

Departmental Assessments & Actions Report

Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP): Project #2 (Agnes/Port/IH-37/Crosstown)

Department	Assessment	Actions Taken	Future Actions
<p style="text-align: center;">Police Directed Patrol</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 areas/properties in need of increased surveillance <p><u>Prior Criminal Activity in 2003:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 93 arrests for simple assault • 89 arrests for drunkenness • 85 arrests for theft • 51 arrests for drug abuse violations • 44 arrests for burglary • 42 arrests for aggravated assault • 40 arrests for vandalism/criminal mischief • 40 instances of graffiti • 24 arrests for runaways • 20 arrests for criminal trespassing • 18 arrests for vehicle theft • 15 arrests for miscellaneous misdemeanors • 15 arrests for harassment • 13 arrests for weapons violations • 12 arrests for resisting arrest • 12 arrests for terrorist threats • 9 arrests for robbery • 8 arrests for failure to ID • 7 arrests for disorderly conduct • 7 arrests for liquor law violations • 7 arrests for offenses against the family & children • 6 arrests for arson • 6 arrests for driving under the influence • 6 arrests for prostitution & commercialized vice • 4 arrests for sexual assault • 3 arrests for fraud • 3 arrests for sexual offenses • 2 arrests for forgery & counterfeiting • 2 arrests for parole & probation violations • 1 arrest for false imprisonment • 1 arrest for miscellaneous felonies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced directed patrol using vehicles, bikes, and mopeds during nights & weekends. • Registered over 100 kids for PAL baseball league at Ben Garza Park. • Conducted resident crime prevention surveys • Provided auto theft information • Enacted call-down to residents to bolster attendance at neighborhood meetings • Neighborhood citizens have come to the Mobile Unit & have begun a dialogue with Police regarding gangs and drug distribution near Lotus, Caldwell & 19th Street <p>Responded to resident's calls and reports regarding drug dealing which has led to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arrests • 3 evictions, with 4 pending • 1 board-up, with 3 pending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued enhanced patrols • Working with residents for enhanced neighborhood involvement. • Possible demolitions (burned out structures) scheduled by volunteer police groups.

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Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21,860' of missing sidewalk/curb & gutter. • 3800' of missing sidewalk. • 3760' of existing 4' sidewalk needs to be removed & replaced • 62 new ADA ramps • 45 non ADA ramps are still in good condition • 31 of existing sidewalks conflict with driveways as per ADA specifications. • 15 vision, sidewalk and street obstructions identified. • 4 areas requesting speed humps • Cost of upgrades to meet ADA standards estimated at \$1,694,850. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 vision, sidewalk and street obstruction cases resolved. • 1 street hump constructed on Howard between 19th and Chico. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development Block Grant programs for sidewalk repairs and replacements to be proposed in April 2004.
Environmental Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing area for future and continuing sustainability efforts • <u>Residential Recycling Survey found that:</u> • 16 out of 25 households recycle. • This same survey revealed that out of the 9 households that do not recycle, 5 would indeed consider doing so while 4 would not. • Out of the same 9 households, 6 said that they think recycling is the right thing to do while only 2 said they did not think it was the right thing to do. 1 household was undecided. • The surveyed reasons for not recycling varied from, "It's not important" to "The days [for pick up] are hard to remember" to "[We] do not have [a] recycling bin." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting neighborhood phone surveys about recycling • Assisting in situations requiring bilingual communication • Alerting neighborhood via the telephone about NIP activities • Contracted with Beautify Corpus Christi Association (BCCA) to carry out sustainability tasks in the NIP communities following the operational phase is completed. • Working with Solid Waste and Parks & Rec. in developing plans/concepts in furthering sustainability in the NIP designated communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination has been planned to carry out inlet stenciling project that will warn people not to dump into storm drains. These activities should occur during late spring or summer.

