

MEETING SUMMARY

Southeast Community Area Plan: Planning Team Meeting #3

Meeting Date: Monday, June 3, 2019

Time: 5:30PM-7:30PM

Location: Southside Lions Community Center

Attendees:

Matt Prosser, EPS

Jay Renkens, MIG

Krystin Ramirez, MIG

Jose Martinez, Highland Park

Angela Cardona, Highland Park

Ian Palacios, Foster Meadows

Allan Houck, Foster Meadows

Bea Imkin, Jupe Manor

Toni Moorhouse, Pecan Valley

Yulanee McKnight, Pecan Valley

Mario Gutierrez, NHSD

Linda Cavazos, ECISD

Sara Mendiola, SARA

Chris Dawkins, B.E.S.T.

James McNamara, B.E.S.T.

Alicia Campbell, Lakeside

Dr. D. Anthony Miles, MDI Corporation

Ed Fears, Pasadena Heights

Isabel Fears, Pasadena Heights

Enrique Trevino, Council District 3

Meeting Objectives:

The purpose of Planning Team Meeting #3 was to:

- Review and Confirm Draft Community Vision and Goals
- Focus Areas and Corridors Discussion and Activity
- Introduction to Land Use and Zoning

Meeting Format

The Southeast Community Plan Project Manager, Shepard Beamon, presented an update on the planning process and an overview of the community meeting held on May 6, 2019. The planning team was then presented the draft vision and goals and asked to review, comment, and provide recommendations for changes. Following the discussion of vision and goals, the planning team then reviewed and confirmed focus areas and multi-modal mixed use corridors.

Draft Vision and Goals

The Southeast planning team members were asked to review and comment on the following draft vision statement:

The Southeast Community Area will be a safe, attractive, family-friendly community to live, work, interact, and play that is inviting to residents and visitors citywide. Through collaboration with neighbors and community partners, the community will be engaged and social capital will be strengthened. The area will be convenient to get around and will include a well-connected transportation network. The area will provide access to job opportunities, shopping, entertainment, public amenities and facilities and ensure a healthy, vibrant, and economically viable community.

Some of the comments and recommendations included:

- Preservation of natural systems and green spaces
- Increase access to jobs and better educational opportunities

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- Build upon public and private partnerships
- Create destinations using trail systems
- Local and Regional Tourism

The Southeast planning team members were asked to review and comment on the following draft goals:

Goal #1: Land Use - Implement land use policies that promote compatible adjacency, mixed-use opportunities, and commercial centers that provide a variety of uses.

Goal #2: Community Engagement - Strengthen community relationships by creating a cohesive and welcoming atmosphere that encourages engagement and interaction.

Goal #3: Neighborhoods - Protect the character and history of existing neighborhoods and homes.

Goal #4: Housing - Provide diverse, high-quality housing options that are well-maintained, complementary to the character of existing neighborhoods, and accommodating to all income levels and stages of life.

Goal #5: Local Economic Development - Attract new, and retain existing, businesses that provide a variety of retail, dining options, entertainment, and services that support all residents and expand economic opportunities for the local workforce.

Goal #6: Mobility and Infrastructure - Improve and enhance major corridors, public infrastructure and rights-of-way, transit facilities, and greenways to accommodate all modes of mobility and provide efficient, comfortable, and properly maintained connections to jobs, neighborhoods, and citywide destinations.

Goal #7: Safety - Expand and develop strategies and partnerships to support a safer community.

Goal #8: Parks and Open Space - Protect and enhance natural systems, green spaces, parks, and recreational amenities to meet the community's current and future recreational needs.

