

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION COMMITTEE
Issues & Solutions Report (Instructions)

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STAKEHOLDER MANAGER:	Kelly Cruz
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RE:	<i>Issue subject and number</i>

ISSUE CATEGORY

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ISSUE

Summarize the issue in one or two sentences. If it relates to a specific location, describe this location, providing addresses or attaching maps if necessary.

Discussion:

If the issue summary is not self-explanatory, provide a more detailed description of the issue in a few additional sentences. You may want to include the rationale for defining this issue as a high priority in the neighborhood, and discuss its impacts as an ongoing problem or barrier to achieving neighborhood goals.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Summarize the proposed solution in one or two sentences. Make sure the described solution clearly relates to a resolution of the identified issue.

Discussion:

If the solution summary is not self-explanatory, provide a more detailed outline of the proposed solution in a few additional sentences. Planning Services staff will help identify key players in implementing the solution from both City departments and the neighborhood. The proposed timeframe for implementation, along with any relationship to other issues/solutions or ongoing projects in the neighborhood should be identified in this section.

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RE:	LAND USE/ZONING 1

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ISSUE

There is a lack of investment in the neighborhood. Regulations need to be enforced to realize the potential of the neighborhood and to deter crime.

Discussion:

Provide a basis for designation of zone districts throughout the neighborhood to guide zoning decisions on how land may be used by owners. Promote mixed use development of appropriate composition, scale and intensity on underdeveloped or underutilized sites where development according to master plan will produce projects complementary to the site and surrounding neighborhood while emphasizing a mix of uses and overall design which provides greater advantage to the residential neighborhood than traditional, homogenous land use patterns.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Improve Code Enforcement

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ISSUE

Too many areas of non-conforming use in the neighborhood

Discussion:

Provide a basis for designation of zone districts throughout the neighborhood to guide zoning decisions on how land may be used by owners. Promote mixed use development of appropriate composition, scale and intensity on underdeveloped or underutilized sites where development according to master plan will produce projects complementary to the site and surrounding neighborhood, while emphasizing a mix of uses and overall design which provides greater advantage to the residential neighborhood than traditional, homogenous land use patterns. Use Land Use/Zoning as a way to deter crime.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Create an overlay zone to address non-conformance issues

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RE:	<i>TRANSPORTATION I</i>

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ISSUE

Insufficient number of bike lanes and multi-modal transportation methods

Discussion:

Provide improved connections to neighborhood destinations, and create pleasant travel environments.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Enhance multi-modal transportation system (6)**
 - a) Enhance pedestrian travel by providing facilities which are safe, attractive and convenient for foot travel around neighborhood parks, plus maintain a complete system of maintained sidewalks adjacent to City streets as the primary means of pedestrian movement.**
 - b) Promote public transit as a means of travel for all neighborhood users by providing convenient, easily accessible service convenient to riders, responsive to changes in neighborhood land use and demographic patterns, and developing safe, comfortable bus stop facilities at intervals along routes.**
 - c) Improve bicycle facilities in the neighborhood as a recreation for the community as well as a means of travel for residents**
- 2. Build and pave local access streets**
- 3. Create traffic calming devices (3)**

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ISSUE

Insufficient traffic and parking for the many facilities within West Central specifically Ash/Maple Streets

Discussion:

Provide improved connections to neighborhood destinations, and create pleasant travel environments.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Build and pave all local access**
- 2. Conduct a parking analysis to determine best parking practices (5)**
 - a) Eliminate ten hour meters immediately adjacent to the Courthouse and graduate out from the Courthouse with a 3 hour maximum.**
 - b) Identify / recommend two locations for parking structures: A three story parking structure at Adams Street and Broadway Avenue; A five story structure at Jefferson Street and College Avenue.**

- c) Create angular, metered parking on Mallon Avenue, West of Monroe Street with 1-1 ½ hour limits

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ISSUE

Left and right hand turns from Maple Street onto Gardner Avenue are problematic and dangerous

Discussion:

Provide improved connections to neighborhood destinations, and create pleasant travel environments.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Restrict right hand turns from North bound Maple Street through signage and bump out of corner at Gardner Avenue and Maple Street to Walnut Street (4)
2. Create left and right hand turn lanes on North bound Maple Street at Boone Avenue, by adding lanes (1)
3. Create traffic calming devices (3)

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ISSUE

Deterioration of arterial streetscapes and lack of arterial facilities in the southern portion of the neighborhood

