Viva El Westside:
An Historical Overview of Latino/as in the Kansas City Westside

A Critical Analysis of History
- Recent Chicano historians
- Critical view of previous depictions of Latino/a history
- Understanding the role of racism--institutionalization of ethnic discrimination
- Role of agency in the midst of opposing forces

El Westside
- Humble beginnings
- Railroads and Agriculture
- The Building of a Community
- Determining Factors of Change

Map of Westside

Train and Westside Southwest Boulevard
Interpreting Current Context

- A Community that has social strengths
- A vision of a Latino/a Community that is inclusive of diversity
- A Community that includes the poor and the immigrant
- A Community that struggles to maintain itself
- Creating a system and a people who understand the vision
- Collaboration among the Community