

Appendix 1

RESIDENT SURVEY FOR ALTA SITA NEIGHBORS, INC.

Address _____

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This survey is a joint effort between Alta Sita Neighbors, Inc., and the Community Development Workshop of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The results of the survey will be used to create a comprehensive neighborhood improvement plan. Any comments you make may become part of the Alta Sita Neighborhood Improvement Plan; however, the source of these remarks will be held strictly confidential. If you have additional questions or would like a copy of the completed interview, please do not hesitate to call the Alta Sita Neighbors, Inc. or the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois (217-265-0202).

Date of Interview: _____ Start time: _____ End time: _____

Interviewer #1: _____ Interviewer #2: _____

A. GENERAL PERCEPTIONS:

First we are interested in knowing how you feel about Alta Sita overall.

1. How long have you and your family lived in Alta Sita?
2. How satisfied are you with the quality of life in Alta Sita?
 Very satisfied Unsatisfied
 Satisfied Very unsatisfied
3. During the time you have lived in Alta Sita, what events have had the most impact on the neighborhood? On the city as a whole?
4. In what ways, if any, has the neighborhood changed since you moved here (or over the course of your life if you have always lived in Alta Sita)?
5. What are the 3 best things for you about day-to-day living in Alta Sita?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
6. What, if any, are the 3 hardest things for you about living in Alta Sita?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
7. In your own words, identify the 3 most urgent needs in your neighborhood
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

B. HOUSING:

We would like to know how you feel about housing in Alta Sita.

1. Which best describes your housing situation: (choose one)
 I own my home-it's paid for in full.
 I am buying my home and make mortgage payments.

- I am buying my home through 'bond for deed' sale.
- I rent my home.
- My home belongs to a relative/friend.
- Other (explain) _____

2. How satisfied are you with your present housing situation?

- Very satisfied Dissatisfied
- Satisfied Very dissatisfied

Please explain your response.

3. How would you rate the overall housing conditions in Alta Sita?

- Good Fair Poor No opinion

Please explain your response.

4. Would you like to see new homes built in the area? Yes No

5. What type of new housing do you think should be built in Alta Sita?

(choose no more than two)

- None Mobile homes Town houses/condominiums
- Single family homes Apartments Duplex homes
- All types listed Other (specify)

6. For which of the following groups need housing the most?

- Elderly Single adults Families
- Low income Middle income All listed
- Other (specify) _____

8. Have you made any home improvements in the last 5 years?

- Yes No (IF NO, GO TO NEXT PAGE)

8.A. If yes, did you apply for a home improvement loan?

- Yes No (IF NO, GO TO NEXT PAGE)

8.B. What area financial institutions are giving out home improvement and mortgage loans to Alta Sita residents?

8.C. Which area financial institutions will not give out home improvement and mortgage loans to Alta Sita residents?

C. COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

We are interested in how you rate the quality of the facilities and services available to you in Alta Sita.

1. Please rate the adequacy of the following community services and facilities.

STREETS

Do you feel the streets are well maintained? yes needs improvement

Do you feel there are enough streetlights? yes needs improvement

Are the sidewalks well-maintained? yes needs improvement

Is your garbage collected in a timely manner? yes needs improvement

Please explain your answer for each item marked 'needs improvement'.

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Fire protection: 1 2 3 4 5

Health/medical service: 1 2 3 4 5

Animal control: 1 2 3 4 5
Snow removal: 1 2 3 4 5
Demolition of abandoned houses: 1 2 3 4 5

Please explain your answer for each item marked 'needs improvement'.

FACILITIES GOOD FAIR POOR DON'T HAVE NO OPINION

Recreation facilities: 1 2 3 4 5

Parks: 1 2 3 4 5

Library: 1 2 3 4 5

Entertainment facilities: 1 2 3 4 5

Child care facilities: 1 2 3 4 5

Church facilities: 1 2 3 4 5

Please explain your answer for each item marked 'needs improvement'.

D. SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

We would like to know your opinion on the local schools and community programs.

