



# City of Orange Youth Vision Festival

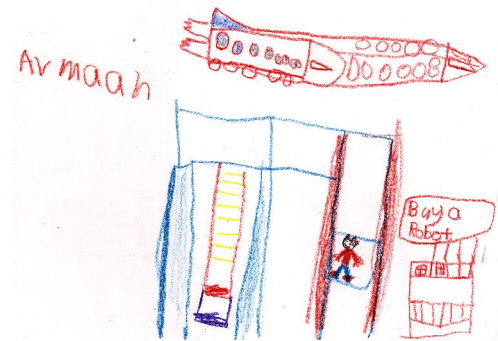
Saturday, March 12, 2005

On Saturday, March 12, 2005 local youth participated in a series of games and activities designed to inform the City about the needs and interests of this particular group. Over the course of the three hour workshop, youth interacted with staff and with each other to develop several concepts for the City's future. These comments are recorded in this document.

The following is a brief summary of the exhibits presented to local youth at the Visioning Workshop.

## *Enter the "Time Capsule"*

This work station was designed to target the workshops younger participants. The Time Capsule exercise was intended to allow young children (ages 5-10) to imagine what the City of Orange would look like in the year 2020. Using markers or crayons, kids made drawings of what houses, neighborhoods, malls or play areas looked like in their vision of the future city.



## *Station 1: What I Like about Where I Live*

The three remaining work stations targeted youth ages 11 and older. This exhibit was designed to determine what local youth found unique about their neighborhoods. At this station youth identified where they lived and shared everything they like about it.



## *Station 2: Create a "Future City"*

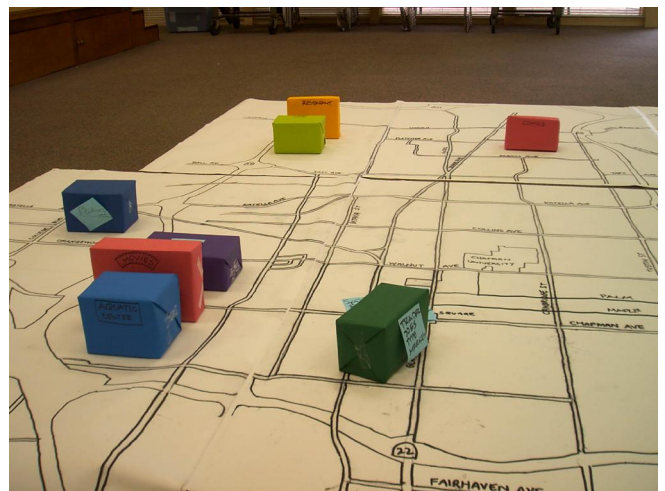
The Future City exercise helped youth visualize the types of facilities they would like to see in the City of Orange. By moving model buildings over an oversized road map, participants were able to show where teen centers, sports complexes, libraries, retail stores, and places to hang out could be located.

### *Station 3: "Hanging Out"*

This exhibit asked participants to describe the types of places in which they hung out, or relaxed. The objective was to determine whether or not the City of Orange had the right youth "hang outs"? By voting for their favorite hang outs, or writing new ideas on the exhibit, youth were able to express their desires for future down-time locations.

The following comments represent the desires of local youth for the guidance of Orange's future development.

- Participants expressed that they would like to preserve and protect the undeveloped "bike trail" behind Esplanade Road, and safeguard the route that connects Fairhaven to La Veta (via Grijalva Park).
- Participants indicated that there is a need to create new spaces and places for older teens to remain active. Some suggestions included a new Teen Center, laser tag facilities (near Katella), a skating rink (also in the Katella area), or paintball fields (around Orange Park Acres)
- Some participants stated that Summertime recreation was equally important, and demonstrated a desire for Aquatic Parks where they could spend time hanging out with friends and having fun.
- Local youth demonstrated that dedicated bike and scooter paths would enhance their mobility around town, and provide connections between the city's distinct neighborhoods.
- Youth identified the Chapman/Tustin intersection as problematic due to traffic congestion. The streets are wide, traffic moves quickly, and it is feels difficult to cross safely.
- Participants communicated a need for more employment areas. These areas were focused in the downtown "Plaza" district, and in the Katella corridor.
- Participants also stated that in addition to job creation for local youth in the above areas, they would also like more places to spend pocket money, such as small restaurants, coffeeshops, cafes, and bookstores.



- Concerning Parks and Recreation in Orange, local youth expressed that there were not enough parks or open space in the city. Some stated that Grijalva Park was excellent, but did not provide enough shade from the sun.
- Other desired retail types brought up in the discussion included:
  - Pet stores
  - Neighborhood retail
  - Movie theaters
  - Bakeries
  - Coffeeshops