Discussion:

Provide improved connections to neighborhood destinations, and create pleasant travel environments. Provide a safe system of car, bicycle, pedestrian and transit travel which

enhances neighborhood circulation and reduces maintenance costs.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Improve arterial rights-of-way to create a streetscape character which reflects the function of the arterial and complements the neighborhood environment through which it passes (3)
2. Create traffic calming devices (3)
3. Build and pave all local access

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ISSUE

A.M. Cannon Park / Safety zone

Discussion:

Provide improved connections to neighborhood destinations, and create pleasant travel environments. Provide a safe system of car, bicycle, pedestrian and transit travel which enhances neighborhood circulation and reduces maintenance costs.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Flashing light between A.M. Cannon Park and the employment zone (3)
2. Create traffic calming device (3)

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ISSUE

Traffic flow at Boone Avenue – Ash/Maple Streets

Discussion:

September 2011

West Central Stakeholder Group

Provide improved connections to neighborhood destinations, and create pleasant travel environments. Provide a safe system of car, bicycle, pedestrian and transit travel which enhances neighborhood circulation and reduces maintenance costs.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Eliminate parking on Southside of Maxwell Avenue and West side of Ash Street, study on Maple/Ash Streets corridor (2)
2. Create left and right turn lanes on North bound Maple Street at Boone Avenue, by adding lanes (1)
3. Build and pave local access streets

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ISSUE

Traffic flow at Ash/Maple Streets and Maxwell Avenue

Discussion:

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PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Eliminate parking on Southside of Maxwell Avenue and West side of Ash Street.
Study on Maple/Ash Streets corridor (2)
2. Create left and right turn lanes on North bound Maple Street at Boone Avenue, by adding lanes (1)
3. Build and pave all local access
4. Traffic calming devices (3)

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ISSUE

Lack of adequate funding for maintenance and improvements for community centers

Discussion:

Identify income resources to create and maintain community programs focused on youth and seniors, funding general building maintenance and updating IT equipment for general population use.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Acquire funding for neighborhood facilities (5)
2. Provide community center facilities and programs which are responsive to the community's needs for recreational activities, and localized social services to effectively contribute to the economic and social revitalization of the neighborhood (1)

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ISSUE

Healthcare shortage in the area

Discussion:

Within the West Central Neighborhood, there are not an adequate number of healthcare clinics and general medical and dental facilities to sufficiently service the community. Additional healthcare resources need to be sought out and encouraged to move into the West Central Business district.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Increase neighborhood access to community health centers by maintaining and creating at least one Community Health Center (9)**

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ISSUE

Aging schools that are at full capacity

Discussion:

Homes Elementary School is undersized and cannot sufficiently house the total population of youth in the West Central Community. In addition, Holmes Elementary School is aging and requires expansion and modernization to existing facilities.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Build state of the art schools with growth potential (2)**

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ISSUE

Need additional senior centers

Discussion:

There is a large population of seniors within the West Central Community. To meet the growing needs and resources for the senior population, an increase of facilities and activities should be provide.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Build additional senior center and maintain Sinto Community Center to provide social programs and activities for the neighborhood's elderly population (2)**

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ISSUE

Stabilize low density residential environments

Discussion:

West Central Community should actively look for local community and grant resources to create additional low-income public housing. It is important that the community create leadership within the neighborhood which will bring together private and public entities to evaluate low residential environments.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Concentrate home rehabilitation efforts in target areas where it is feasible to stabilize low-density residential environments**

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ISSUE

New building permit data suggests that there is not enough opportunity being made available for home ownership in urban neighborhoods. This is evidenced by two key patterns found in the permit data. First, 72% of the housing types going in the urban areas are multi-family apartment buildings. Second, 91% of new multi-family units that are built throughout the city are for rent.

Discussion:

Affordable housing of all types will be available to all community residents in an environment that is safe, clean and healthy.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Increase home ownership rate, and provide incentives for residential development which contributes to the neighborhood's ambience and character (8)**
- 2. Support physical improvements through public and private investment (4)**
- 3. Maintain exclusively single-family residential use in areas showing good housing quality and high predominance of single-family, owner-occupied homes (2)**
- 4. Support programs or activities that increase awareness of housing opportunities, needs, or other issues within the neighborhood**
- 5. Decrease crime rate**
- 6. HUD financed local security force**

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ISSUE

Deterioration of the quality of housing supply. Housing development has been dominated by growth in suburban areas, at the neglect of urban areas.

