

Burnet Avenue Revitalization Plan  
Meeting #2  
January 29.2005

Thaddeus

- Welcome
- Introduction to the process
- Main priority is to make sure the community is represented in this process

Beth

- Representing Children's Hospital in the process and reiterated much of Thaddeus's introduction

Geoffrey & David; Goody Clancy

- Introduction: Revitalizing Burnet is more possible now than ever before
- Current plans and renderings include what the community asked for

Geoffrey PPT presentation

- Civic ness along Burnet Ave.
- New housing uses other than what is used there now
- Parking demands should optimize creative design tactics

**Transformed goals from meeting in September**

1. Make a bold and big plan
2. pay attention to safety
3. create a unique identity on Burnet Ave
4. development opportunities to capture afro centric dynamics of the neighborhood
5. design for people of all ages
6. Uses that enliven the street in a positive way
7. develop multiple uses
8. work with institutions to capture/serve institutions needs
9. extend revitalization to whole neighborhood
10. capitalize on the opportunity provided by the new school and programs
11. promote positive advertising
12. ACT now make something happen now and celebrate the change

VISION:

- Add trees and banners to celebrate the heritage of the Community
- Possible redevelopment of the post office or infill of the parking lot
- Other infill and re-development opportunities
- Connection of the school through the Brownfield lot to a linear park on the other side of Burnet.
- Gateway at Forest and Burnet to Show the arrival to Burnet Avenue
- Park on the old school site...work with the school board to design the best possible use for that space parking lot on Dury Ave. should be surrounded by townhouses to hides the parking lot and create more housing
- Educational connection between the zoo and the school

After presentation of the PPT there was a break out in to four groups to answer two questions

1. What would you add to make the proposed vision better for Burnet Ave. and the surrounding blocks?
2. How would you define “success” for the revitalization strategy of Burnet?

Group 1:

### **Question 1**

- Security: issues with off street parking especially at night
- Use of cameras?
- Police presence increase
- Circulation change
- Maintain the character of Avondale
- Range of housing maintained
- One of a kind businesses
- Incentives to live or open a business in Avondale
- Large retail anchors
- Programs to help members of the community, and a place for these programs to occur

### **Question 2**

- Something must come down and something must go up
- Change the perception of safety
- This development and the results are not going away and...not a flash in the pa
- Commerce happening
- Activity back to the neighborhood, positive traffic back to the neighborhood

Group 2

### **Question 1**

- Connect to young people, planning is currently done without connection to youth with adults determining what the “kids need”
- Attracting occupancy

### **Question 2**

- All important parties are involved in the planning and implementation
- People moving back
- 1 year to see improvement...something
- Just do something
- Unemployment closer to the city and national average
- Jobs in community
- Work in the area/live in the area
- Increase in safety and perceived safety
- Decrease in rental % and increase in owner occupied %
- Open to change

Group 3

**Question 1**

- Keep the historical architectural look
- Does Burnet Ave remain nondescript
- Children's learning center(Sylvan)
- Technical center for businesses
- Adult vocational center (GED)
- College Village at Dury
- Space for collaboration of churches around Avondale

**Question 2**

- Follow plans as close as possible w/o delay
- Completion within 5-10 years
- Pride and sense of safety in the neighborhood
- Community involvement and support
- Positive public perception
- Maybe a new name???

This group also formulated this:

*Beautiful*

*Urban*

*Revitalized*

*Neighborhood*

*Environmental*

*Transition*

Group 4

**Question 1**

- Plan to include a specific site for the pride center
- Parenting skills
- Gateway, a distinction to Avondale
- Diverse housing
- Safety during redevelopment

Time had ran out and group 4 was unable to highlight their answers to question 2