

Week One Workshop Summary

Overview

The first Mt Baldy Community Workshop for the San Bernardino Community Plans Continuum took place on September 13, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Mt Baldy Village Church. 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

- Strong, engaged community
- Community closeness
- Community involvement in emergencies
- Local school
- Our school
- Access to forest and nature
- Self-reliant community
- Track and field team
- Proximity to major city
- Town hall
- Pancake breakfast
- County Services we get (i.e., Fire, Sheriff)
- Mt Baldy youth club
- Community club
- Run to the top
- Self-controlled water co.'s
- Church
- Forest service
- Beauty of the Forest
- Its beautiful clean air
- Bears
- People know each other
- People help each other
- Janice Rutherford's interest and help
- Small community
- Natural beauty
- Maintain environment and unique features
- Board of Supervisors SBC
- Church
- Mt Baldy all-volunteer fire department
- Community beauty and self-reliance

- District 1 Board Staff
- Generally close knit
- Lack of city problems
- People watch out for each other
- San Antonio Canyon Town Hall
- Clean air
- Small population
- Quiet, natural resources, riparian habitats
- Fire department
- School and its service to communities
- Great volunteer fire department
- Small
- Nature
- Town hall
- School
- Colleges bring classes up – geology, biology, astronomy

Weaknesses

- Brush clearance
- Communications
- Traffic (occasional)
- Community communications (i.e., school board)
- Fear of outsiders
- LA/San Bernardino cluster, disjointed service – EMS, etc.
- Fear of government
- Bears
- Overuse of trails, natural creek, degrading environment
- Lack of clear responsibility for police response

- Noise of traffic, racers, air pollution, motorcycle riders, disturb peace
- Too many governing bodies, USFS, SBC, LAC
- Lack of services (medical, groceries, etc.) mean difficulty staying in community for some
- Isolation (emergency services)
- No cell tower
- Lack of protection
- No cell service causes people to die
- Poor roads
- Two counties
- Water system rather fragile
- No stack and pack housing
- Two counties, LA County less responses
- No hospital or clinic
- Traffic volume
- Weekends are already full and way too many of show weekends
- Water can be at crisis level
- US Forest Service lack of money
- Getting Internet service can be a challenge; Verizon's infrastructure was limited, and now Frontier
- Emergency law not knowing which county homes in [sic]
- Bicycle riders
- Limited road access
- Two counties
- Law enforcement/not enough at night/or weekends
- Speeding visitors

Opportunities

- Tourist sports venues
- Bike lanes
- Hiking trails
- Community meeting area
- Infrastructure (new water)
- Future job opportunity
- Forest service
- Community garden
- Dorothy Wisely Museum
- Unite Mt Baldy in one county (MOU)
- Cohesive 911 service (MOU)
- Entry station @ Shin Road to educate tourists
- LA & San Bernardino County cooperation

- More law enforcement
- Have a county wide vote on the plan because it is important
- Amgen bike race
- Next door to National Monument?
- Monument can bring in people to enhance tourism
- Grant for Baldy School
- Educate public on conservation/land use
- Various law enforcement agencies cooperation (LAC, SBC, CHP, Forest Service)
- Grants for Mt Baldy School
- School draws in down the hill families
- Be quicker to Glendora Ridge Road at times of fire danger
- New fire breaks
- Community Sheriffs
- CHP participation in controlling decibel levels & citing offenders

Threats

- Graffiti
- Street racing
- Gangs (outside)
- Illegal dumping
- Speeding through village
- Drug abuse
- Too much traffic on snow days/weekends
- Bears
- Forest Service
- Government (distrust)
- Department of Interior NPS
- Street racers
- Grants to help with new fire station
- Mt Baldy is not to be a monument
- Bears & deer deaths on the road
- Fire
- Rock/mud slides Mt Baldy road
- Fire
- Wildlife
- Fire
- Forest Fires
- Accidents on Mt Baldy Road
- Dumping
- Crime coming from down below with inadequate law enforcement
- No enforcement of noise level

- County government vs. City can be problem
- Wildfire threat
- Floods & mudslides, streambeds need to be cleaned out
- Drought
- Federal Government Law re: endangered species, EPA, national parks, monuments/to private property
- Introduction of Santa Ana Sucker Fish
- Monument increases restrictions
- Increased number of visitors
- Saturation of visitors
- Heavy tourism, accidents, litter
- Street racers on Mt Baldy road
- Speeding cars & motorcycles
- Accidents
- Flooding
- No code enforcement
- Divided County + other services causes health or safety problems
- Drought & lack of water
- Overuse of natural resources, trails, etc.
- Insufficient infrastructure for tourism present
- Forest service threats, no management, no follow through with fuel reduction program, no provision for forest users (trash, trails, traffic, permits)
- Monument not managed
- Drought, lacking water/heavy tourism/lack of local resources to take care of people

Values and Aspirations

Values

- Self-reliance
- Local school
- Environment
- No commercialization
- Creativity & implementation
- Local expertise
- Ski area and hiking outdoors
- LA County Road Department
- County services we get
- Church
- Sense of community

- Clean roads, water, no litter
- Snow

Aspirations

- Stronger chamber of commerce
- Safe environment for cyclists, bicycle lane
- Growth control
- Cohesive government services, San B. County, LA County
- Road safety
- Leverage local expertise



Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Aesthetics.

- Get control of rest area trash dumpsters.
- Graffiti abatement program.
- Litter pick up.

Goal 2: Infrastructure.

- Parking.
- Weed & brush abatement for roads.
- Storm drain under Glendora & Mt Baldy.
- Bicycle lanes.

Goal 3: Maintain the safety of the community & visitors.

- Install cell tower.
- Neighborhood watch (community to police ourselves).
- Increase police patrol.
- Control access during fire danger.
- Control crowds/visitors to a level that meets our infrastructure.

Goal 4: Preserve the small alpine community of the area character.

- Set some architectural design standards and/or review community (“committee”).
- Increase traffic monitoring and complete analysis.

Goal 5: Preserve the historical integrity of the community.

- Correctly fund D. Wisely Historical.
- Keep our post office.

Goal 6: Protect, preserve & defend the environment.

- Regulate use of trails/permit process.
- Monitor trash.
- Control graffiti.

Goal 7: Enhance communication and cooperation with USFS.

- Establish a liaison between county and FS for better communication with Mt Baldy.

Goal 8: Safety.

- Cell service improvements.
- 911 enhancements.
- Landmarks for I.D.’ing emergency access.
- Emergency callbox system.
- Hiker education programs (safety).
- Better trail signage (not on Baldy Road).
- Trail Maintenance program.

Goal 9: Business.

- Businesses working together, strong Chamber, limited business advertising.

Goal 10: Improve & maintain water ways for flood control/protection.

Goal 11: Save our school district.