Discussion:

The goal is to maintain the predominant low-density residential character of the neighborhood, encourage higher density residential use in areas where redevelopment to greater densities will not detract from low-density environments through changes in development regulations to support improvement.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Support physical improvements through public and private investment (4)**
- 2. Allow and promote transition to medium-density use, primarily in triplex structures in areas with deteriorated low-density residential homes**
- 3. Improve appearance of homes situated along major traffic corridors and other high visibility areas to improve neighborhood image**
- 4. Partner with Code Enforcement to address long term boarded and/or abandoned properties (3)**

5. Decrease crime rate
6. Enforce landlord compliance with current ordinance
7. HUD financed local security

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ISSUE

Revitalization and private investment in urban neighborhoods has been minimal

Discussion:

Renew emphasis on preserving existing houses, encouraging construction of single-family and multi-family units and rehabilitating older neighborhoods.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Support physical improvements through public and private investment (4)
2. Modify current landlord ordinance to require rental inspections and landlord accountability (4)
3. Partner with Code Enforcement to address long term boarded and/or abandoned properties
4. Improve appearance of homes situated along major traffic corridors and other high visibility areas to improve neighborhood image (3)
5. Support programs or activities that increase awareness of housing opportunities, needs, or other issues within the neighborhood
6. Decrease crime rate
7. Enforce landlord compliance with current ordinance
8. HUD financed security force

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ISSUE

Lack of retail development in neighborhood

Discussion:

A strong West Central business community will be established through providing economic incentives that will establish a business friendly zoning that encourages retail development, and business ownership with limited restrictions.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Create an overlay zoning plan to encourage business development (7)**
- 2. Create new Code Enforced guidelines to address business problem areas (1)**
- 3. Develop neighborhood retail area between Monroe Street and Maple Street**
- 4. Add limited retail between Boone Avenue and Broadway Avenue, East of Maple Street (O-35 zone)**
- 5. Partner with the city for business district improvement funding (1)**

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ISSUE

Lack of Support for Small Businesses

Discussion:

A strong West Central Business Community will be established through providing economic incentives that establishes a business friendly zoning to encourage retail development, and business ownership with limited restrictions. Incentives need to be established that provide support focusing on small businesses.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Increase TIF eligibility for various types of industries (5)
2. Professional practices development e.g. medical, dental, therapy (2)
3. Encourage and support efforts to sustain the West Central Business Association (2)
4. Create a tax abatement/deferment program to assist at risk businesses (1)
5. Create support for business plan development and other business resources by sponsoring workshops, mentoring and consulting small business owners (1)

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ISSUE

High unemployment rates

Discussion:

There is a high population below the social economic norms in the West Central Community relative to Spokane County. Providing Workforce Training programs will equip individuals with needed skill sets to assist community members in qualifying for and obtaining quality employment.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Partner with code enforcement to create a comprehensive education and assistance program (5)**
- 2. Encourage neighborhood businesses to hire neighborhood residents (1)**
- 3. Create vision statement and physically enhance the Maxwell Avenue/Elm Street Employment Center**
- 4. Create a marketing and development plan for the Maxwell Avenue/Elm Street Employment center**
- 5. Create youth entrepreneurship program**

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ISSUE

High percentage of families below the poverty income level

Discussion:

There is a high population below the social economic norms in the West Central Community relative to Spokane County. Providing Workforce Training programs will equip individuals with needed skill sets to assist community members in qualifying for and obtaining quality employment. Higher education and continuing education opportunities need to be provided within the community. West Central Community should explore the option of partnering with a higher education institution to bring learning opportunities within the neighborhood.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Partner with code enforcement to create a comprehensive enforcement education and assistance program (5)**
- 2. Provide basic skills and employment training, job linkages, and job readiness support for residents (5)**
- 3. Encourage neighborhood businesses to hire neighborhood residents (1)**
- 4. Create youth entrepreneurship program**

5. Increase neighborhood cleanup efforts

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ISSUE

Lack of an anchor grocery store.

