

DOUGLASS COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Douglass Community, one of Plano’s oldest neighborhoods, is characterized by strong family connections and a rich African American culture. The residents of the Douglass Community have set the following standards for their neighborhood:

A community where neighbors sit on their front porches and wave to their friends, exchange news and lend a helping hand when needed.

Since November, 2001 Neighborhood Planners have been working with the residents of the Douglass Community to ascertain how the City can best meet the needs of the neighborhood.

Through the use of traditional methods, such as surveys and neighborhood meetings, and non-traditional methods, such as in-home visits, Planners have gathered information on the residents’ hopes and concerns for their community. The following table outlines the residents’ major concerns:

CONCERN	SOLUTION
Transportation/Circulation	Improve neighborhood circulation
Alleys	Resolve alley issues
Speeding	Increased police surveillance, safe streets program
Parks & recreation	Find location and design a new park
Neighborhood policing	Increase police presence in neighborhood

The result of the information gathering process of the past eight months is the Neighborhood Action Plan. The goal of the Neighborhood Action Plan is to guide future development, while addressing neighborhood concerns; protect the existing neighborhood residents and businesses and to provide opportunities to improve the quality of life for everyone in the neighborhood.

Neighborhood purpose and outcome expectations:

1. Create and preserve physical features that reinforce neighborhood’s cultural identity and history.
2. Improve traffic and pedestrian/bicycle safety on Neighborhood streets.
3. Address issues of Alley Abandonment.
4. Reduce speeding in neighborhood.
5. Design new Park for outdoor activities, such as picnics and small-scale sports.
6. Reduce crime and violence in neighborhood by increasing programs, such as crime watch, neighborhood watch and youth involvement programs.

Plan Outline

1. Executive Summary
2. History & Background
3. Action Plan Overview
4. Budget and Funding

Demographics

Housing

Housing Units	154
Occupied	143 (92%)
Vacant	11 (7%)
Owner Occupied	69 (48%)
Renter Occupied	74 (52%)

Ethnicity

African American	304 (72%)
Hispanic	87 (20%)
White	29 (8%)

INTRODUCTION

HISTORY & BACKGROUND OF THE DOUGLASS COMMUNITY

In 1847, Joseph Klepper and his family settled in Peters Colony (now Plano) and established a 640+ head right that included what is now known as the Douglass Community. The Douglass Community is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Plano. In 1874 the Kleppers deeded the land in the 1100 block of H Avenue (at that time known as Harrel Avenue) to the Methodist Church. They also gave and sold the adjacent land for cemetery plots. The church moved from the area in 1894, but the cemetery continued to be used and is now known as the Old City Cemetery. After the Methodist Church moved, the area began to transform from an Anglo to a primarily African American community.

In 1884, the Shiloh Baptist Church was founded on the east side of I Avenue, south of 14th Street and construction was completed in 1908. The church was rebuilt to accommodate increasing parishioner attendance in 1918 and again in March, 1964 on its original site at 1310 I Avenue. In March 2001, a new Shiloh Baptist Church was built at 903 14th Street, across from the original site. Parishioners attended the first service in the new church on June 3, 2001.

According to oral and written record, the Thornton House was built in the Douglass Community around 1900 on land originally owned by Emily Elizabeth Aston, a white Virginia land owner. John Thornton, a sharecropper and Douglass land owner, bought the homestead in 1909, and the house stayed in the family for roughly 80 years before being sold in the early 1980s as part of an estate dispute, according to county records and area historians. The historic Thornton House, saved by preservationists, will be relocated off the 12th street circle near the DART wall is slated to be an African-American museum and cultural center.

The 1890 Sanborn Fire Insurance map identified five structures in Douglass as being “Negro tenants”. In 1896, a segregated school for African Americans was located at 1111 H Avenue. In the 1950’s both the Douglass Elementary School and the Plano Colored School (high school) were constructed. In 1962 the school was renamed the Douglass High School after the famous 19th Century abolitionist, Frederick Douglass.

In 1965 the high school left the Douglass campus and moved to Cox High School. The Douglass Elementary remained until 1968 when Plano became desegregated. Since that time the neighborhood has been known as the Douglass Community, even though residents still refer to it as “across the tracks”. This appellation came about as a result of the geographic location of the community. The Douglass Community is bounded by 14th Street on the north, the Southern Pacific Railroad on the east, the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad on the south and the lots on the west side of F Avenue on the west. The area is zoned residential, but is surrounded by commercial land uses.

