

Human Services and Housing Focus Group

In Attendance –Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority, Alaska Housing Development Corporation, Gastineau Human Service, CBJ Housing Coordinator

S.W.O.T. Analysis

STRENGTHS:

- Central location
- Affordable housing
- Good mix of owners and renters
- Breeze-In – best lunch in town
- The area is busy with day-time activities
- Many recreational opportunities and trails
- DZ Middle School

WEAKNESSES:

- Landfill – odor and noise
- Heavy traffic and trucking; Conflict between pedestrians/kids and trucks; truck drivers are not abiding by the traffic laws
- Speed limit along Glacier Highway is too high; people drive faster than the posted speed limit
- Lack of JPD traffic enforcement
- Anka St. has heavy pedestrian traffic but is lacking sidewalks on both sides and has no crosswalks
- Increased traffic along Renninger – DZ Middle School and Jackie St.
- Lack of mixed-use development in the Renninger area; could use small retail and restaurant
- Lack of a community meeting spaces
- It is hard for businesses to attract a good workforce
- Vacant Wal-Mart site; CBJ could work with the property owner to redevelop the site

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Program to encourage home owners to increase the curb-appeal of their homes; a mini-grant
- Developing a Lemon Creek Business Association
- Increasing night-time activities
- Partnering with DZ Middle School on the Lemon Creek planning process
- Rebranding Lemon Creek
- Rename the “Lemon Creek” Correctional Center
- Improve bus shelters and bus stops; “Adopt a Bus Stop”
- Potential for mixed use development at the Wal-Mart site

THREATS:

- The location and operation of the landfill; needs an incinerator

- The use of seal bombs to scare away the birds from the landfill
- Trash and a lack of code enforcement; area around Church Hill Mobile Home Park
- Redeveloping the Wal-Mart site
- Lack of a business and neighborhood association
- Improving the landfill

10 YEARS FROM NOW:

- Landfill relocated or used less frequently
- Increased economic development
- Wal-Mart redeveloped