

## **Action Items for the Freret Neighborhood – Community Plan (Annotated 9/21/07)**

### ***Churches***

- Communicate with churches in the neighborhood and provide cross information

### ***Schools***

- Form partnership with Green Charter Middle School – Status: **Ongoing**
- Find out what Green needs and volunteer to help – Status: **Ongoing**

### ***Political Involvement***

- Invite politicians to all community functions – Status: **Done**
- Increasing voter registration – Status: **Not Done**
- Plug into Planning District – Status: **Done**

### ***Rebuilding***

- Enforce zoning codes for building uses – Status: **Ongoing**
- Monitor and publicize zoning changes – Status: **Done**
- Keep track of blighted housing program(s) – Status: **Ongoing**
- Get grants/loans for household maintenance – Status: **Not Done**
- Create Investment Fund with low interest loans for the neighborhood – Status: **Not Done**
- Neighborhood get together to help residents fix houses – Status: **Ongoing**
- Create a list of problem properties – blight, vacant, criminal activity – Status: **Not Done**
- Address overcrowding in apartments
- Increase homeownership – Status: **Not Done**
- Connect owners that are willing to sell with buyers who want to renovate – Status: **Not Done**

### ***History***

- Hold lectures/display photos about historical significance – Status: **Not Done**

- Setup a community exhibit of historical events in the area – Status: **Not Done**

### ***Crime***

- Put flyers out with emergency and non-emergency police phone numbers – Status: **Ongoing** (Information available on the Neighbors United website, [www.freretneighborsunited.com](http://www.freretneighborsunited.com))
- Place permanent signs with police phone numbers – Status: **Not Done**
- More communication with police officers on crime prevention – Status: **Done**
- Increase Freret neighborhood attendance at NONPAC meetings – Status: **Done**
- Housing in the neighborhood for first responders – Status: **Not Done**
- Increase patrols by police – Status: **Done**
- Use block captains and neighborhood watch to foster communications – Status: **Ongoing**
- Designate and patrol hot spots – Status: **Not Done**
- Encourage neighbors to setup exterior lights and motion-sensor lights – Status: **Ongoing**
- Get outside funding to help residents add lighting – Status: **Ongoing**
- Enforce the litter laws – Status: **Not Done**
- Ask the police to patrol Freret Street with bicycle cops and police on horseback – Status: **Not Done**
- Ask the police to put up cameras – Status: **Not Done**

### ***Youth Programs***

- Develop Athletic Activities – Status: **Not Done**
- Playground at Samuel Square – Status: **Ongoing**
- Funding sources for recreational equipment-small children – Status: **Not Done**
- Establish a tutoring/mentoring program with local universities and high schools – Status: **Not Done**

### ***Recycling***

- Find out status of curbside recycling program – Status: **Done** (No city curb side recycling yet, contact Phoenix Recycling to subscribe for monthly pick up)
- Establish bins for drop-off – Status: **Not Done**

### ***Community Involvement***

- More active neighborhood association – Status: **Done**
- Neighbors need to know their neighbors – Status: **Ongoing**
- Block captains communicate with police and neighbors – Status: **Ongoing**
- Provide social activities for the neighborhood such as block parties – Status: **Not Done**
- Have a Farmer’s Market – Status: **Done**
- More facilities to encourage community activity – Status: **Done**

### ***Friar Tucks Bar & Grill***

- Establish relationship with management to express concerns – Status: **Ongoing**
- Better law enforcement – Status: **Ongoing**

### ***Soil Toxicity and Environmental Concerns***

- Have testing done – Status: **Not Done**
- Provide practical solutions – Status: **Not Done**

### ***Treescape***

- Horticulture consultation – Status: **Not Done**
- Acquire trees and encourage planting by residents – Status: **Ongoing**
- Arbor Day Tree-planting event – Status: **Not Done**
- Inquire about Parkway Partners tree program – Status: **Done**

### ***Stray/Unleashed Dogs***

- Provide information to the neighborhood about sensible care of dogs – Status: **Not Done**
- Find out who to call about strays – Status: **Not Done**

### ***Community Center***

- design a community center for seniors and youth – Status: **Ongoing**

### ***Relationship with businesses***

- Get a stronger business association – Status: **Done**
- Have neighborhood association be involved in the Main Street application – Status: **Done**

- Invite business leaders to neighborhood association meetings – Status: **Done**

### ***Noise***

- Publicize decibel level – Status: **Not Done**
- Take photos of loud cars – Status: **Not Done**
- Write down time, make and model of loud cars – Status: **Not Done**
- Post speed limits – Status: **Not Done**

### ***Businesses***

- Hold businesses accountable for maintaining vacant property – Status: **Ongoing**
- Establish timeline to notify owners? – Status: **Not Done**
- Support existing businesses – Status: **Ongoing**
- Establish development business, i.e. Café Reconcile – Status: **Not Done**
- Publicize new business openings – Status: **Ongoing**
- Create a website of stores on Freret – Status: **Done**
- Increase number of family-oriented businesses, i.e. fewer bars, more coffee shops – Status: **Ongoing**

### ***Trash***

- Have neighborhood cleanups on weekends – Status: **Ongoing**
- Create a kids litter patrol – Status: **Not Done**
- Cleanup graffiti on signs, buildings, and houses – Status: **Ongoing**

### ***Streets***

- Publicize the number to call/email address/website for pothole repair – Status: **Done**
- Clean debris from catch basins – Status: **Not Done**
- Clean in front of houses – Status: **Not Done**
- Remove debris – Status: **Ongoing**
- Sidewalk cans – Status: **Ongoing**
- Publicize number to call for problems with catch basins – Status: **Ongoing**

### ***Transportation***

- Monitor RTA decisions regarding service in the area – Status: **Not Done**
- Research viability of bike lanes – Status: **Ongoing**

### *Cemetery Maintenance*

- Contact a national cemetery preservation organization – Status: **Not Done**
- Request cemetery management/maintenance plans from the City – Status: **Not Done**

### *Location*

- Compare Freret to other residential neighborhoods adjacent to commercial districts such as Magazine Street – Status: **Not Done**