

## FOCUS AREAS

### I. Safety

#### 1. Issues

panhandling, crime, perception of crime, homelessness, irresponsible businesses (Skky Club), gunfire, lighting, Brother Bryan Park

#### 2. Opportunities/Strategies

Adopt CPTED strategies, develop Five Points CAP program, increased police presence (foot patrol/mounted), surveillance cameras, informational signage about panhandling, donation meters, public works program for unemployed/homeless, install additional lighting, program activities for Brother Bryan Park

### II. Parking

#### 1. Issues

cost of on-street parking, lack of card-operated meters, predatory towing/private parking lots, lack of shared/public parking, visibility/safety/cleanliness of parking deck

#### 2. Opportunities/Strategies

Adjust meter pricing based on location, install card-operated meters, improve signage/entry to parking deck, add directional signage for parking deck, keep deck clean, increase police/security presence and/or install security cameras in deck, improve lighting and sidewalks between parking areas and center of district

### III. Neighborhood Vitality

#### 1. Issues

abandoned homes, absentee landlords, complacency/lack of pride, condition/upkeep of homes, illegal dumping

#### 2. Opportunities

Continue clean and clear program, historic district, neighborhood patrol program?, install signs/cameras in areas where dumping occurs, develop inventory of abandoned homes, vacant lots, tax delinquent properties for land banking and potential acquisition/transfer; update Phelan Park

### IV. Commercial District Vitality

#### 1. Issues

empty storefronts, limited retail, not enough local support of businesses; too few events associated with the commercial district, disuse of Brother Bryan Park, concern with redevelopment projects being too dense or out-of-scale or character, degree to which businesses/uses geared toward UAB students, Trades Tower, lack of destination entertainment venue

#### 2. Opportunities

Continue work with REV Birmingham to create strong business mix/recruiting; hold more events to promote commercial district, businesses; update design review guidelines to address redevelopment concerns; survey UAB students to determine business interests, what they leave area to shop for; encourage redevelopment of Trades Towers; recruit destination entertainment venue

## V. Transportation and Accessibility

### 1. Issues

too much traffic at peak times, design/condition of streets and sidewalks, desire for parts of the commercial district to be closed off to vehicles at designated times; limited transit services, lack of bicycle facilities, wayfinding/directional signage, connectivity to UAB, connectivity to Vulcan, 21st Street is a barrier

### 2. Opportunities

Study options for closing of streets to vehicular use on recurring basis; extend planned downtown wayfinding system; plan and improve pedestrian/bicycle connections between UAB and Five Points commercial district; promote Red Rock Trail proposals connecting to Vulcan; develop a Five Points "shuttle" program; update/improve Five Points intersection (NOTE: transportation studies should be included in scope of work for City Center Master Plan and/or framework plan...paid for by City)