

Week One Workshop Summary

Overview

The first Angelus Oaks Community Workshop for the San Bernardino Community Plans Continuum took place on September 14, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Angelus Oaks Fire and Rescue Co. 98 Station. The meeting consisted of an informational PowerPoint presentation by San Bernardino County Land Use Services (LUS) and Michael Baker International and several interactive exercises, including a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis, a Values and Aspirations discussion, and the drafting of preliminary goals and objectives. The SWOT and Values and Aspirations are presented as written by workshop attendees. Changes were made to remove specific names, titles or inappropriate comments or to simplify a comment.

SWOT Analysis

Strengths

- Small
- People are friendly
- Self-sufficient
- Beautiful location
- Isolated, quiet, small
- Help each other
- Great cohesiveness of community in emergency
- We are organized to handle disasters
- Attractive vacation spot for tourists
- Rural forested, quiet, water quality
- First responders
- Active volunteer fire department, disaster group and search + rescue
- We all care but we need to respect the speed limits and neighborly love
- Fire department
- Post office
- More relaxed atmosphere
- Close knit community
- Clean up process, dumpsters, hippies
- Tight need (“tight-knit”) community
- Love bears
- Secluded, quiet
- Not having any street lights
- Good neighbors
- Weather, environment
- Preservation of wildlife
- Bears
- Independent personalities
- No destination place
- Air quality
- Peace
- Privacy
- No developers
- All the residents own the water company, we are self sufficient
- History of the community
- Not over commercialized
- Older demographic
- Peace and quiet
- Hiking trails
- Nature
- A.O. community group and our new fire station
- Pacific Pines elder care facility
- Quiet
- Community pulling together
- AOCA—Angelus Oaks Community Association
- Community closeness
- People connected
- Quiet
- People in community
- Cool temperature
- Quiet
- Wilderness
- Sense of community
- Fire house
- Natural setting/environment
- Good snow removal
- Very little traffic
- Little crime
- Small community

Weaknesses

- Speed bump or speed limits in residential area
- Funding

- Bad roads, speeding on Route 38
- Road conditions, no paving in 20+ years!
- No store anymore ☹
- No store
- Added fire taxes
- People putting on chains in middle of the roads
- Communication with County
- Police
- Stranded
- We live in a wonderful place, lets treat it that way and treat our neighbors that way
- Road conditions
- Consistent (“inconsistent”) power
- Limited law enforcement
- Water
- No crosswalks
- Speed enforced would be nice on Hwy 38
- Huge snow berms left in driveways
- People forget to respect others
- No destination place
- Independent personalities
- Bears
- Marta Mt. Transport doesn’t (go) up Hwy 28, they travel up 138 and 18
- Better/more commercial business, i.e. stores
- Roads not maintained, surface
- Local business, need store
- Cross walks repainted on Hwy 38
- Need road signs, street signs
- Water without fluoride
- When will the streets be repaved
- Bear proof trash cans
- Need enforcement of trails – motorcycled
- Bear proof trashcans needed
- Junk in yards
- Part of the community fears change
- Slow traffic down
- Lack of business opportunities
- Lack of communications in regards to a continuous thread [sic], Facebook, web, mail, etc.
- Lack of public funding
- Poor roads
- Water storage
- Lack of street lighting
- Infrastructure
- No paramedic services
- Public restroom

- Road repair
- Cell service, internet service
- Lack of public parking
- Internet
- No public restrooms
- Roadway concerns
- Road county communication
- Road needs fixing
- Traffic in winter
- Traffic – snow chains
- Nature & trash
- Trash cans, bears
- Utilities, frontier internet
- No back up electric

Opportunities

- Tourists stopping at restaurants
- Tourism could have visitor center... activities or not
- A community store would be nice and maybe even funded by Angelus Oaks
- Supply store
- More green waste recycling
- Opportunity for recycling in Angelus Oaks
- We do have organizations in A.O. that folks can help A.O. survive [sic]
- Markets
- Need public restrooms
- SB County stay involved
- Recycling
- Recycling
- More mountain bike trails
- Wildlife
- Protect wildlife
- Bike shop for bikers
- Community garden/surplus
- Community groups
- Build more community spirit
- Cultivate a community that caters to the elderly
- Manage growth through the plan
- Gas station
- Need crosswalk at Mt. Home Creek Road and Manzanita
- Grocery store, general store with “all” services
- Public transportation
- Acquire lake and bordering property
- Elementary lunch or after school program
- Grocery store

- Store reopened
- Community center for children activities
- Community center @ commercial property
- Destination place for tourists, like conservancy program
- Public day park
- Ball field
- Increased public parking
- Roadside signage for local business
- Bed and breakfast hotel
- Monument sign
- Increased police presence
- Need cross walk
- Meals on wheels
- Additional signage for hiking trails
- Dog park
- School
- Community center
- Community services expansion
- Cleaner environment
- Breathe clean air
- To keep A.O. clean and wild
- Stronger fire department
- More firemen
- Fire services more \$

Threats

- Isolation in natural disasters/emergencies
- Fire
- Educating new comers to A.O. on how the system works
- No water
- Natural disasters (fire, land slide)
- Trash, graffiti from visitors
- 98 acres
- Berms put in front of driveways by snow plow
- No development
- Tourists
- No expansion

