

AKSARBEN-ELMWOOD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Strategic Planning Session

November 17, 2016

Headings in no particular order. Ideas listed under each in order of priority.

Communication

- Social media – Twitter, NextDoor, Facebook
- Update website
- Neighborhood signs (similar to Dundee; Jen Bauer has been talking to Councilman Jerram about this)
- Rules for commercial posts
- Mailing list for non-computer users

Neighborhood Watch/Citizens Patrol

- More presence of Omaha Police Dept. representatives at neighborhood meetings
- Communicate policies with neighbors
- Use the Mayor's hotline for non-emergency concerns, e.g. abandoned properties

Community Vision/Direction/Development

- Slow traffic down
- Manage blighted properties
- Park improvements
- Absentee landlords – good neighbors with renters
- Policies/Regulations – update from local representatives on things that will affect our neighborhood
- Bike lanes – advocate for the Leavenworth St. bike lane
- Bring in a local realtor who knows us to talk about who is buying (property values, etc.)
 - Create a rating/scorecard system to better understand the developers coming into the neighborhood and what they can

contribute to the overall value of the neighborhood. How do they make a positive impact to offset some of the negative impacts?

- Encourage growth and development and maintain a close-knit community
- Development consulting
- Building height on Leavenworth (87 people per acre)
- Trash recycling

Membership and Fundraising

- Block parties
- Signage
- Increase awareness/proactive outreach to new members
- Keep track of houses sold and reach out to new people in the neighborhood
- Neighborhood socials
- Hold events at member businesses
- Please find a way to get the newsletter to those members who do not have computer access. We don't know what is going on at our neighborhood association. Please!

Green Initiatives (garden walkability, etc.)

- Neighborhood glass pickup
- Community garden
- Bike lanes/awareness
- Re-acquainting neighbors about recycling (how to get bins, what to put in bins)
- Rain gardens
- Mattress (?) recycling

Education (speakers, etc.)

- Bring some elected officials back (Sara Howard, Craig Moody)
- Neighborhoods USA (define what this is)
- Heartland 2050
- County/city elected reps
- Have someone come talk from the Restoration Exchange

