



# ***NEAR NORTHWEST***

## **COMMUNITY AREA PLAN**

**Community Meeting 1**

# **Community Meeting 1 Summary**

## **1. Date, Time, Location**

- Date: March 11, 2025
- Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Location: St. Luke Catholic School

## **2. Staff**

- Zack Magallanez, CoSA Planning Department, Project Manager
- Chris Ryerson, CoSA Planning Department, Planning Administrator
- Marco Hinajosa, MIG, Project Consultant
- Saul Vazquez, MIG, Project Consultant

### **3. Meeting Purpose & Objectives**

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce participants to the planning process, gather community input on the Near Northwest's strengths, challenges, and opportunities, and hear residents' visions for the future of the NNW.

#### **Objectives**

- **Learn about the Near Northwest Community Area**
- **Provide your Vision & Goals**
- **Provide your Big Ideas**

#### 4. What would you like to Change about area (Vision Board)

Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better Streetlights</li> <li>• More lighting</li> <li>• Better lighting at night</li> <li>• Lighting around apartments</li> </ul>
Drainage & Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fix drainage problems</li> <li>• Drainage issues especially near schools</li> <li>• Flooding gets really bad</li> </ul>
Transportation and Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street maintenance</li> <li>• More sidewalks</li> <li>• Sidwalks for all</li> <li>• Fix sidewalks near schools</li> <li>• Cut tall grass behind houses &amp; tree branches away from the street</li> <li>• Clean car lanes</li> </ul>
Trash, Cleanliness & Dumping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash pickup &amp; area cleanup</li> <li>• Cleaner streets</li> <li>• Trash that collects in front yards</li> <li>• Get rid of dump spots</li> <li>• Creek cleanliness</li> <li>• Weeds / tall grass removal</li> </ul>
Safety & Policing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More police patrols frequency</li> <li>• Increasing community policing</li> <li>• More secure neighborhood</li> <li>• More park security</li> </ul>
Parks, Green Spaces & Waterways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More community gardens</li> <li>• Safer green space</li> <li>• Cooling stations</li> </ul>
Transit & Bus Stops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More bus stops</li> <li>• Bus stop lockers for elders/disabled</li> <li>• VIA stop improvements like mor shading</li> </ul>
Housing & Code Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code compliance enforcement</li> <li>• Housing issues (fences, foundation)</li> <li>• Neighborhood look—not abandoned”</li> <li>• More duplexes and community organization</li> </ul>

#### 5. What is missing from this area (Vision Board)

Safety, Security & Policing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety for students waiting for the bus</li> <li>• Police presence and enforcing traffic violations for speeding and running red lights</li> <li>• </li> </ul>
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<b>Community resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After-hours and weekend programs</li> <li>• Family connection programs</li> <li>• After-school services during weekends/holidays</li> <li>• Childcare / learning support</li> <li>• Better drop-off/pickup processes at schools</li> <li>• More athletics + health care for children</li> <li>• Increased health services</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More community colleges/ trade schools</li> <li>• Adult night learning</li> <li>• Reinforced bilingual district</li> <li>• Early child learning programs</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation and mobility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better crosswalks &amp; pedestrian safety near schools</li> <li>• Reduce speeding</li> <li>• More stop signs/ red lights</li> <li>• Safer traffic flow during school pickup times</li> <li>• Cleaner streets for walkers</li> </ul>
<b>Parks, Recreation &amp; Green Spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking trails</li> <li>• Dog parks</li> <li>• Discounted dog shelters + boarding</li> <li>• Better trail maintenance</li> <li>• Cleaner, safer park areas</li> </ul>
<b>Business &amp; Economic Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve local businesses</li> <li>• More diversity of businesses</li> <li>• Support neighborhood businesses</li> <li>• Farmer's markets availability</li> <li>• Healthy food options</li> </ul>
<b>Trash, Cleanliness &amp; Dumping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleanliness, Code Compliance &amp; Property Conditions</li> <li>• Junk cars removed</li> <li>• Trash and brush dumps removed</li> <li>• Cleaner public spaces</li> </ul>

## 6. What do like about this area (Vision Board)

<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy access to all of San Antonio</li> <li>• Easy access to multiple sides of the city (NE, SE, SW, West SA)</li> <li>• Close to I-410 with little congestion</li> <li>• Close to the Medical Center</li> <li>• Walkable access to community garden and bus stops</li> <li>• Close to downtown</li> <li>• </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close to major sports venues but away from congestion</li> </ul>
<b>Neighborhood Character</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace and quiet</li> <li>• Privacy</li> <li>• Neighborhood cares for one another</li> <li>• Not overwhelmed by new congested development</li> </ul>
<b>Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable Housing options</li> </ul>
<b>History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong history in both the area and the people</li> <li>• Legacy homeowners</li> <li>• Historical identity of the neighborhood</li> </ul>
<b>Parks &amp; Community Spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smaller parks are useful for gatherings Community garden nearby</li> </ul>
<b>Business &amp; Economic Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good food options</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation and Mobility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attempts to make area safer for walking and biking</li> </ul>