

**Reuse Meeting Feedback**  
**Alma Youth Center, 6:30 pm**  
**September 30, 2009**  
**Attendance: 19 Adults, 1 Youth**

**1. What are the most important services, in priority order, that you want delivered at this facility?**

- Continue the same services provided by the City of San Jose PRNS (100% of attendees in favor)
  - Have over 900 petitions to keep Alma programs open
- Keep services consistent with the Washington Neighborhood SNI vision, goals, and objectives to improve recreation areas facilities, and programs at the Alma Senior and Teen Centers.
- Programs that enhance education opportunities for all including youth and seniors
  - Literacy education for all ages
  - Computers
  - Literacy Education
- Cultural educational programs – diverse programs
- College Ready Programs
  - College Prep
  - College Awareness
  - College student internship programs
- Continue partnerships with neighborhood associations
  - Washington Area Community Coalition
  - Tamien Neighborhood Association
  - Goodyear/Mastics Neighborhood Association
- Arts Program
  - Fine Arts (visual and performing arts)
  - Dance
  - Cultural
  - Public Art
- Senior Programs
  - Exercise Programs
- Youth Programs
  - Athletics (football, basketball, martial arts, softball)
  - Gender specific programs (addressing female or male adolescent development)

**2. What qualities are most important to you in the services offered at this facility? e.g., staffing, cost, cultural programs, accessibility (days and times), etc.**

- Extend the Program hours at the facility to weekend and evening hours
  - Suggestion: close Alma on Monday, and open from Tuesday through Saturday.
  - Night-time basketball

- Maintain and keep the same qualities of existing, committed staff (Gerontology Specialist, Youth Specialist, Phillip Solis)
- Programs that promote and provide educational opportunities for all ages
- Provide and maintain low or no-cost programming for Youth, Seniors, and Adults
- Culturally competent programming
- Programming that enhances quality of life and promoting healthy families and healthy people
- Services accessible to the economically disadvantaged
- Committed staff and culturally aware of the needs of all age groups, physically impaired, and economically disadvantaged.
- Insuring quality programs in low income areas
- Equity in providing quality programs

### 3. Who should provide these services?

- PRNS (100% of the 20 Community members attending)
- Alternative Service Providers
- Sacred Heart Community Service, 1381 S 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95110-3431 (408) 278-2160
- Use San Jose State University Masters Department Student Interns to enhance student experience
  - Gerontology, School of Social Work, Recreation , Sociology

### General Comments:

- “The Alma community is (finally) in sync with City staff. Don’t mess with that!”
- “The existing City staff at Alma connects with the community”
- “It took a long time to get the right fit!!! Staff is providing excellent services.”
- “City has done a great job of reinvigorating the youth & senior programs.”
- “City staff is doing a great job. Don’t change that!”
- “Continue the City of San Jose PRNS as the main operator of programs, use non-profits as creative partnerships to support to enhance services.”
- “How were the SNI areas and their top-10 items taken into consideration, when Alma was put up for Reuse?”
- “When identifying sites for Reuse, what measures were used when evaluating the SNI areas?”
- “Why change an established youth and senior program?”
- “Keep the current City staff at the facility.”
- “Why is Alma on the chopping block, this has gone too far”
- “The Alma Center has changed for the better and City staff has made progress with the community within the last 10-year period. The existing PRNS staff are committed and identify with the unique climate of the area.”
- “RDA should give money to help redevelop the Alma Community Center”
- “Angel Rios is doing a great job working with the community. He has the ability to communicate with the surrounding neighborhoods, and address their needs, such as providing good staff to establish an active Youth and Senior Program at Alma.”
- “Coordinate another meeting with the three organizations in the area to get a better turnout including the Goodyear/Mastic Neighborhood, Tamien Neighborhood Association, and the Washington Area Community Coalition.”

