



"Pandatopia" was the second mural installed by the Youth Mural Arts Project under the direction of artist Joe Faus in 2005. The students worked with Pandarama Pre-School to design a mural that told the wonders of learning, play & dreams at a young age. The pandas are the guardians of discovery in this mural and the design, outlined as chapters in a book, is woven together by a rainbow and themes from the Wizard of Oz. One of the young artists is a Pandarama alumnus and another taught there over the summer. Pandarama has been teaching thousands of kids in their classrooms since 1976.

Introducing "Pandatopia: Somewhere over the Rainbow" the newest downtown mural at Pandarama Pre-School, 1118 N. 7th Street.

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Mission Cliffs Focus for 2006

The Rosedale neighborhood received a visit from U.S. Senator Pat Roberts in late August for the ground-breaking of the Mission Cliffs Project – what will be a new neighborhood of one hundred and fourteen single family homes and townhomes. Earlier in the day, someone had asked him what he intended to do about rising gas prices. "Support more places like Mission Cliffs," he reflected.

The development of the neighborhood capitalizes on underused land in a strong community, which is already close to jobs, minutes from highways and the jewels of city living, like the restaurants along 39th Street. Projects like Mission Cliffs are smart for neighborhoods and for an aging city, but they are not easily built, they take diligence and partnership. Senator Roberts facilitated a special appropriation for the project and was on hand, along with Mayor Reardon, Commissioner Mendez and others to break ground with partners Rosedale Development Association and City Vision Ministries.

Land clearing and site preparations will begin in March. Phase 1 includes fifty attached two and three-story townhomes of up to 1600 square feet and ranging in price from \$135,000 - \$170,000. They will face Thompson and Lake Avenues, and include rear garage space, balconies and front porches. The first townhomes are scheduled to be completed in early 2007. Construction of single-family detached homes will begin in 2007.



Photo: Senator Roberts talks with Wendy Wilson, Executive Director of Rosedale Development Association.

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