While there have been businesses in the area, the Douglass Community has remained predominantly residential in character. Historically, a variety of businesses operated in the Douglass Community from the 1920’s to the 1950’s, including several restaurants, a candy shop, a barber shop, a beauty parlor, a gas station, some night clubs and gambling houses. Most businesses are no longer in operation and today only a furniture refinishing business remains.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

METHODOLOGY & PROCESS

A Neighborhood Action Plan is a set of recommendations, based on specific data collection, for improving a given area of a city. Neighborhood planning gives citizens an opportunity to shape the type of neighborhood they would like to live in and to improve their overall quality of life. The ultimate goal of neighborhood planning is to promote mutual responsibility and joint problem solving.

Neighborhood planning can improve the City's coordination of services to a neighborhood by bringing attention and problem-solving resources to a neighborhood. Another result of the Neighborhood planning process is the strong sense of community which develops after members of the team have worked closely together to prepare the Neighborhood Action Plan. This stronger sense of community leads to increased pride in the neighborhood, cooperation between neighbors, reduction in neighbor disputes, and a feeling of empowerment for neighborhood residents.

The Neighborhood Planners worked with Douglass residents to develop an inventory of community assets and needs through the administration of a neighborhood survey and door to door visits. Results of the survey, coupled with results of an exercise identifying neighborhood strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT), provided an inventory of needs and concerns in the neighborhood. This inventory is being used as a basis for long term neighborhood goals. The goals have been prioritized according to urgency of need in the Douglass Community.

As goals were identified, the appropriate City Department was contacted and given an opportunity to comment on the cost and feasibility of each item. Several issues of concern to the Douglass residents have

already been resolved and are listed throughout this plan.

The Douglass Community Neighborhood Action Plan will be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. Although not all recommendations adopted as part of the Plan may be feasible, all will be given serious consideration and every effort will be made to implement them.

IMPLEMENTATION

Responsibility for implementation of the Neighborhood Action Plan will ultimately rest with the Neighborhood Planning Team working with the appropriate City Departments. The Neighborhood Planning Team will report back to the City Council on the progress of the Plan Implementation.

At the present time, several goals have already been implemented. These include: the maintenance of the Davis Cemetery, which the City took over in May, 2002 and the removal of dead trees which posed a safety hazard in the neighborhood.

ACTION PLAN OVERVIEW

Preservation of the Douglass Community as a residential area will depend on successfully addressing several major issues. The Douglass Community has approximately 156 dwelling units. The Douglass Community can be preserved and revitalized through a Neighborhood Action Plan which will consist of the following components:

1. Transportation/circulation (includes streets and sidewalks)
2. Alleys (the possibility of paving them or having the City abandon them and returning the land to the residents)
3. Speeding in several locations, most conspicuously on F avenue between 13th and 12th Streets

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4. A small Park (non-sports area for mothers to relax and children to play)
5. Increased Police presence in neighborhood

These components are based on survey results obtained from the Douglass Community residents in June 2002.

LAND USE

The Douglass area has always been maintained as a residential area. When the official zoning map was adopted in 1956, the property was zoned General Residential, as it is today. The residents of the area have always considered this area as residential, and have tried to protect it from commercial encroachments.

The City Council has upheld the resident's desire to remain a residential community. In every instance, the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council have denied any request for commercial or industrial re-zoning in the Douglass Community.

In all cases, the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council stated the reasons for denial were concern over encroachments of commercial zoning into a residential neighborhood. The Commission and Council were concerned that approval of any commercial zoning in this area would set a precedent for further encroachments.

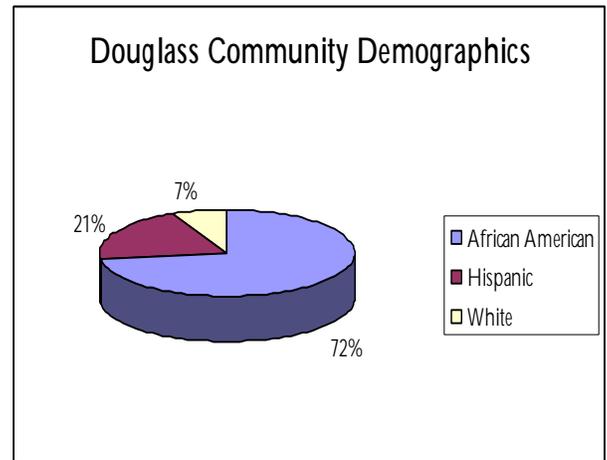
The Douglass Community has two cemeteries, Old City Cemetery and Davis Cemetery. Both cemeteries are historic and the City has maintained Old City Cemetery for decades. Since May 2002, both are being maintained by the City of Plano.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The population in the Douglass Community is composed primarily of African American families interspersed with a few Hispanic and White families.

