

Elyria/Swansea Neighborhood Plan Summary of Public Comment to Date

- *Elyria, Swansea, Globeville Business Association (Nov. 1, 2007)*
 - *Elyria-Swansea Public Meeting (Nov. 3, 2007)*
 - *Elyria-Swansea Industrial Business Focus Group (January 3, 2008)*
 - *Youth Group Meeting (March 14, 2008)*
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General

1. Plan should be community-oriented –create a plan that’s good for all of the neighborhoods
2. Assets: Cross Community Coalition, Our Lady of Grace, strong cultural identity.

Land Use

3. Need a grocery store
4. More local retail (support existing retail). Perhaps along 46th if I-70 is realigned. Keep money in the neighborhood
5. Would like to see more restaurants in neighborhood.
6. Consider public markets on the NWSS property
7. With the concentration of animal related businesses in the northwest area, a veterinary campus might be appropriate here.
8. Compatibility between industrial and residential needs to be addressed.
9. Need to maintain neighborhood friendly industrial uses (don’t want these uses to get “zoned out”).
10. More residential including senior housing so that residents can stay in neighborhood as they get older.
11. Concern about city impound lot operations and impact on surrounding properties

Transportation

12. Need pedestrian friendly streets. Streets are not well lit. Cars drive too fast on the roads through and within neighborhood
13. Would like a circulator bus and more public transportation service.
14. Safety-vehicles and ambulance access to the neighborhood is sometimes blocked by railroad cars.
15. Safe crossings needed at railroads (dangerous for children). Better crossing at 47th and York
16. Beautify streets-46th Avenue if I-70 is relocated.

17. Truck traffic at the Pilot truck stop is a problem; trucks cue up onto city streets.
18. The intersection at Vasquez, Steel and 46th is problematic
 - a. lot of pedestrian traffic here coming from Western motel, and neighborhood residents walking to Wendy's.
 - b. confusing stoplights
 - c. blind spots
19. Concern re: speed of trucks coming down 54th from Outside storage lot at Monroe and 54th
20. Would like to see sheltered bus stops in the neighborhood.
21. Look at intersection of Vasquez and 50th.

Parks

22. Maintain/improve the Platte River as a neighborhood amenity
23. Preserve open space/history of neighborhood
24. Build community gardens in vacant lots or parks.
25. Expand the 51st Ave park-eyes on the park (active uses)
26. Would like to have safe, well designed space for community gatherings.
27. Need recreational activities for all ages.
28. Parks need to be well lit, maintained, and safe.
29. Need fruit trees-useable trees

Other

30. Development requirements for this the eastern industrial area are prohibitive and are a disincentive for area property owners to improve their sites. Consider establishing area wide standards for sidewalk/street improvements that would make it feasible for property owners to make improvements to their sites.
31. Concern for gentrification with the coming of FasTracks
32. Residents are fearful/hesitant to ask for help of police, partly because of immigration concerns. Need more Spanish speaking officers.
33. Recycling center in the neighborhood to help improve dumpster/trash loading
34. Need to keep jobs in the area
35. Help to improve existing houses
 - a. Low interest loans
 - b. Garbage/dumpsters
36. Tagging, graffiti, vandalism and property crime (theft) detract from the neighborhood.
37. Smell of Purina and pollution-air, noise-mitigation needed.
38. Drainage improvements needed.
39. Particulate matter falls from I-70 viaduct into the school yard, and into residential properties.
40. Would like an annual community party or culturally appropriate fiesta