

Avenues Neighborhood Plan
School Safety Improvements Action Group Meeting Summary

June 23, 2008

2:00 PM

Marvin Davidson's Home, 304 W. 4th Avenue

The group took a short walking tour around the Citrus School campus to become familiar with conditions and issues there. Addressing the following items, which are acknowledged by the group to have the best potential to result in safety improvements, were the focus of the discussions.

Discussion Items

Off street parking for teachers. Teachers have to park on the street which thereby reduces areas which can serve as drop-off zones. One area with potential to permit construction of a teacher parking area is along the alley between W. 2nd and W. 3rd Avenues on the east side of the campus. This could help create more space for drop-off zones along the frontages of the school.

Behavior of parents dropping off children. Since there is limited area to pull over and let children out, people end up double parking and children are let out in the traffic lane. Additionally, there are conflicts between cars arriving to drop off children and those leaving after having dropped off children. Increased awareness and education during the school year may help address this issue.

Through traffic. Though traffic in the neighborhood must pass through intersections used by children walking to and from school. Increasing the visibility of crosswalks and improving signage can help make intersections safer for pedestrians.

Improve conditions of planter areas and sidewalks around schools. There are wide planter areas along W. 4th, Citrus and W. 2nd Avenues that have trees growing in them but no groundcover. During rains, these bare dirt areas become muddy and inconvenient for pedestrians. Improving these areas in some way could help reduce the inconvenience and improve aesthetics.

To learn more, please plan to attend the next meeting or contact one of the staff contacts on the action group roster.