

Excelsior Community Working Group Meeting #1 Notes  
January 31, 2006 – 6:30PM – Excelsior Public Library Meeting Room

The first Community Working Group (CWG) meeting started with an introduction of the CWG members to everyone in the room. A brief overview of the current status of the project and what we had done so far was discussed. An overview of the traffic calming toolbox was presented to the CWG so that they have an idea what traffic calming devices can be used.

The discussion on where to focus our resources was started with the reminder that this is an area-wide effort. Focusing only on one person's own block would not help the project. Members were reminded to think of the areas not just in their surrounding blocks that they believe should be looked at.

The following areas of concern were brought up by the CWG:

Speeding:

- Persia Avenue: Naples to Mission Streets
- Moscow Street: Geneva to France Avenues
- Avalon Avenue: Madison to Naples Streets
- Madrid Street: Silver to Russia Avenues

Improve intersections:

- Edinburg Street at Naples Avenue
- Mission Street at Avalon Avenue/Theresa Street
- Persia Avenue at Paris Street

Cut through:

- Amazon Avenue alternate for Geneva Avenue
- Better bike lanes on Geneva Avenue
- Lisbon Street. Improve channelization at Peru and Silver Avenues
- Russia Avenue via Dublin Street alternate for Persia Avenue

STOP sign requests:

- Persia Avenue at Prague Street

Miscellaneous:

- Make sure there is coordination with any proposed Glen Park and Balboa Park improvement plans to fill in the gap between the Excelsior District and the two major transit hubs.
- Double parking on Excelsior Avenue from Madrid to Mission Streets
- Double parking on Naples Street and Excelsior Avenue
- Open up Brazil Avenue (a Rec & Park street) to Persia Avenue in McLaren Park
- Truck Weight Limit on Persia Avenue and Mansell Street
- Prohibit truck parking on Geneva Avenue.

Some suggested general solutions to address the above concerns:

Education efforts: goals are to change behavior and to educate the community

Pace cars – Cars drive and advertise that they drive at 25 MPH

Bumper stickers

Banners on street lights

Gateway treatments at entrances to the area

Speed Radar trailers

Rumble strips

Enforcement from Ingleside SFPD Station – they support traffic circles.

Remove crosswalk at Silver Avenue and Madrid and Lisbon Streets and install a crosswalk at Silver Avenue and Craut Street.

Improve channelization on Lisbon Street at Peru and Silver Avenues by installing islands.

Next step is to conduct speed surveys at the following locations:

Amazon Avenue between Madrid and Edinburg Streets

Persia Avenue between Munich and Prague Streets

Avalon Avenue between Athens and Vienna Streets

Lisbon Street between Peru and Avalon Avenues

Brazil Avenue between Paris and Lisbon Streets

Persia Avenue between Paris and Lisbon Streets

Madrid Street between Persia and Russia Avenues

Russia Avenue between Madrid and Edinburg Streets

Moscow Street between Russia and France Avenues

The next CWG meeting will be in late March (tentatively the week of 20-24) where we will discuss the results of the speed surveys, any plans that have been drawn up, and other issues that need to be discussed.

Attendees:

Matthew Householder

Tim Colbert

Lionel Brazil

Wilma Enriquez

Victoria Hamilton

Rick Pohl

Cynthia Vazquez

Richard Lane

Michael Zimmerman

Ruth Grabowski

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