Discussion:

West Central Neighborhood should create areas centered on retail development to encourage business growth specifically focused on an accessible grocery store.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Create new Code Enforcement to address business problem areas (1)**
- 2. Create an overlay zoning plan to encourage business development (7)**

3. Develop neighborhood retail area between Monroe Street and Maple Street (1)
4. Recruit a national grocery chain to build in the neighborhood

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ISSUE

Lack of investment in, and deterioration of the neighborhood

Discussion:

West Central needs to create economic incentives to attract individuals who will invest into the local neighborhood and contribute to the restoration of the community.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Adjust land use regulations to encourage single family home ownership and promote private investment (5)
2. Develop unique retail shop areas including a mixed-use village center with retail and restaurants with apartments and condos above (4)
3. Encourage property owners and tenants to maintain property
4. Maintain view corridors from the neighborhood's interior to the riverfront to extend the positive influence of the riverfront amenity in to the neighborhood
5. Use a different type of barrier instead of metal guard rails on Summit Boulevard

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ISSUE

Lack of positive entry into the neighborhood

Discussion:

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Key areas within the West Central community need development to promote neighborhood pride and denote the entrance into the community. Key entrance areas are Maple Street North of Bridge Avenue and Monroe Street / Broadway Avenue. The intersection of Monroe Street and Broadway Avenue should have signage indicating the entrance of the "West Broadway Business District."

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Design and create visually distinct neighborhood entrances by providing visual and physical amenities along major traffic corridors and other high visibility areas (9)

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ISSUE

Lack of streetscape in the public realm

Discussion:

The West Central Community has a need to create an atmosphere that is visually pleasing to the neighborhood residents and visitors such as planting additional trees and vegetation. Providing bike racks and benches will promote community use of neighborhood facilities, and increase pride in communal properties.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Improve streetscapes with: facade improvements, signage in harmony with the character of the neighborhood and define neighborhood boundaries, increased vegetation ESP, tree lined streets, increased lighting and street lights and improve waste management by increasing public trash receptacles (8)
2. Paint crosswalks
3. Improve visual around county courthouse
4. Create more of a park-like atmosphere on Summit Boulevard

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ISSUE

West Broadway Neighborhood Center is not fully developed

Discussion:

Within the West Central Neighborhood, the Plaza Center located on Oak Street South of Broadway Avenue needs to be completed with expansion East towards the Spokane Court House. In conjunction with the Plaza expansion, needed street improvements will be addressed.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Design both residential and commercial environments to maintain continuity of existing historical architecture (1)**
- 2. Complete West Broadway Neighborhood Center 20 year vision**

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ISSUE

Existing facilities need continued funding for increased activities and improvements

Discussion:

The West Central Community Neighborhood facilities, parks and gathering areas have a need to continue pursuing avenues of funding for neighborhood landscape improvements and to increase community activities.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Provide multiple gathering points in the neighborhood to serve as a focus for neighborhood activities such as a veterans plaza south of Broadway Avenue between Madison and Jefferson Streets (9)**

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ISSUE

Lack of public garbage containers throughout neighborhood

Discussion:

West Central should be a clean and safe environment that encourages community members to utilize neighborhood facilities and maintain a better visual appearance. Street furniture with trash receptacles attached will encourage community members to maintain neighborhood cleanliness and still maintain a positive visual impact.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Place garbage containers throughout neighborhood

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ISSUE

High drop out rates

Discussion:

West Central should be a safe and nurturing community that provides a diversity of social, recreational, educational and cultural opportunities for all ages. A strong, positive identity will be furthered by constructive community events and activities.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Create healthy youth activities (4)
2. Expand hours of child care services into evenings, weekends and swing shifts.
3. Foster partnerships between neighborhood stakeholders to provide job training and job placement for youth and adults (3)
4. Create a neighborhood disaster response plan
5. Increase recreational opportunities (2)
6. Integrate racial bias training program - ensures equal voice and resolves class issues (3)

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ISSUE

Gang issues

Discussion:

West Central should be a safe and nurturing community that provides a diversity of social, recreational, educational and cultural opportunities for all ages. A strong, positive identity will be furthered by constructive community events and activities.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Develop Neighborhood Volunteer Corps**
- 2. Create healthy youth activities (4)**
- 3. Enhance and expand continuum of services for neighborhood youth (3)**
- 4. Foster partnerships between neighborhood stakeholders to provide job training and job placement for youth and adults (3)**
- 5. Facilitate the collaboration between social service agencies and churches to provide wrap around services (4)**
- 6. Create a neighborhood disaster response plan**
- 7. Increase recreational opportunities (2)**

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ISSUE

Negative reputation

Discussion:

