People walk the streets all times of night	1
Prostitutes on Congress and Cuba St.	1
Landlords have a hard time renting out property	1

### Opportunities

More community involvement opportunities for youth (in technology & after-school and summer camps; encourage them to set goals for investing in the neighborhood)	1
More schools, churches & recreation (make Spring Hill Rec. Center a community center)	1
Bishop State - upgraded; more opportunities	1
New retail (grocery store- not fast food; up-scale grocery store) - Retail that caters to residents	1
Grants for those whom desire to live in this section (camp ground)	1

Doctor's office	1
Investors are starting to look at area more	1

**Threats**

Crime - Fire arms robberies, young people out of school, young men in jail, unprotected parking, copper thieves etc.	1
Drug trafficking	1

**Question 2 – Economic Development**

Please list the single biggest asset and issue shaping your area's economic development?

**Asset**

Home owners repairing houses	1
Building new housing	1

**Issue**

Address crime issues (drugs, drug dealers)	1
Lack of good housing	1

**Untapped Resources or Opportunities**

Reclaim/demolish/condemn abandoned or dilapidated properties	1
Build more MLK redeveloping housing	1

**Question 3 – Transportation and Infrastructure**

Please list the single biggest asset and issue with the transportation, parking and infrastructure system in your area?

**Asset**

Bus services	1
Oak-lined streets	1

**Issue**

On-street parking on MLK blocks views from other traffic	1
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**Overlooked Opportunity**

More police on duty	1
Make a noise allowance law	1

**Question 4 – Historic and Cultural Resources**

What are the most significant historic resources, cultural elements and heritage stories in your area?

History of the Avenue	1
Central campus	1
Dunbar	1
Bishop State	1
Christian burial	1

**Are there any overlooked cultural resources that need to be brought to light, discussed and celebrated?**

Reopening of recreation center on Kennedy St. and Spring Hill Ave. (it is nicely remodeled) 1

**Question 5 – Your Vision**

**What do you as a stakeholder of Mobile want to see happen in your area over the next ten years?**

Repair the drainage in the area	2
Cleaner and safer neighborhoods	1
Get rid of/Clean up dilapidated housing in entire area	1
Safer walking conditions (safer in terms of drivers ignoring lights and encounters with gang members); Emphasis on walkable community	1
Encourage rehabilitation of houses and upkeep	1
Mobile to be better than NYC	1
More visitors coming to Mobile- not just for Mardi Gras, but to appreciate our home cooking and southern heritage	1
Want to keep residents in Mobile and not move away (encourage children of Mobile to stay)	1
No unlivable areas	1
Play areas for children	1