



ZONE 3 – Post-It Notes Comments

1ST PUBLIC MEETING – MARCH 13, 2008

In the evening on Thursday, March the 13th, over 200 residents, business people and government officials gathered for over two hours at the Craighead Elementary School to discuss and provide their input regarding the future of Zone 3 as it has been defined for the purpose of this planning effort. The consultant team provided a short introductory presentation that outlined the process, purpose and timeline of the “New Plan for Mobile” effort. After introducing the consultant team, the project’s objective and the planning process steps to the public the attendees were divided into six groups to discuss in more detail the main elements that the plan should address.

Initially all attendees were given two post-it notes and they were asked to record:

1. What they consider to be the greatest assets of their community;
2. What they consider to be the greatest needs of their community.

The list below includes the array of all the responses and records the frequency in which they appeared in the post-it notes.

ASSETS:

URBAN DESIGN & PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENTS

▪ Neighborhoods Schools	25
▪ Parks	18
▪ Trees	8
▪ Brooklyn Field	8
▪ WH Council Traditional School	6
▪ Urban design character	5
▪ Texas Hill	4
▪ Waterfront	4
▪ Beauty of the area	3
▪ Mobile River channel	2
▪ Low crime	2
▪ Bay front/peninsula	2
▪ Recreation	1
▪ Washington Square park	1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

▪ Shopping	2
▪ Ladds Pharmacy	2
▪ Car shops	1
▪ Pulley Works	1
▪ Long standing businesses	1
▪ Pollman’s bakery	1

HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD CORRIDORS

▪ Centralized location	45
▪ Community involvement/ pride	26
▪ Churches	21
▪ Historic homes	10
▪ Quiet neighborhoods	9
▪ Existing Homes	7

Zone 3

▪ Safe neighborhood	1
▪ Boys and Girls Club	1
▪ Inner City Mission	1

INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

▪ Sanitation services	7
▪ Fire station	3
▪ Transportation	2
▪ Walkways	1

CULTURAL & HISTORICAL RESOURCES

▪ History/ culture/diversity	20
▪ Ladd Stadium	14
▪ Public Library	2
▪ Magnolia National Cemetery	2
▪ Mobile Civic Center	1
▪ Harmon Recreation Center	1
▪ James Seals Recreation center	1

MISCELLANEOUS ASSETS

▪ Police protection/ patrol	3
▪ Community input in city plans	1
▪ US Coast Guard Base	1

NEEDS:

URBAN DESIGN & PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENTS

▪ Recreation for young people/ facility	25
▪ Parks/ Playground	16
▪ Removal of abandon autos	8
▪ Urban renewal	8
▪ Preserve trees/ Trees trimmed	5
▪ Schools	5
▪ Walking and biking trails	5
▪ Waterfront access	2
▪ Redevelop Texas Hill	2
▪ Eliminate businesses in residential areas	2

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

▪ Small businesses	19
▪ Grocery stores	14
▪ Jobs/ Job training	12
▪ Shopping Mall	10
▪ Bayfront /peninsula/ Waterfront development	7
▪ Restaurants	6
▪ Amusement/ Water parks	2
▪ Vacant lots for building infill	

HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD CORRIDORS

▪ Demolish dilapidated/abandon housing	49
▪ Beautification/vacant lots	41
▪ Affordable housing less apartments	17

Zone 3

▪ Stricter ordinances/ noise/vagrants etc	14
▪ Better housing	10
▪ Home improvement/ Grants	8
▪ Neighborhood watch	5
▪ Neighborhood improvement	5
▪ Neighborhood facility	5
▪ Less Section 8 housing	4
▪ Housing/ Condos, multi-income	3
▪ Senior housing	3
▪ Churches	2
▪ Renovate old buildings	1
▪ Rebuild Oak Lawn project	1

INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

▪ Drainage to eliminate flooding	72
▪ Streets repaired	44
▪ Sidewalks	32
▪ Street lightning	28
▪ Public transportation	24
▪ Parking	8
▪ Speed bumps	4
▪ Stop signs/ Street signs	4
▪ Remove street bumps	2
▪ Wallace Tunnel traffic	2
▪ Roads	2
▪ Fire station	1
▪ Wheel chair accessibility	1

CULTURAL & HISTORICAL RESOURCES

▪ Historical society	7
▪ Stadium	4
▪ Brooklyn Field center / fishing/events	4
▪ Museum	2
▪ Multi-cultural arts center	2
▪ Library	1

MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS

▪ Clean up drugs/ Prostitution/ Crime	31
▪ Law enforcement increase police patrol	21
▪ Animal control	3
▪ Police station manned 24 hours	3
▪ High school football on Fridays	2
▪ Pollution control	1
▪ Eliminate aircraft noise	1