- Tourism
- Wildfire
- There are 2 large sections of land, concern Water? Traffic? [sic]
- Development with light pollution
- We need a good gas pump
- Isolation in case of road closure
- Amount traffic to/front parking area for hiking. Need better signs to parking
- Fire
- Trash cans along Hwy 38 during snow season... tourist(s) leave trash all over the highway
- Offers from the community to help us?
- Tourists on a day after snow, blocking my highway, dangerous
- Tourists – a 2016 incident, I want to be able to come home on the Hwy after a snow day
- Fire
- Fire
- Water shortage
- No public restrooms during snow season
- Evacuation rumors theories [sic]
- Water shortage
- Tourists
- Fire
- Over developed community
- Bear proof trashcans
- Not having input on our “plan”
- Bear proof trash cans
- Winter time – intrusion on our space
- Fires
- Fire threat – roads & county planners
- Fire, bears, coyotes
- Development
- Planning department
- Development
- Future change and uncertainty

Values and Aspirations

Values

- Live our lives as we please
- Environment
- Seclusion
- Small community
- Keep our small community
- Quietness & keeping it as a small community
- The seasons
- The wildlife
- The friends and neighbors
- Property values
- Furry friends first
- Post office
- Oaks restaurant
- Volunteer F.D.
- Disaster com. [sic]
- Backed by forest
- Hiking trails
- The trails
- Our fire station & volunteers
- Greyback disaster group
- Seclusion
- Secluded
- Wildlife
- Peace & quiet
- Great fire department
- Remain small and simple
- Wilderness, safety
- Safety
- Low crime
- Safety & keeping it safe
- Community members and people
- No crime
- Group people
- People friendly
- People
- Community unity
- Quiet & seclusion
- Peace and quiet
- Very low crime rate
- Value solitude
- Keep it quiet
- Rural
- Small community
- Families and friends
- Quiet

- Small community
- Fire station
- Quality of life for all
- Open forest, not a lot of development
- Greyback
- Peace
- Not crowded
- Neighbors
- Uniqueness
- Quietness
- Our on-call fire station (wish it were maintained 24/7)
- Lack of government intrusion

Aspirations

- Keep it small, no added taxes
- Crosswalks
- Keep it small
- Taller cell tower
- Need trash receptacles for visitors
- Bring back stores/shops
- Street improvements, speed limits, flashing lights (at) crosswalks
- Community cohesion
- Gasoline pumps functioning
- Trail signs
- No change
- Open gas pumps for campers
- Bear proof trashcans
- Better community maintenance: crosswalks, trees
- Community involvement
- County take \$\$ responsibility for dead trees near for use
- Flashing lights as enter 35 miles zone
- High speed internet
- No more fees for useless action
- Less government interaction
- More secure water company, duplication/back up system [sic]
- Economy
- Small store
- I want a store
- Community center
- School
- Safety – very low crime and quicker response
- Modern infrastructure

- Modern Internet & cable
- A community that embraces our elderly community
- A model mountain community
- Communication devices
- Clean air, streets
- Public transportation on a mountain loop Mentone, Yucaipa, AP, FF, Big Bear and Back
- Public parking to accommodate 120 cars
- A community that courts eco-tourism
- Community center that educates the public about us

- Improved business environment
- New ownership of the commercial center so more businesses could afford to open
- An area for tourists to park, enjoy, go potty [sic], and play
- Support for community emergency service
- Meals on wheels
- Book mobile
- After school programs
- Tourist destination for hikers



Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Provide places for community cohesion and use.

- Community store.
- School/community center.

Goal 2: Promote a well-balanced community (age, gender, income, etc.).

- Trails & recreational.

Goal 3: Better services for tourists.

- Kiosk.
- Information center.
- Better signage.
- Restrooms.
- Fire education.

Goal 4: Improve communication.

- Internet access.
- Improve cell service.

Goal 5: Enhance enforcement.

- Traffic.
- Trespassing.
- Fire prevention.
- Discharge firearms.

Goal 6: Maintain ongoing community closeness and cooperation.

- Town hall meetings.
- More town events.

Goal 7: Fire readiness – proactive.

- Defensible around community.

Goal 8: Improve technology.

- Wireless.
- Internet.

Goal 9: Improve infrastructure with public funding.

- Street repair.
- Footbridge over 38.
- Parking lot.

Goal 10: Trash management.

- In town.
- On highway.

Goal 11: No stop lights, Cross walk on Hwy 38, Bike lane on Hwy 38.

- Secure \$5,000,000 in public funding for infrastructure.

Goal 12: FIOS or Land Line 100 mg Internet / Internet & cable, 6 mo.

- Support Internet services.



Goal 13: Recreational areas and facilities, trash, restrooms.

- County to provide \$1,500,000 for building a 120 parking (public) area for tourism on County land by the trails.
- County to install a monument sign on Hwy 38, cost \$10,000.
- Fund fire protection.

Goal 14: County help repealing state mandated fire tax.

Goal 15: Preserve right to use firewood for home heating.

Goal 16: Local recycle center.

Goal 17: Reduce traffic speeds on 38.

Goal 18: Traffic signal/crosswalks on 38.

Goal 19: Improve cell reception.

Goal 20: Improve first responders funding.

Goal 21: Vehicle services.

Goal 22: Local store.

Goal 23: Being a wildfire adapted community.

Goal 24: Keep wood for heating.

Goal 25: Conserve land for recreation.

Goal 26: Safe fire perimeter around town.

Goal 27: Streets repaved/paved.

Goal 28: Manage tourism.

OTHER OBJECTIVES

- County to request \$700K for the acquisition of the commercial property in town.
- Planning department to facilitate in-fill housing projects.
- County to allow roadside business signage for a small tax.
- County to secure a grant writer dedicated to our community only.
- County to invest \$400K for the development of the community center.
- No county planning involvement in development.
- All public projects to be completed by 2020.