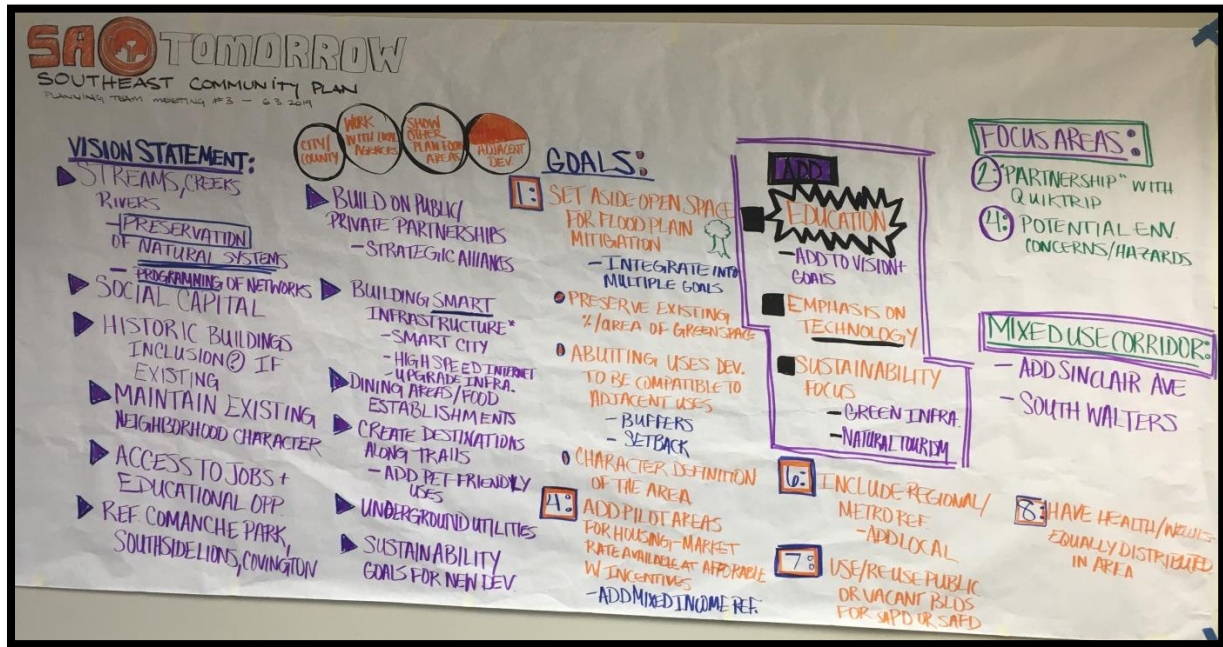
Goal #9: Health and Wellness - Provide local medical and fitness facilities and amenities that offer a variety of health and wellness services that are centrally-located and accessible to all residents.

From this discussion, the following comments and recommendations were made:

- Use of technology to improve and upgrade infrastructure
- Preserve character of neighborhoods
 - Identify and acknowledge historic buildings, landmarks, and districts
- Preservation of open spaces for floodplain mitigation
- Appropriate transitions to ensure compatible land uses
- Mixed-income housing
 - Pilot program to with incentives to encourage market rate housing at affordable rates
- Mobility to local and regional destinations
- Adaptive reuse of existing buildings for public services and safety
- New Goals
 - Education
 - Technology
 - Sustainability for new development



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Focus Areas and Multi-Modal Mixed Use Corridors

The planning team was presented six potential focus areas that were based on “opportunity parcels” feedback from planning team meeting #2, a community meeting held on May 6th, and the second online questionnaire. The planning team was then asked to comment and confirm the focus areas. The following is list of identified focus areas:

- Pasadena Heights
- Lakeside/Hwy 87
- W.W. White/Alma Dr.
- Southcross/W.W. White
- Loop 410/New Sulphur Springs
- Pecan Valley Golf Course

FOCUS AREAS:

Important areas of opportunity to direct future investments, support, or improvements.

Overall, the planning team agreed with the selected focus areas. For the Lakeside/US Highway 87 focus area, there should be collaboration with QuikTrip when exploring future development and projects. Near the Roland and Rigsby intersection, which is within the Pasadena Heights focus areas, has potential hazardous environmental issues and may need remediation before future projects.

The planning team was then presented potential multi-modal mixed use corridors within the Southeast Community, which were identified based on feedback from the planning team and community meetings. These corridors currently have higher volumes of traffic, public transit routes, and a variety of uses along them. The corridors presented to the planning team included:

- S. Hackberry St.
- Fair Avenue
- Roland Avenue
- Rigsby Avenue/U.S. Highway 87
- W.W. White Road

MULTIMODAL MIXED-USE CORRIDORS:

Key roads that connect people and important places in our communities.



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- E. Southcross/New Sulphur Springs Road

The planning team agreed that these corridors should be prioritized as mixed use corridors. Additional corridors recommended by the planning team included Sinclair Road and S. Walters.

NEXT STEPS:

Planning Team Meeting #4: Monday, July 8th, 2019

Planning Team Meeting #4: Week of July 30th, 2019

Meeting summaries and presentations will be available on the sub area plan website:

<https://southeast.sacomplan.com/>

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