

Week One Workshop Summary

Overview

The first Oro Grande Community Workshop for the San Bernardino Community Plans Continuum took place on November 29th, 2016 from 6 – 8:30pm at Riverside Preparatory Elementary School Cafeteria. 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

- Quiet place to live
- Quiet place
- Quiet
- Historical significance
- Riverside Prep
- Local schools 1st through high school
- Cross-eyed Cow Pizza
- Antique shops
- Farms
- Location
- Gateway to Helendale
- Schools
- Community working together
- Historic
- Route 66 Historical significance
- Heritage
- Historical sites: cemetery, schools
- Businesses
- Auto stores
- Pizza best in town
- Business are coming back
- The shops downtown
- Cement plant (providing jobs)
- Agriculture (alfalfa)
- Friendly folks
- Small town charm
- Post office
- Bus service

- Transportation
- We have a post office
- Two churches
- School for elementary, middle and high school
- We have a church, two.
- Roy Rogers Ranch
- EMU & Ostrich Farm
- Historical cemetery
- Ostrich Farm
- Historic Iron Hog Saloon
- Tourism
- Route 66
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- Almost a park
- Uncle Paul's Apple Farm
- Mojave River
- Scout troops
- Neighborliness
- Churches
- School
- Post office

Weaknesses

- Need another park to replace Rainbow Park, which is now a school
- Needs more restaurants
- Need gas station
- Traffic flow in heart of Oro Grande

- Mill Street past Riverside Prep H.S. needs 35 mph speed limits
- Safety on 66
- Speed on 66
- Parking on 66
- Urgent – Need a traffic signal to get onto 66 safely
- Do not need greedy developers
- Access to shops for the community across tracks
- Now we like to change speed limit to 25 from bridge to bridge
- Parking for historical and shopping areas
- No sidewalks
- Slow law enforcement response
- No gas station
- Community center not active anymore
- No organized activities for the youth
- No fire department or fire department resources
- Lack of Sheriff presence
- Traffic moves too fast
- Lack of streetlights on north end of town
- Speed limit too high
- No welcome to Oro Grande sign
- Sweep south side of railroad
- Clean our town, we have trash all over
- Roads & alleys in need of repair
- Water not safe to drink
- Bad roads
- Infrastructure failing
- No fire station or police station
- Our park is incomplete, no restroom
- Price of water meter and sewer
- No fire department
- P.O. has no mailbox
- Have not spent grant money at park – cementer security at community center
- Low budget CSA \$4,000
- No meeting place
- Two Bryman roads off Route 66 (Horseshoe Road)
- Need streetlights in alleys
- No fire station

- Vandalizing the town
- No neighborhood watch
- No neighborhood watch
- Price of water
- Polluted water
- Lack of services for homeless
- Streets need to be fixed. There's lots of bumps and cracks.

Opportunities

- Bigger park
- Swimming pool public
- Community building back up and running
- Bingo, plays, etc. at community center for us old folks
- Branch banking
- Grocery store
- Crosswalk
- Caution light
- Slow down traffic
- Parking
- Community website
- Youth activities
- Own CSD
- Water contract needs renegotiation
- Make affordable for trash, water, sewer
- Make our streets safer and the Highway Route 66
- Attract new businesses
- Light up the baseball field – rent it out
- Tourist trade
- Cheap real estate
- Route 66
- More newspaper items on Oro Grande, more information on what's going on
- Internet access for all
- Need yard sales
- Stores
- Job's
- Make tourism work for the community
- Community center, fix up again
- Bridge to cross the train tracks
- More housing
- Lighting over bridge, improve bridge

- Need a bridge over the train tracks
- Make Oro Grande clean, streets clean
- More security police patrol
- Trash day for community pickup
- More streetlights
- Need streetlights community (park) center
- Recreation for children and senior citizens
- Counseling for the teenagers who are on drugs or having hard life
- Build a cafeteria for 3-5 grade so they can be inside while eating
- New toys and playground for kids

- Fast traffic
- Drugs
- Tear down the building and the park, and replace with a new building
- Tearing down community center
- CSD
- Too much conservancy land
- Annexation
- Streets!! Fill in some holes
- Local thugs
- Cement factory (danger)
- Adelanto annexation
- Community watch
- Train crossing for kids crossing to go to school
- Trains all night
- Homeless, squatters
- Too much graffiti (park)

Threats

- Traffic on 66
- Safety concerns on 66
- Criminal activity
- Riff raff
- Need police patrols for gang prevention
- Threat of 4 lanes on Route 66
- Dust from the cement factory

