

Buena Vida Choice Neighborhood Plan
Working Group Meeting 1 – Safety and Circulation
May 24, 2017
Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville

Included below is a summary of potential strategies and initial project ideas described by participants at the first Working Group Meeting.

SAFETY

Draft Strategy 1: Eliminate issues with stray or unsecured neighborhood dogs

- Report strays- if no response report to property Mgr.
- Stop feeding stray's
- Stray Dogs- Communicate with animal control and communicate with them to make aware of problem.
- Neighborhood communicating, direct animal control without notice to owner.
- Property owner have dogs to and they need to educate their dogs to prevent incidents.
- Create program to educate people how to report problems. (outreach, materials, programs, etc.) work with BARC to microchip dogs on sit.
- Leave papers/ notices on all doors in neighborhood giving a warning that dogs will be picked up if found outside property and fine will be given.
- To avoid stray dogs, my suggestion is to implement an administrative fee when the owner is identified.

Draft Strategy 2: Improve neighborhood lighting

- Report lights that are out to pub or report to property Mgr.
- Safety- Install motion seasons on lights. Photo app to report crimes to BPD.
- Need lights at the beginning and end of each alley.

Draft Strategy 3: Clean up graffiti within the community

- Report graffiti as soon as possible.
- Graffiti/ vandalism- make residents of Buena Vida aware of steps to take when property is tagged step1- call police to identify who are the taggers step 2 point over drawing/ tags.
- Set-up a reward if you I.d. a Tagger.
- My personal opinion is that we should report about any street lights that are not working and also about people doing graffiti.

Draft Strategy 4: Continue to strengthen community relationships with police

- Provide information, resident monthly meeting on report, crime, stray dogs. Police- meet w/residents meeting to build a better relationship.
- Establish communication with the police in order to improve Buena vida.
- Bringing the city of Brownsville 546 help team to BV present all reporting services.
- Inform residents of the neighborhood about the process to report stray dogs/ lighting not working/ any issue, clean-up graffiti Saturdays and 3rd sat. of every mo. So, everyone knows them.

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CIRCULATION

Draft Strategy 1: Improve and connect neighborhood sidewalks within Buena Vida

- Prioritize sidewalk improvement areas (as in which clock/ streets should be tackled).
- Identify streets that need be repairing/redesigning and make pedestrian/ parking improvements/cycling tract.
- Walk paths- Identify which areas need sidewalks.
- Encourage the development of shopping (Walmart) closer to residents.
- Wider sidewalks.
- More street lights.
- More walking areas; add more water tanks.

Draft Strategy 2: Improved coordination for circulation and infrastructure projects

- City of Brownsville directors can share (weekly, monthly, etc.) efforts being done in the area to leverage projects and opportunities.
- Active transportation education program education program.
- Provide more parking.

Draft Strategy 3: Provide better transit service for neighborhood residents

- Bus stops- Share with city at Brownsville about lights on Bus stop- communication with the city- from committee identify Bus stops with lighting needs.
- Program to help carpool users.
- Re-evaluate published bus routes.
- Lighted bus shelters.
- Work with BMETRO to bring new safe interactive bus shelters (play everywhere)
- My suggestion is that the bus could access the streets of the Buena Vida Development; those who don't have a car are at risk when crossing 14th St, for example, with their grocery bags cannot walk very quickly.
- The bus stop should be closer.

Draft Strategy 4: Develop enhanced bicycle network within the community

- Create bike paths on alleys.
- Make available free bikes to those who really need them.