1. How would you rate the following aspects of the local school system?

GOOD FAIR POOR DON'T HAVE NO OPINION

Educational programs: 1 2 3 4 5

School facilities: 1 2 3 4 5

Teachers: 1 2 3 4 5

Administration: 1 2 3 4 5

2. What two improvements would you like to see made in the school system next year?

1. _____
2. _____

3. Please rate the following community programs.

GOOD FAIR POOR DON'T HAVE NO OPINION

After-school: 1 2 3 4 5

Drug/alcohol: 1 2 3 4 5

Child care: 1 2 3 4 5

Senior citizens: 1 2 3 4 5

Adult education: 1 2 3 4 5

4. What recreation programs and facilities do members of your household use regularly?

5. What three major recreation improvements would you like to see made in the next year?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

E SHOPPING AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

The following set of questions will tell us about the type of economic activity in Alta Sita.

1. Where do you usually go for the following goods and services?

IL COLLAR TOWNS ST. LOUIS

Alta Sita EAST ST. LOUIS (IE BELLEVILLE) METRO AREA

Groceries: 1 2 3 4

Medical/dental care: 1 2 3 4

Child care: 1 2 3 4

Clothing: 1 2 3 4

- Laundry: 1 2 3 4
- Auto repair: 1 2 3 4
- Hardware: 1 2 3 4
- Restaurants: 1 2 3 4
- Home repair: 1 2 3 4
- Gasoline: 1 2 3 4
- Prescription medication: 1 2 3 4
- Appliances: 1 2 3 4
- Home furnishings: 1 2 3 4
- Banking: 1 2 3 4
- Legal services: 1 2 3 4

2. Which three types of goods or services not offered locally would you like to see offered locally?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

3. Of your shopping needs, what do you purchase most often?

F. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

This section includes questions about the kinds of planning you want and the types of leadership in

Alta Sita.

1. Are you familiar with Alta Sita Neighbors, Inc.?
 Yes No

2. What should be the main goals of the Alta Sita Plan for the next 5 years?

4. How could Alta Sita Neighbors, Inc. best achieve these goals?

5. What problems, if any, might have to be overcome to reach these goals?

6. Would you or members of your household be willing to become involved in a community improvement program?

Yes No Maybe

If yes, how?

8. Next month there will be a public meeting to discuss the neighborhood improvement plan. Would you like to attend?

Yes No

G. YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

These last few questions are about you and your household members. They are very important to help us better understand the previous information.

1. Do you plan to continue to reside in Alta Sita? Yes No

2. Sex of respondent: Female Male

3. What is your ethnic background? (choose as many as applicable)

Anglo Asian American
 Hispanic American Indian
 African American Other (specify) _____

4. How many adults live in your household?
How many children?

5. What is the highest level of education completed for each adult in household?

th grade (0-11) GED/High school Some college
 B.A./B.S. degree Graduate level.

6. How much do you usually spend in on each of the following?

Monthly rent/mortgage: Under \$100 \$101-200 \$201-300
 \$301-400 Over 500\$

Weekly food bill: Under \$50 \$51-100 \$101-150
 \$151-200 Over 200\$

Monthly transportation: Under \$10 \$10-25 \$26-50
 \$51-75 \$Over 75

Monthly utility bill: Under \$50 \$51-75 \$76-100
 \$101-150 Over \$150

7. What is your annual household income?

\$0 to 2,999 \$3,000 to 5,999 \$6,000 to 8,999 \$9,000 to 11,999
 \$12,000 to 14,999 \$15,000 to 17,999 \$18,000 to 20,999 \$21,000
to 23,999
 Over \$24,000

8. What is your main form of transportation?

Foot Own car Bus Light rail Hitch a ride Bike Motorcycle Other (specify) _____

9. Are you currently employed? Yes (GO TO PART A) No (GO TO PART B)

9.A. If yes, Full-time Part-time

Location of job(s): (check all appropriate)

Emerson Park East St. Louis IL Collar Towns St. Louis Metro

Other (specify) _____

9.B. If no, what type of work are you looking for?

10. Have you ever thought of starting your own business? Yes (GO TO PART A/B) No (GO TO QUESTION 11)

10.A. If yes, what kind of business have you thought of owning?

10.B. Would you attend training classes on how to run a small business?

Yes No

11. What is the total number of jobs held by household members?