



Saugus Action Committee Action Plan 2003

INTRODUCTION

On an annual basis the Saugus Action Committee participates in a planning meeting to identify and prioritize the committee's goals and issues, and to develop an action plan that serves as a roadmap to address these issues and goals.

The Saugus Action Committee is made up of resident volunteers who are committed to making a difference in the community. The committee meets once a month and is open to all residents.

The Saugus Action Committee proudly states their community vision as follows:

A safe, residential, family oriented community, where our children attend good safe schools and where our families enjoy the richness of our unique history. To work towards the preservation of our open space and ensure a quiet and safe community.

As a community we seek to:

- *Increase the beauty of residential neighborhoods and commercial areas*
- *Ensure our children are attending excellent and safe schools*
- *Preserve the unique history of our community, including the topography, open space, and hillsides.*
- *Promote a responsible transportation system, which allows for free-flowing circulation*
- *Ensure that development does not impact the quality of life for our community*
- *Maintain a sensible balance of homes and value-added businesses*
- *Embrace citizen involvement by interacting with our neighbors and local agencies*
- *Increase the recreational opportunities for our children and families*

ISSUE IDENTIFICATION

To begin the planning process the participants were asked to identify the issues facing the Saugus community. The following list of the issues was compiled:

- Shell Sign
- Haskell Open Space (Easement)
- Beautification of the Bouquet Corridor (from Greenhouse to New Church)
- Shakey's Center
- Sign Ordinance
- Traffic congestion in Saugus

- Crosswalk & Signage on Copperhill
- Bouquet Canyon Hill
- Need for Sidewalks in Saugus (Seco, Decoro, Garzone, Bouquet Canyon)
- Monument Sign @ Santa Clarita Park
- Committee involvement with implementation of Beautification Master Plan
- Tree planting project/Beautification project
- Beautifying areas on Bouquet. North of Methodist church to Alamogordo

ISSUE PRIORITIZATION

The participants were instructed to review the list of issues and individually identify the top three (3) issues most important to them. This process resulted in the identification of the top five (5) issues facing the Saugus community. The six issues are identified were as follows:

- Beautification Bouquet Corridor from Greenhouse to New Church
- Sign Ordinance
- Sidewalk on Seco – Decoro & Garzone. Bouquet Canyon
- Monument Sign @ Santa Clarita Park
- Tree planting project/Beautification project

In addition to those top issues the committee agreed that we should continue to focus on the following three action plans from the previous year:

- Median Landscaping Program (from Urbandale to Centurian)
- Bouquet Canyon Hill
- Cameras on Traffic Signals – (red light enforcement)

ACTION PLAN

This section is the key component; it is the section of the plan that outlines the work effort to be undertaken to address the identified issues. The following section describes the top issues identified by the committee and the action to be taken, along with who the responsible party will be and the timeline to complete the action item.

1) Issue: BEAUTIFICATION OF THE BOUQUET CANYON CORRIDOR

Beautify the Bouquet Canyon Corridor, including commercial signage, promoting architectural and beautification standards, enhancing with trees, sidewalks, landscaping, etc. Interested in continuing the theme of Central Park through the Bouquet Corridor.

<i>Action Items</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
a) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify areas of attention to beautify Bouquet Canyon corridor. • Meet with appropriate City departments to discuss the development of master plan to Bouquet Canyon corridor. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify which beautification sections can be accomplished on a short term, median term, and long range term. Identify funding requirements. 		
b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify signs out of compliance with the City's sign ordinance. Provide necessary support to enforce the sign ordinance. 		
c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify properties along Bouquet Canyon that negatively impact the aesthetics of the corridor either through vacancies or neglect. Includes both private and public properties. 		
d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address the landscaping needs on the section of Bouquet from Greenhouse Café to New Church. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify issues/potential violations Identify homeowners Contact homeowners Address public parkways 		

2) Issue: BOUQUET CANYON MEDIAN LANDSCAPING – Centurian Way to Urbandale

This issue is a continuation from the previous year, it involves the landscaping of the medians on Bouquet Canyon between Centurian Way and Urbandale. This project was funded by the City Manager in 2002, the design and construction will take place in year 2003.

<i>Action Items</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
a) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate as needed with the design and construction of this project. 		
b) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite City project manager to committee meeting for project status updates. 		
c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor progress of project. 		

3) Issue: TREE PLANTING PROJECT

Contribute to the beautification of the Saugus community, public spaces, and corridors via tree planting projects.

<i>Action Items</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
a) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify locations in need of beautification via trees or shrubs. 		
b) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify funding strategies for trees or shrubs. 		
c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with the appropriate City departments on 		

	locations, trees/shrubs, and planting day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate community volunteers to participate in the beautification project. 		
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4) Issue: NEW SIDEWALKS IN SAUGUS

There are areas in Saugus that currently do not have sidewalks and contribute to the aesthetics and safety of the community.

<i>Action Items</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
a) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify locations that are in need of sidewalks within the Saugus community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seco Canyon Rd between Decoro & Garzota • Bouquet Canyon (upper) 		
b) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify funding mechanisms to address the needed sidewalks, to include the partnership with the City's ongoing capital improvement projects. 		

5) Issue: PARK MONUMENT SIGN AT SANTA CLARITA PARK

There is a need for a park monument sign at Santa Clarita Park to bring about beautification and consistency among all City parks. Sign to be in compliance with existing park monument signs.

<i>Action Items</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
a) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine cost of park monument sign. 		
b) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request funding through the fiscal year 2003-2004 CIP budget. 		
c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If funding is successful, coordinate with project manager on design and installation of park sign. • Coordinate community celebration to bring awareness to community contribution. 		

6) Issue: SIGNAGE

Although enforcement of the City sign ordinance is already identified as part of issue number 1, it is also recognized as its own action plan because of the importance to bring signs into compliance for the Saugus committee.

<i>Action Items</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
a) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shell sign on Bouquet Canyon. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign is currently being addressed by City's Planning staff. • Monitor the progress. • Request updates from appropriate planning staff. 		
b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakey's sign on Bouquet Canyon • Sign is currently being addressed by City's planning staff. • Monitor the progress. • Request updates from appropriate planning staff. 		
c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial shopping center window signs • Identify shops that are not in compliance with ordinance. • Contact code enforcement • Identify a code enforcement liaison for the committee 		

7) Issue: BOUQUET CANYON HILL

There is great interest to beautify the hill on Bouquet Canyon / Alamagordo. This issue is a continuation from the 2002 action plan. Alternative solutions such as reviewing easement and building wall, approaching property owners with LMD solution, planting trees or vegetation to screen hill are only some of the options that have been considered. There is great motivation to not give up and continue to address solutions to beautify this section of Bouquet Canyon.

<i>Action Items</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
a) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brainstorm on solutions to address/beautify hillside.		
b) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify top ideas from brainstorming session.		
c) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement ideas from brainstorming session.		

8) Issue: INSTALLATION OF CAMERAS ON TRAFFIC SIGNALS

This issue was continued from the 2002 action plan. The committee is concerned with the traffic safety in the City and is therefore supportive in the installation of this technology to address the traffic safety issue. The committee has discussed this issue with the City's traffic division in the past. Some funding was been identified by the City to review and analyze this project; which is currently occurring in the City's traffic division.

<i>Action Items</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
a) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invite a member of the City's traffic division to provide update on the project.		
b) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide committee support in moving this project forward.		
c) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide committee assistance as needed.		