Values and Aspirations

Values

- Small town values
- Cross-eyed Cow
- Historical significance
- Historical values
- Environmental values
- Location
- History
- Route 66 significance
- Maintaining old west attitude
- Downtown area is quaint
- The history are small town
- It's still in its beginning
- Our schools
- Our community churches, they're friendly and safe
- We value the Oro Grande School District has jobs for our community
- Community spirit
- Family-oriented
- Strong family connection
- Feels like home
- We value the school is close to home
- Elders
- Peaceful that our children can be outside
- Not too much crime. Very peaceful except for a few homeless
- Not too much crime happening
- See stars

Aspirations

- Our own solar and wind, disconnect from the grid
- Polish Lane – Walten Road traffic safety under control
- Fire station
- Increase authorized police
- Fostering an attitude of community pride never forgetting the place Oro Grande has in Route 66 history (schools, etc.)
- Affordable water bill
- Affordable living

- Roads repair
- To see the take care the trash/clean
- Nicer roads and parking
- Incorporated
- Booming historical downtown
- Grocery store
- No homeless shelters
- Getting cheaper power from local solar plants
- Wind turbines for electrical power
- Senior citizen place
- Community center
- We can see stars
- Seclusion
- Places for horses
- I like to see more houses look better with plants, flowers, and grass
- Oro Grande days
- Memorial Day service at the cemetery
- Christmas
- Movie locations
- The Oro Grande of the 50's and 60's
- Great Post Office and clerk
- Affordable housing
- We know who all our "bad" Cities are
- Great schools
- Cross-eyed cow
- A bigger budget
- Lower water bill and CSA services
- Stop letting the free flow from cement company through our sewer meter
- Gateway
- No railroad horns at night
- Pedestrian walk over railroad tracks
- Swimming pool
- Real park
- Don't give me tickets for riding off road vehicles
- Water quality
- Safety
- Has Fire department
- My community is beautiful

- Nicer streets
- My community is comfortable
- Clean
- Care about properties
- Has jobs

- I value my next door neighbor Patty, she's quiet
- Has use of community center
- Access services
- Food bank for homeless
- Mobile clinic



Goals and Objectives

Goal: Increased traffic, transportation and pedestrian safety in Oro Grande

- 35 mph between Polish Land and Walton Road
- Angled parking for businesses along Route 66 (+ maintenance, pavement)
- Traffic signal on Route 66 and Walton Road
- Reduced traffic sign before entering Oro Grande
- Welcome to Oro Grande gateway sign to also slow traffic

Goal: Improved circulation/transportation during school pickup and drop off

- Utilize existing school parking lot and other space to prevent stacking on First Street

Goal: Increased presence of County police and fire staff in Oro Grande

- Reduce nuisance parking and enforce parking violations
- Increased police patrols, visibility, making their presence known

Goal: Make streets safer

- Road maintenance/repair
- Reduce speed limit
- Enforce speed limit
- Reduce speed sign
- Railroad crossing for pedestrians
- Parking on both sides of street
- Caution lights
- Welcome sign
- Street lights
- Neighborhood watch
- Repair the bridge

Goal: Repair/Rebuild/Re-open Community Center and Baseball field

- Secure grant
- Community volunteers
- Donations/sponsorships
- Add lighting, bleachers
- Promote historical education and information

Goal: Improve utility access and local services

- Work with CSA-44/County to reduce administration fees
- Increase WiFi/internet providers
- Increase Sheriff presence
- Street sweep Main Street
- Recruit gasoline service station
- Code enforcement

Goal: Cleanup properties (code enforcement)

- Signs
- Cleanup days/dumpster



Goal: Access of Health/Senior/Immigration services

- ARMC health mobile
- Translation services
- Assistance with paperwork
- ½ community Hispanic and Spanish speaking
- Meals on wheels
- ADA bus
- Better location for information (community doesn't read newspaper, get most at P.O.)

Goal: Oro Grande is safe, free from crime and vandalism and safe to work outside

- Neighborhood watch
- Street lights
- Citizens patrol
- School crossing guards
- More frequent police patrol
- Community talks and connections

Goal: Pride in a community identity for Oro Grande

- More community activities to bring families together
- Community cleanup of vacant properties
- Large item and trash pickup
- Sign/gateway for the community

Goal: Water is clean and affordable

- Test water
- Adhere to water regulations – Area 42

Goal: Community is connected and engaged

- Activities for youth and seniors
- Volunteer activities
- Community center is clean and fixed

Goal: DA Investigate water issues (CSA 42) (e.g., billing, water meters, continued fees, use of \$, etc.

Goal: Cement Plant Pays Tax Bills to Oro Grande not Victorville