The first public meeting for the University/Southwest District Plan was held on November 13, 2012 at the Enterprise Center, 4548 Market Street. This meeting set the District Plan attendance record with 169 guests. We continue to step up our efforts to engage the public in the planning process and we hope that numbers like this can be sustained into the future.

This meeting served a dual purpose. The first was to educate the public about the District Planning process and the existing conditions of University/Southwest. The second was to conduct an interactive group mapping exercise in which attendees helped identify the important physical attributes of their community. This input helps guide the recommendations of the plan by locating areas of strength, weakness, stability, and change. It will also help us identify Planning Focus Areas within which large scale physical interventions can have profound positive effects upon entire communities.

We asked groups to identify destinations/landmarks, barriers, areas that will remain the same, areas that will change, and desired Planning Focus Areas within the University/Southwest District. The top responses per category are as listed below.

There will be a second public meeting in January 2013.