Notes from March 16 Community Forum Meeting

Guiding Principles:

Group 1:

* Promote affordable housing for single families in particular
* Lighting needed to enhance safety
* Enhance the value of education through increased interaction between schools and the community
* More positive activities for community youth that enhance socialization skills and job skills
* Highlighting positive attitudes of the communities and accomplishments of youth to the public including awards and recognition

Group 2

* Peaceful and no crime
* Beautification
* Thriving business sections
* Improving neighborhood relations
* Promoting recreational opportunities in public parks
* Streetscape plan
* Aspirations for the future
* Entrepreneurial opportunities
* Include churches in neighborhoods

Group 3

* Create a positive, collaborative and integrated relationship between police force and the community
* Create a safer, more accessible public transportation system
* Encourage pride in home ownership and neighborhood and park beautification
* Promote community service to assist residents in need of support
  + Connect those who can help with those who need help
* Promote and foster positive community spirit
* Expand employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for local residents
* Welcome diverse viewpoints and perspectives to ensure all voices are heard
* Increase local shopping, entertainment, and recreation options
* Appreciate diversity of residents and embrace and share cultures

Youth Group

* Diversity
  + Culture fair
  + Neighborhood artwork
  + Community building
  + Music
  + International markets/restaurants
  + Traditional clothing
  + Social clubs/halls

Vision Statements

Group 4

* We are a community committed to using local resources and support local business to help us revitalize our neighborhood.
* We seek to revitalize open spaces that have been abandoned, create a community garden, provide safe play areas and better street lighting
* We are a community committed to:
  + Use local resources
    - Habitat for Humanity
    - Bayfront Eastside Taskforce
    - Code enforcement
  + Revitalize
  + More lighting🡪bright community
  + Burton school turned into trade school
  + Community engagement
  + Using vacant lots🡪neighborhood revitalization
  + Be more hands on
  + Fixing roads/sidewalks
  + Safe environment
  + Making neighborhood look alive

Group 5

* Peaceful, thriving, uplifting, and fully functional democracy
* One-on-one with our neighbors
* Fellowship more; don’t be fearful of one’s neighbor
* Less crime
* Better curbs, sidewalks
* Cameras and lighting—very important
* More homeownership
* Grocery store
* More youth employment
* Policing programs
* A peaceful, thriving, watchful community that enables people to engage in their community and with their neighbors, their home owners, churches, parks, and police as well as jobs and businesses.

Group 6

* We see:
  + A positive and uplifting, prosperous community with more homeownership, expanded employment and educational opportunities, and where youth are mentored, valued, and rewarded for meaningful hard work.

Group 7

* The guiding vision to restore the collective attitude that together we can achieve a functional democracy in which residents have a voice and can be heard.
* To organize and educate all neighbors including residents, businesses, and churches
* Build morale and leverage resurces
* Less competition; more cooperation—that is what collective attitude means

Group 8

* Neighborhood values diversity where people feel safe and have access to the resources they need to thrive
* Responsive police programs that reflect the diversity and values of the community
* Access to top quality education
* Employment and economy that puts people first
* Positive community engagement resources that includes community centers, churches, parks, and community held activities
* Community programs connecting various groups of positively engaged residents to the community