The demographic breakdown of the

Douglass Community is shown in the chart below:



African American	304
Hispanic	87
White	29

TRANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION

SIDEWALKS

The need for sidewalks is a pressing issue in the Douglass Community. Safe circulation is needed for a community where the residents still walk from home to church and back. According to the survey, 40 percent of Douglass residents travel through the community by walking from home to their destination and back. An additional 52 percent walk for fun or exercise. Furthermore, 50 percent feel there are traffic/transportation problems in the neighborhood, this primarily being the lack of sidewalks.

Most residents were comfortable walking through the neighborhood in the day time, but were nervous about safety issues at night. Residents cited lighting and sidewalks as the two items that would improve their comfort level at night.

After several meetings between Douglass Community residents and City staff, it was agreed by both parties that sidewalks should be built first along F Avenue, which has the

highest volume of traffic in the community. Since the City intends to build the sidewalks within the street right of way the implementation phase can begin without excessive disruption to residents. The City does not need to acquire a sidewalk easement from residents for the F Avenue sidewalk project. Funding has been set aside for this project which is slated to begin early in 2003.

STREETS

Another resident concern is street conditions. The streets in the Douglass Community were all replaced and/or improved in the late eighties and nineties and are in relatively good condition. However, there were a few problems with normal wear and tear, such as potholes, and these were reported to the City. The potholes have since been filled.

ALLEYS

There are two partial alleys in existence which need improvement. The first alley is located between 10th and 12th streets and F and G Avenues. The second alley is located between 12th and 13th streets and G and H Avenues.

The residents have determined that they prefer the alleys to be abandoned. Each resident whose property backs up to the alley is being contacted to obtain 100 percent agreement on the petition for abandonment.

Once this process is complete the petition will be submitted for approval and the land will revert back to the Douglass residents.

DART

The DART NC-5 Rail Line and stations are at least 85% completed in Plano, and December 9th is the opening date. The vast majority of DART construction (rail, overhead wires, stations, utility control, bungalows, etc.) can be seen in place.

The three Plano DART stations include Parker Road Station (1000-plus parking), downtown Plano (15th street "Destination" station with little parking), and 190 Station, which has parking under the main lanes of George Bush Tollway (400-plus spaces) and is shared with the City of Richardson.

The DART design includes a retaining wall at 12th street which is committed to have a tile-art wall as soon as Douglass Community resources allow. Also in place is select landscaping in designated areas along the rail as allowed by DART policy, including in the Douglass Community. The 12th street circle includes newly planted Magnolia trees and other plantings.

In conjunction with the DART Plan, the City's bike plan anticipates a hike-bike trail running north-south between the three DART stations. Part of the alignment may pass through the Douglass community. The actual alignment of the facility is to be determined through a City-sponsored planning effort that will begin in the 2002-2003 Fiscal Year. Ultimate construction of the facility will be supported by North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

SPEEDING

Since the speeding problem was first brought to the City's attention in August, 2002, there have been several immediate responses. Speed controls have been put into place, including speed trailers and a police officer driving through the neighborhood on a regular basis, especially during peak traffic hours.

The residents have also been introduced to the Safe-Streets program and are working with City engineers to sign up for the program. Other City engineers are looking into vertical signage to discourage speeding along F Avenue between 13th and 12th streets. Once the new sidewalks are built along F Avenue, the speeding problem should be reduced because the road will be

narrower. However, the police will continue to monitor the area for violators.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Douglass Community residents, while satisfied with the Community Center, would like a small park where they can have picnics and where children can play safely without fear of speeding automobiles. Survey results indicate that 40 percent of residents visit a park daily. Additionally, 40 percent feel that parks in their area do not meet their needs.

Residents and Staff are still discussing park options and locations and have narrowed the decision to the 12th street circle where the DART wall is located. This area already has a park-like feel with its Magnolia trees and is the future site of the Thornton House Museum.

NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING

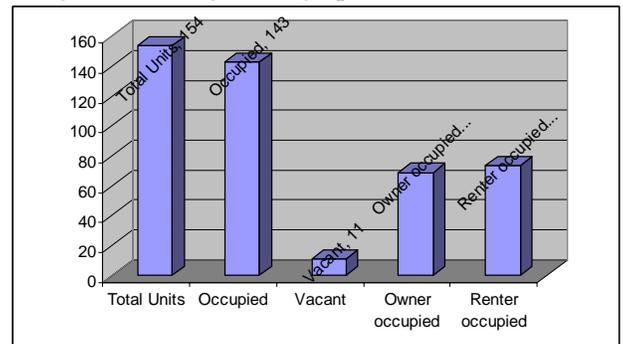
Survey results indicate that 90 percent of residents are concerned about drugs in their community. The Plano Police Department concluded a three-year sting operation in the Douglass Community in June, 2002. Several arrests were made and neighborhood residents expressed relief that police had actively been pursuing drug traffickers.

Due to citizen concern, there has been an increase in Police visibility in the Douglass area. The community has one regularly assigned Neighborhood Police Officer who patrols the community frequently. There is also an officer assigned to the Douglass Community Center during the evening hours. Additionally, police are monitoring the area for traffic violations, as mentioned above.

HOUSING

There are a total of 154 housing units in the Douglass Community. Since 1989, approximately 85 homes have received \$2,194,000 in assistance from the City, either in the form of housing rehabilitation or new construction. This averages to approximately \$25,000 (per home) in assistance from the City.

Douglass Housing Demographics:



The following pictures are examples of some of the rehabilitation and new construction which has been completed in the Douglass Community in the past decade.

**DOUGLASS COMMUNITY
SURVEY
&
SURVEY RESULTS**

Why are we doing this survey?

The City of Plano and members of the Douglass Community are in the process of writing a neighborhood plan for your community. This survey is one way you can tell the City of Plano what you think are the best aspects of your neighborhood and what needs work.

1. How do you and your family members travel to work, school, and other places within your neighborhood? (check all that apply)

- Automobile Bicycle
Other
Bus/mass transit Walking

2. On an average day, how long is your commute to work (one way)?

_____ Minutes

3. In a typical month, how often do you:

Ride a DART bus?

- Never Once or twice A few times (3-4) Often (5+)

Ride your bike for fun or exercise?

- Never Once or twice A few times (3-4) Often (5+)

Ride your bike to get to work or run an errand?

- Never Once or twice A few times (3-4) Often (5+)

Take a walk for fun or exercise in the neighborhood?

- Never Once or twice A few times (3-4) Often (5+)

Walk to do an errand?

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statements?

- Never Once or twice A few times (3-4) Often (5+)

Are there any transportation or traffic problems in your neighborhood that you think need more attention? Please describe.

5. Do you feel comfortable walking/cycling in your neighborhood?

During the day: Yes No **At night:** Yes No

6. Would any of the following increase your desire to walk/cycle in your neighborhood? Please check all that apply.

- Improved lighting Pedestrian and bicycle pathways Speed bumps
Sidewalks Pedestrian crosswalks

7. Is there a need to slow traffic on local streets in your neighborhood for pedestrian safety? If yes, please name the streets where this is a problem.

- Yes
 No

Do vehicles parked on the street in front of homes cause a problem on your block? If yes, please describe the problem.

- Yes
 No

9. Do the parks in your area meet your recreational needs? If no, how could your needs be better met?

- Yes
 No

10. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following

A. It is convenient for me to get around by DART.

- strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree

B. Crime is a serious problem in my neighborhood.

- strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree

C. The Neighborhood Police Officer has been an asset to our neighborhood.

- strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree

D. The City is responsive to our needs as a neighborhood.

- strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree

E. Overall, my neighborhood is clean.

- strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree

F. Streets in my neighborhood are in good condition.

- strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree

11. Do parks in your area meet your recreational needs? If no, how could your needs be better met?

12. On average, how often do you or someone who lives with you visit a City park or recreation area near your neighborhood?

- Daily A few times a year
Weekly Never
Once a month Other

13. Where do you think would be a good place for a park?

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14. What do you like best about your neighborhood?

landscape services and manufacturing are prohibited in residential areas. Have you noticed any of these businesses being operated out of people’s houses in your neighborhood? If yes, what have you noticed about these businesses?

15. What improvement would you most like to see in your neighborhood or on your street?

No problem
Extra eyes on the street in the daytime
Increased traffic
Parking problems
Vehicles stored on site
Equipment stored on site
Other _____

16. Would you like to see new businesses around the neighborhood? If yes, what kinds of businesses would you most like to see near the neighborhood?

