



MEETING SUMMARY FORM

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

Meeting Date: Saturday, June 9, 2007

Plan Santa Barbara representative(s): Beatriz Ramirez and Irma Unzueta (City staff)

Location: Swap Meet at Santa Barbara High School

Host Organization: n/a

Number of Participants: Spoke to approx. 20 individuals and families

Please take a moment to summarize the meeting. What were the overall themes? What issues arose? What concerns did the participants express?

We explained the effort to surrounding vendors and to persons walking in and out of the Swap Meet (we were very first booth when you walked in). Some had received the comment cards and others who had not appeared interested in the effort. Spanish brochures with comment cards were distributed to all Spanish speakers we spoke to. Some filled out the comment cards on site and others explained what their main concerns and hopes were.

Common themes included:

- Very concerned with the gang problem, violence, and vandalism. People don't feel as safe in their neighborhoods/homes as they used to.
- Suggested education/classes for parents on how best to discipline their children and to steer them away from gangs.
- Need for rental and affordable housing.
- Need for rehabilitation centers to help people stay "dry and sober."