West Central should be a safe and nurturing community that provides a diversity of social, recreational, educational and cultural opportunities for all ages. A strong, positive identity will be furthered by constructive community events and activities.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Develop a Neighborhood Volunteer Corps**
- 2. Develop a social marketing plan or campaign to revamp neighborhood image (3)**
- 3. Facilitate collaboration between social service agencies and churches to provide wrap around services (4)**
- 4. Create a Neighborhood Welcome Wagon (2)**

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ISSUE

Drugs and alcohol abuse

Discussion:

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PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Create healthy youth activities (4)**
- 2. Facilitate the collaboration between social service agencies and churches to provide wrap around services (4)**
- 3. Create a neighborhood disaster response plan**
- 4. Increase recreational opportunities (2)**
- 5. Develop a central service referral system (1)**
- 6. Use South African model of peace and reconciliation (6)**
- 7. Enhance and expand continuum of services for neighborhood youth (3)**

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ISSUE

Concentration of poverty

Discussion:

West Central should be a safe and nurturing community that provides a diversity of social, recreational, educational and cultural opportunities for all ages. A strong, positive identity will be furthered by constructive community events and activities.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Foster partnerships between neighborhood stakeholders to provide job training and job placement for youth and adults (3)**
- 2. Facilitate the collaboration between social service agencies and churches to provide wrap around services (4)**

3. Develop a central service referral system (1)

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ISSUE

Lack of local services

Discussion:

West Central should be a safe and nurturing community that provides a diversity of social, recreational, educational and cultural opportunities for all ages. A strong, positive identity will be furthered by constructive community events and activities.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Develop a Neighborhood Volunteer Corps
2. Create a Neighborhood Welcome Wagon including a Neighborhood Cop-Shop (2)
3. Develop a central service referral system (1)
4. Increase handicap accessibility on sidewalks
5. Enhance and expand continuum of services for neighborhood youth (3)

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ISSUE

Social service agencies unaware of services provided within the neighborhood

Discussion:

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PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Facilitate collaboration between social service agencies and churches to provide wrap around services (4)
2. Create a Neighborhood Welcome Wagon (2)
3. Develop a central service referral system (1)

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ISSUE

Lack of neighborhood cohesion

Discussion:

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PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Develop a Neighborhood Volunteer Corps
2. Develop a social marketing plan or campaign to revamp neighborhood image (3)
3. Create a Neighborhood Welcome Wagon (2)
4. Develop a central service referral system (1)
5. Increase handicap accessibility on sidewalks
6. Use South African model of peace and reconciliation (6)
7. Integrating racial bias – involves class issues, power imbalances, ensures equal voice, reconciliation (6)

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Rampant racism issues, ism's etc

Discussion:

West Central should be a safe and nurturing community that provides a diversity of social, recreational, educational and cultural opportunities for all ages. A strong, positive identity will be furthered by constructive community events and activities.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. Use South African model of peace and reconciliation (6)
2. Integrating racial bias – involves class issues, power imbalances, ensures equal voice and reconciliation (6)

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ISSUE

Need additional open spaces

Discussion:

Public acquisition of riverfront lands and development for passive recreation within a “naturalized” environment as the neighborhood’s major open space interest

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Maintain the natural environment which predominates along the riverfront and emphasize passive recreation in new public development (11)**
- 2. Create more of a park like atmosphere on Summit Boulevard (5)**
- 3. Encourage “shared-use” development and operation of public school amenities to provide additional activity opportunities for neighborhood children (3)**
- 4. Develop public viewpoints at locations which provide good views of the river valley and are easily accessed by foot (2)**
- 5. Provide “mini-park” recreational facilities at dispersed sites throughout the neighborhood, particularly in residential sub-areas where access to Cannon Park is limited by distance or arterial crossings**

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ISSUE

Centennial Trail incomplete in West Central

Discussion:

West Central has a need to implement the completion of the West Central Neighborhood section of the Centennial Trail, and explore further trail opportunities along the riverbank that will provide access to key points along the Spokane River.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Ensure public access to all riverbank areas through public acquisition or easements such as the Centennial Trail and Pillar Park (8)**

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ISSUE

Parks and open spaces need maintenance, regular clean-up and safety improvements

Discussion:

Weed management programs should be devised and implemented in the West Central Neighborhood and along the Spokane River banks. Street furniture with trash receptacles attached will encourage community members to maintain neighborhood cleanliness and still maintain a positive visual impact. A community volunteer resource program should be developed providing maintenance of appearance, cleanliness and safety within the West Central Neighborhood.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- 1. Develop trails for the upper and lower bluff (3)**