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Fire	(No assessment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted demonstration on fire safety to 150 kids • Provided 40 free smoke detectors to residents • Distributed 60 information packets on fire safety • Cleaned up and painted 20 fire hydrants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued upkeep of fire hydrants • Fire Prevention activities with Sustainability Activities
Health Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 areas identified to have loose/stray animals • 5 properties identified for animal neglect • 4 properties have too many animals (more than 6). • The living condition of most animals was found to be moderate. Although they had food and water, many were kept on chains and their shelter was not completely adequate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 stray dogs have been captured. • 5 citations have been issued (i.e., Failure to restrain. No city license, No rabies license. • Although an attempt was made to coordinate a rabies clinic, a veterinarian was unavailable for project 2. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue animal sweeps • Re-schedule rabies clinic for neighborhood at low to no cost.
Neighborhood Services (Zoning & Code Enforcement)	<p>Out of an estimated 395 households in project area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 101 areas/properties overgrown with grass, weeds & vegetation. • 61 abandoned vehicles/trailers parked in residential areas • 57 properties littered with discarded household furnishings & appliances • 25 abandoned buildings identified • 14 sub-standard structures identified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 properties have been mowed and cleaned • Distributed 5,500 pieces of news regarding NIP activities & meeting information • The appropriate city departments are contacting non-compliant property owners through the mail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up inspections begin the second week of February 2004. • Code citations & Junk Car notices will be issued beginning March 1, 2004. • Scheduling of Demolition for burned out structures in March & April 2004
Parks & Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition of derelict spray pool at Ben Garza Park needed • Replacement of swing-set needed. • Replacement of park signage needed. • A commemorative NIP sign needed for the tree planting ceremony at project's end. • 7 instances of graffiti in Wilmot Park • 4 instances of graffiti in Ben Garza Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The derelict spray pool has been demolished & replaced with clean soil. • New park signs have been installed. • A commemorative NIP sign will be installed immediately before the tree planting ceremony on February 18, 2004. • Despite efforts by vandals to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$35,000 in CDBG funds are currently being requested for updating the Site Master Plan for the Ben Garza-Wilmot Parks to consider redeveloping the parks as a "Super Neighborhood Park" under the new City-wide master plan for parks. Under the new plan, future facilities

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Solid Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 131 areas/properties were found to contain trash &/or debris. 	<p>Out of 155.5 tons collected thus far</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 142.68 tons were trash and debris • 6.79 tons were tires • 6.03 tons were concrete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter will be mailed to all residents on Brennan Street informing them not to dump there. • Scheduling of Litter Critter Brush Trucks for Neighborhood Clean Ups. • Automated Trash Collection scheduled to begin in June or July 2004.

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Storm Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirt/mud accumulating in curb & gutter area • No significant damages to drainage structures • No significant settling of curb & gutter area • Little or no standing water in curb & gutter • Weed & grass growing in curb & gutter some areas • Coke & Leopard flood occasionally during non-typical rain events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 117 inlets cleaned. • 9.4 tons of debris removed from inlets. • 2 displaced inlet covers reset • Cleaned the salt-flat ditch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct periodic inspections of drainage system • Inlet stenciling project that will warn people not to dump into storm drains. These activities should occur during late spring or summer.
Streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 155 existing HPS street lights • 112 potholes &/or base failures • 89 street name blades need replacement • 51 sign poles need replacement • 35 'stop' signs need replacement • 31 'one way' signs need replacement • 24 areas requiring level up &/or chip seal &/or rework • 17 new 16KL HPS St. light 6' arm on existing utility poles • 13 other signs need replacement • 10 mercury vapor lights that need to be converted to 27.5KL HPS light fixtures. • 9 4' arms need to be converted to 14' arms • 8 existing sign poles need leveling • 2 new 27.5KL HPS St. light 14' arm on existing utility poles • 7 new 27.5KL HPS St. light 6' arm on existing utility poles. • 7 new 10KL HPS St. light 4' arm on existing utility poles • 7 'speed limit' signs need replacement • 5 existing lights need to be removed • 5 existing lights need to be relocated • 5 'rail road warning' signs need replacement • 4 'yield' signs need replacement • 3 'no parking' signs need replacement • 3 'no dumping allowed' signs in need of installment • 2 existing sign poles & signs need removal • 1 new 16KL HPS St. light 6' arm on a new wood utility pole 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street repairs made to both Howard & Nineteenth Streets. • A street lighting improvement plan has been submitted to AEP for a cost estimate. (approximately \$3500) • 9 new 250 watt lights have been installed • 9 4' arms converted to 14' arms • 5 existing lights have been relocated • 32 pot holes filled • 18 new 150 watt lights have been installed • 10 mercury vapor lights converted to 27.5KL HPS light fixtures. • 1 light has been repaired • 62 out 190 signs designated for replacement/installation are complete. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing 29 new street lights • 10 street light conversions from MV to HPS fixtures • 6 upgrades from 100 watt fixtures to 150 watt fixtures • 6 relocates, on the 2000/2300 blocks of Howard Street • Continued Street Repairs in the area of Caldwell, Lotus, Luna, Spruce and Mussettt

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Waste Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current sewage line servicing Cleveland Street forces sewage to run uphill (against gravity) in order to reach main line, creating frequent back ups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Water investigating Cleveland Street Concern 	
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire hydrant protection is to code • Sizes of water mains are sufficient • Caldwell Water Storage Tank of 1923 vintage needs to be put out of service and removed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water line construction on Musset is nearing completion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Caldwell Water Storage Tank has been scheduled to be put out of service and removed once the new water line construction is completed.