



## MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting:** Planning Team Meeting #1 –Kick-off and Orientation

**Date:** Monday, April 25, 2022

**Time:** 5:30 – 7:30 PM

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

**Attendees:** Maria de la Garza (Hein Orchard NA), Beverly Houston (Quiet Creek HOA), Edwin Miles (ACBC), Uchennaya Ogba (ACBC), Christine Vina (VIA), Maj. Craig Neeley (Martindale), Lindsey Logan (SAGE and Paloma HOA), Melanie Cowart (Roseville Housing Trust), Jay Renkins (MIG), Andy Rutz (MIG), Gretchen Roufs (A-M-S), Chris Ryerson (COSA), Iris Gonzalez (COSA), Heather Yost (COSA)

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## Meeting Purpose & Agenda

The purpose of this meeting was to kick off the planning process for the Far East Community Area Plan. The agenda included:

- Introduction of the City of San Antonio (COSA) Project Staff (includes City staff and consultants) and Planning Team members (includes Far East area community stakeholders)
- Background and purpose of the SA Tomorrow planning process
- Project timelines
- Roles and responsibilities of Planning Team members
- Overview of existing conditions in the Far East planning area and equity
- Group discussion on strengths, challenges, opportunities, vision, and goals for the Far East area

## Meeting Overview & Outcomes

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and consisted of PowerPoint (PPT) presentation and facilitated group discussion. The COSA Project Team led the meeting with introductions and an orientation to the planning process (background, purpose, timelines, and how the concept of equity integrates into the process). After the presentation, the Project Team facilitated a discussion with the Planning Team on strengths, challenges, and opportunities in the Far East area; long-term vision and goals for the area; and suggestions for other stakeholders (groups, organizations, businesses, etc.) within the Far East community whose representation is needed on the Planning Team.

Specific input on these topics and questions for follow-up were recorded in Mural (the “sticky note” exercise), but frequently mentioned topics and themes are summarized below:

- Intentionality in planning is important, especially for transportation
- Incorporate relevant information, goals, strategies from other planning efforts affecting the Far East area, including (but not limited to JBSA Compatible Use Plan, Eastern Triangle Plan, and Annexation & Growth Policy)
- Connected, quality, and complete transportation and mobility networks are high priority
- Seniors, veterans, people with disabilities are important populations to consider in planning process
- High priority community amenities are hospitals & health care facilities, large and plentiful greenspaces, and community gathering areas
- Follow-up on HEB at Loop 1604 and I-10, vacant child support services building on E. Houston, dump/waste site

## Next Steps for the Far East Area Community Area Plan

- **Community Meeting #1:** Tuesday, June 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 at District 2 Senior Center, 1751 S. WW White Rd., San Antonio, TX 78220. (Postcard invitations will be mailed to all property owners and physical addresses in plan area)
- **Planning Team Meeting #2:** Week of July 18 (see Doodle poll to vote for best meeting days/times)

## Visuals/Other Information

- Copy of PowerPoint presentation
- Mural notes (“sticky note” activity) of strengths, challenges, opportunities, vision, and goals discussion
- Doodle Poll for preferred Planning Team meeting days/times:



<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/erkAMZ6a/vote>

- List of Planning Team and Community Meeting dates

**If you have any questions, please contact the Far East Community Area Project Manager:**

- The permanent Project Manager for the Far East Community Area is David Powell. He can be reached at [David.Powell@sanantonio.gov](mailto:David.Powell@sanantonio.gov) or (210) 207-0244
- Heather Yost was acting as interim Project Manager for Planning Team Meeting #1. She can be reached at [Heather.Yost@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Heather.Yost@sanantonio.gov) or (210) 207-7919