18. If a large vacant lot near your home were going to be developed, what would you want to see placed there?

17. In Plano, some home occupations, such as contract construction, auto repair, es
Library Other

Park Single Family Homes
Don’t Know
Townhouses Apartments
Neighborhood Oriented Business

19. What kinds of new housing would you most like to see built in your neighborhood?

None
Affordable housing, but not in large projects
Single-family houses
Townhouses/ Condominiums
Apartments
Garage Apartments
Homes designated for the elderly
Other _____

20. Do you know of vacant or abandoned land in your neighborhood that needs to be better maintained?

21. Are there land use activities in you neighborhood that do not fit with the surroundings? For

example, an auto body shop surrounded by single family homes may not be an acceptable use in a residential neighborhood.

Yes No

22. What improvement would you most like to see in your neighborhood or on your street?

23. Do you think that for the size of your neighborhood

There are too many people
Just the right amount of people
Not enough people

24. Is environmental pollution a problem in your neighborhood? If yes, please describe the problem.

Yes No

25. In your neighborhood, what types of crimes concern you the most?

Burglary/ Robbery Juvenile Crimes
Auto Theft Rape
Drugs Prostitution
Vandalism Other

26. How long have you lived in this neighborhood?

Less than one year
One to five years
Six to ten years
More than 10 years
Don't know

27. What is your present housing situation?

Own
Rent

28. What is your ethnic background?

Anglo Asian American
 Hispanic American Indian
 African American Other

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Please indicate the number of people, in each category living in your household:

Under 18 _____	45 to 49 _____
19 to 24 _____	50 to 54 _____
25 to 29 _____	55 to 59 _____
30 to 34 _____	60 to 64 _____
35 to 39 _____	65+ _____
40 to 44 _____	

30. What is your occupation? If applicable, what is your spouse’s occupation?

31. How many members of your household are wage earners?

Full time _____ **Part Time** _____

32. What city do you work in? What city does your spouse work in?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plano | <input type="checkbox"/> Plano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allen | <input type="checkbox"/> Allen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frisco | <input type="checkbox"/> Frisco |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dallas | <input type="checkbox"/> Dallas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McKinney | <input type="checkbox"/> McKinney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

33. Which category best describes your total household income last year?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$15,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 to \$39,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 to \$19,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 to \$49,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 to \$24,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to \$59,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 to \$29,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000 + |

34. What street do you live on? _____

Thank you for your participation. The information you have provided will help our efforts to improve the quality of your neighborhood. We encourage you to join us at the series of neighborhood meetings we have scheduled to discuss issues in your neighborhood and possible solutions. Please contact your neighborhood planner for additional information:

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Douglass Community Survey Results

June,
2002

1 How do you travel?

Auto	8
Bicycle	3
Bus/mass tran	2
Walk	4
Other	1
No answer	

2 Commute Length?

Minutes	
0 to 5	2
6 to 10	2
11 to 20	2
21 to 30	3
31 to 40	
41 to 50	
51 to 60	
60 +	
No answer	2

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3 How often do you:

	Never	Once or twice	A few (3-4)	Often
Ride DART	8	2	3	
Ride Bike for fun or exercise	6	2		3
Ride bike for work or errand	7		2	2
Walk for fun or exercise		3	5	3
Walk to do an errand	4	3	1	2
No answer				

4 Transport/traffic problems in neighborhood?

YES	5
NO	2
No answer	4

5 Comfort level walking/cycling?

Day/yes	8
Day/no	2
No answer	
Night/yes	5
Night/no	4
No answer	1

6 What would increase your desire to walk/cycle?

Improved Lighting	6
Ped/Bicycle paths	3
Speed bumps	4
Sidewalks	4
Ped Crosswalks	5
No answer	1

7 Is there a need to slow traffic for peds?

YES	6
NO	5
No answer	1

8 Do parked vehicles cause a problem on the street?

YES	6
NO	5
No answer	

9 Mark the appropriate box:

A. It is convenient for me to get around on Dart:

Strongly Agree	4
Agree	3
Disagree	2

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Strongly disagree 2
No answer

