

San Jose Redevelopment Agency

neighborhood project fact sheet



Construction:
January 2002

Completion:
June 2002

Project: Brenda Lopez Memorial Plaza

Description: The Brenda Lopez Memorial Plaza, showcasing outdoor artwork and an outdoor stage, was built in honor of Brenda Lopez, an active community resident, worked closely with the students and faculty of the Washington Elementary School and was integral in the creation of the Folklorico Dance Group. Lopez, at 22, passed away in 1999 due to cancer.

Location: Sherman Street (between Oak and Edwards Streets in the Washington-Guadalupe Neighborhood).

Benefit: The plaza, a part of the Washington Neighborhood Revitalization Plan was conceived by the community to create open space where no park space had previously existed. It connects the Washington Elementary School to the Biblioteca Latinoamericana & Washington United Youth Center.

Features:

- Concrete paving inscribed with a mythological figure of a serpent and directional compass.
- Picnic tables and park benches
- Light poles
- Drinking fountain

Total Costs: \$604,000

Project Team:

Council District:	3
Developer:	San Jose Redevelopment Agency
Architect:	Carducci & Associates
Contractor:	HRB Construction
Owner:	City of San Jose