

Southeast Strong Community Plan Public Meeting Notes Analysis

Community Priorities Analysis

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REFLECT AND CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSE CULTURE

- **Celebrating Diversity:**
 - Host diverse cultural festivals and events in parks and pavilions.
 - Use art and murals to represent cultural heritage.
 - Introduce entrance/neighborhood signs celebrating diversity.
 - Develop a cultural landmark or sculpture marking the Southeast area.
 - Promote storytelling and community building at events.
 - Translate city documents into multiple languages, ensuring cultural relevance.
 - Expand communication channels (social media, fliers, radio) for cultural engagement.
 - Partner with nonprofits to maintain a community calendar of events.
- **Identity Building:**
 - Introduce imagery, decals, and flags representing the Southeast's diverse culture.
 - Showcase Southeast's underrepresented culinary diversity as a cultural asset.
 - Promote and celebrate new businesses and initiatives.

UPGRADE HOW WE MOVE

- **Public Transit Enhancements:**
 - Maintain and expand the existing bus system.
 - Introduce additional covered and shaded bus stops near major employers (e.g., Amazon).
 - Adjust fare costs for EBT users and add closer bus stop locations.
 - Improve walkability, crosswalks, and lighting near stops for safety.
 - Establish partnerships for scooters and bike lanes for first/last-mile transit.
 - Add a second transit center in the area for better connectivity.
 - **Infrastructure & Accessibility:**
 - Improve sidewalk repair and trail connectivity.
 - Add safe bike lanes and curbs to enhance usability.
 - Promote airport transit with specific Southeast stops.
 - Create better signage and wayfinding for transit routes.
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SUPPORT OUR SAFETY

- **Community-Centered Safety:**
 - Strengthen trust between police and neighborhoods.
 - Implement culturally sensitive approaches to crime prevention.
 - Encourage community-driven safety programs and neighborhood watch alternatives.
 - Enhance lighting standards, especially in parking lots and streets.
 - Address homelessness with targeted cleanup efforts and services.
 - **Youth & Senior Safety:**
 - Develop youth crime prevention programs and mentorship initiatives.
 - Provide seniors with programs to stay informed about neighborhood safety.
 - Improve crosswalk safety near schools with flashing lights.
 - **Technology & Innovation:**
 - Utilize technology (e.g., emergency apps, security cameras) for public safety.
 - Offer discounts on smart security devices like Ring cameras.
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GROW AND SUPPORT OUR HOUSING

- **Affordable & Diverse Housing Options:**
 - Promote more starter homes and diversify affordable housing options.
 - Address concerns with over-concentration of tiny homes.
 - Encourage development in underutilized areas (e.g., behind King Soopers, Mission Trace).
 - Align housing initiatives with the principle of residents working and living in the same area.
 - **Community Revitalization:**
 - Develop neglected spaces into community hubs or parks.
 - Ensure equitable housing that doesn't stigmatize affordability.
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GROW AND SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES, AND ENTREPRENEURS

- **Support for Businesses:**
 - Focus on Southeast businesses with equitable city exposure.
 - Create a Southeast business directory and mentorship opportunities.
 - Offer resources like access to loans, grants, and support for minority businesses.
 - Enhance small business curb appeal with cleanups and beautification efforts.
- **Workforce Development:**
 - Provide job opportunities and internships for students.

- Partner with trade schools, auto shops, and local businesses for career readiness.
 - Promote financial literacy and incentivize hiring local talent.
 - **Zoning and Incentives:**
 - Limit fast-food outlets to make room for small businesses.
 - Attract large employers offering competitive salaries.
 - Address disparities caused by zoning laws and land ownership issues.
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Education

- **Partnerships for Learning:**
 - Bring aerospace and engineering educators into schools for certification programs.
 - Encourage trade schools, apprenticeships, and alternative education paths.
 - Focus on career readiness and financial literacy in education curricula.
 - **Resource Awareness:**
 - Develop community hubs offering navigation of services and guidance for residents.
 - Increase awareness of city services, planning, and participation opportunities.
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CREATE SPECIAL PLACES & COMMUNITY HUBS

- **Revitalizing Key Areas:**
 - Develop Chelton Crossing and Mission Trace as community centers or pop-up business hubs.
 - Activate underutilized parks with inclusive designs and accessible parking.
 - Support temporary leases for diverse businesses and events in these areas.
 - **Creating New Spaces:**
 - Transform land behind King Soopers into a park or community space.
 - Build more inclusive community centers similar to Hillside's model.
 - **Highlighting Assets:**
 - Promote Southeast's music hubs, unique food spots, and special events to the wider city.
 - Market the area as an attractive destination for its cultural and culinary diversity.
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Live Longer, Live Better

- **Health and Wellness:**
 - Expand access to affordable healthcare, including Medicaid-accepting clinics.
 - Partner with nonprofits to establish direct primary care facilities.
 - Address mental health and promote self-care as essential services.
- **Environmental Health:**
 - Use green walls and plants to mitigate air pollution.
 - Support local farm stands and healthy dining options.
 - Advocate for community cleanups and safe recreational areas.
- **Community Development:**
 - Foster initiatives that integrate food, housing, and environmental care.
 - Align efforts with community-focused nonprofits and advocacy groups.