B. Crime is a serious problem in my neighborhood:

Strongly Agree 1
Agree 5
Disagree 4
Strongly disagree 1
No answer

C. The Neighborhood Police officer has been an asset to our neighborhood:

Strongly Agree 3
Agree 4
Disagree 1
Strongly disagree 3
No answer

D. City Government is responsive to our needs as a neighborhood:

Strongly Agree
Agree 5
Disagree 5
Strongly disagree 1
No answer

E. Overall, my neighborhood is clean:

Strongly Agree
Agree 5
Disagree 4
Strongly disagree 2
No answer

F. Streets in my neighborhood are in good condition:

Strongly Agree
Agree 5
Disagree 4
Strongly disagree 2
No answer

10 Do parks in your area meet your recreational needs?

YES 3
NO 4
No answer 3
Don't know 1

11 On average, how often do you visit a park?

Daily 4
Weekly 2
Once/month 1
Few times/yr 3
Never 1

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Other
No answer

12 Where would be a good place for a park?

F Ave	1
13th, F, G	3
Where it is now	1
Don't know	2
No answer	4

13 What do you like best about your neighborhood?

Friends/Neighbors	2
Quiet	1
Lived here all my life	1
Douglass Center	1
Church proximity	2
Home	1
No answer	3

14 What improvement would you most like to see in your neighborhood?

Cleaner	3
Home improvement	2
Speed bumps	1
Sidewalks	1
More parking	1
More police	1
No drugs	2
No answer	3

15a Would you like to see new businesses in the neighborhood?

Yes	4
No	2
No answer	4

15b What kind of new business?

Store	4
Offices	1
No answer	6

16a Have you noticed home occupations in your neighborhood?

Yes	2
No	8
No answer	1

16b What problem does this cause?

No problem	2
Extra daytime eyes Increased Traffic	1

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Equipment storage	2
Parking problems	2
Vehicle storage	2
No answer	3

17 What development would you like to see:

Park	7
Library	3
Neighborhood oriented bus.	2
Townhouses	1
Apartments	
SF Homes	5
Don't know	
No answer	
Other	2 Store/walmart

18 What kinds of new housing would you like to see?

None	2	
Affordable, but not LG projects	2	
SF houses	3	
Townhouses/Condos		
Apartments	1	
Garage Apts	1	
"Elderly" homes	1	
Other	2	3-4 bedroom w/ garage Habitat homes
No answer		

19 Do you know of vacant land that needs better maintenance?

YES	7
NO	3
No answer	

20 Unacceptable land use?

YES	3
NO	8
No answer	

21 What improvement most important?

Street lights	1
Sidewalks	1
Better houses	2
Cleaner	1
More police	2
Less traffic	2
No answer	4

22 For the size of your neighborhood:

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Too many people	3
Right amount of people	5
Not enough people	3
No answer	

23 Environmental Pollution a problem?

YES	4
NO	7
No answer	

24 What crimes concern you the most?

Auto theft	
Burglary	
Drugs	9
Juvenile crimes	3
Prostitution	
Rape	
Vandalism	1
Other	1
No answer	2

25 How long have you lived in NB?

Less than one yr	1
One to five years	2
Six to ten years	1
More than ten yrs	7
Don't know	
No answer	

26 What is your present housing situation?

Own	6
Rent	4
No answer	1

27 What is your ethnic background?

African American	10
Asian American	
American Indian	
Hispanic	0.5
White	0.5
Other	
No answer	

28 How many people in each age group?

Under 18	14
19 to 24	2

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	25 to 29	
	30 to 34	2
	35 to 39	1
	40 to 44	2
	45 to 49	
	50 to 54	4
	55 to 59	4
	60 to 65	2
	65+	4
29a	Occupation?	
	Unemployed	2
	Disabled	1
	Nurse	1
	Retired	3
	In-home caregiver	1
	Student	1
	No answer	2
29b	Spouse Occupation?	
	Sampler @ Cotton Co	1
	TXI Cement worker	1
	Construction	1
	Cust Service	1
	No answer	4
30	How many wage earners?	
	Full-time	12
	Part-time	3
	No answer	
31a	What city do you work in?	
	Plano	6
	Allen	1
	Dallas	1
	Frisco	
	McKinney	
	Other	1
	No answer	
31b	What city does your spouse work in?	
	Plano	3
	Allen	1
	Dallas	1
	Frisco	1
	McKinney	1
	Other	1
	No answer	5

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32 Total HH income last year?

Less than \$ 15,000	2
\$ 15,000 to \$ 19,999	2
\$ 20,000 to \$ 24,999	2
\$ 25,000 to \$ 29,999	1
\$ 30,000 to \$ 39,999	2
\$ 40,000 to \$ 49,999	
\$ 50,000 to \$ 59,999	
\$ 60,000+	
No answer	1

33 What street do you live on?

F. Ave	1
G. Ave	6
H. Ave	6
13 th St	1
No answer	