

## Sentinel City Windshield Survey

The windshield survey of Sentinel City consisted of me riding the bus through the city and walking the streets, while taking note of what I observed. First, I noticed that Sentinel City is more of an urban community, where the buildings are made of brick and mortar and are mostly joined together. Areas like Industrial Heights and Casper Park District seemed to have more run-down and abandoned buildings. There were many buildings that had boarded up windows and graffiti on them. Trash was piled alongside the buildings with rats running out and through the alleys. I noticed prison work crew cleaning up a corner lot. There seemed to be more police presence in these two areas of town as well. I did not notice any houses, but there are a few apartment complexes in the city. As I progressed through the different areas of town, it was noticed that the buildings were becoming more modern and taken care of, although there is still significant amounts of graffiti in all neighborhoods.

As mentioned earlier, Sentinel City is very urban and doesn't have many trees, even in the park areas. Through traveling the city there did not seem to be much open space for outdoor recreation. However, I did note many people running and riding bikes. While on the tour I did not notice any indicators of which area of town I was in.

Sentinel city is very active, in all four areas. I saw people playing tennis, children playing at the school, riding bikes, running, people talking in outdoor eateries, and many people just visiting on the sidewalks. I also noticed a few people in wheelchairs, walkers and using crutches, but I never saw any accessibility ramps anywhere in the city. Touring the city it appeared that the population was mostly Caucasian, but I did see a Middle Eastern man walking near the City Hall, an African American woman walking down the street and I stop and spoke with an Asian family on the corner.

Many of the cities residents utilize public transportation as it appeared to have multiple bus stops with people waiting for the bus. However it was noticed that there was a lot of foot traffic and those that traveled by bicycle. The streets have parked cars indicating that some of its population do use personal vehicles for transportation as well. Sentinel City offers an array of places for people to socialize. For example, the tennis courts in Nightingale Square, there is an outdoor restaurant where residents can eat and socialize. Often there were small groups of people hanging out in front of stores like Joe's market.

The city offers a few centers, such as the Senior Center in Nightingale Center. The church has a soup kitchen with a very long line of residents. Throughout the city there were several medical and dental offices, and it was noticed to have a nursing home as well. There was a playground where children were playing, but it did not seem to have grass.

Children going into the school wore a uniform. One park, which was being cleaned by the work crew had some nice big trees and but no grass. The people in the city have many options for shopping and dining. There's a fresh market, Joe's Grocery, The Bodega, and a few small restaurants.

While traveling through the city you will see somewhat of an ethnic community. I noticed multiple people with cultural head dresses and attire on. It is unclear of the communities religion and political practices, but there is a Catholic church in Industrial Heights, which offers a soup kitchen for low income and homeless community members. I observed a protest outside the City Hall over taxes. There was a lot of police presence, but it seemed to be a peaceful protest.