

OPEN HOUSE MEETING SUMMARY

South Community Area Community Meeting #2

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Stinson Municipal Airport Conference Center, 8535 Mission Rd.

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Meeting Objectives:

The purpose of the second Open House was to gather input from the public, to refine the community's Vision and Goals, and collect feedback on the draft focus areas and draft future land use map. 87 attendees signed in at the sign-in table, and several engagement activities, facilitated by Planning staff, were available for participants to record their feedback. The project manager was also conversing with attendees, at various stations, throughout the meeting.

Meeting Format

The meeting had no formal presentation and was entirely open-house. At the entrance to the conference room, a sign-in table was set up where attendees were encouraged to sign in and sign up for updates related to future public meetings, as well as general infographics related to the plan area and the SA Tomorrow planning process. The conference room was also organized with stations to collect input and ideas from the attendees, for the future of the area.

Draft Vision and Goals

The first station displayed the draft vision and goals for the area. Attendees were encouraged to write their thoughts or ideas on the vision and goals. Below are the vision and goals, along with the associated comments:

Vision: *The South Community Area helps multi-generational households, residents, and businesses thrive by respecting, celebrating, and connecting the area's rich history and authenticity, community destinations and gathering places, and family friendly recreational amenities with clean and green infrastructure.*

The responses for the vision include:

- Need recreational areas, for example, a ball park
- More EV chargers near 410 & Roosevelt
- 2 new subdivisions coming

Goals

Goal #1: *Improve comfort and safety through urban greening and integration of sustainable infrastructure*

- Need traffic lights on Roosevelt and walk-ways. Add speed bumps. Also, better streetlights.
- Improve sidewalks, walking trails to have better lighting
- Improve sidewalks in neighborhoods. Especially older ones.
- Drainage @ Fair and Hackberry needs to be implemented immediately. There is a river there when it rains.
- Clean up trash dumping/brush overgrowth along rial road track
- More crosswalks on Presa. VFW & Presa is a very dangerous area.
- Greenspaces connected to transit
- Improve safety, especially for our seniors. Need more lighting
- Need more police patrol in the area
- Add a dog park on east side

Goal #2: *Promote quality development that is compatible with existing neighborhoods and includes additional housing and employment options for existing and new residents.*

- Traffic growing fast. Mission de lago needs for additional lights.
- More homes for seniors, and opportunities for disabled.
- Increase initiatives to keep east side homes in the right hands and not developers.
- Use government funds to help improve old homes through an organization similar to CCC – create jobs for people through need to improve homes.

Goal #3: *Attract and grow clean industries with well-paying, quality jobs for local residents.*

Goal #4: *Leverage heritage tourism and ecotourism to grow existing and new small businesses.*

- Small business incentives to open stores, stands, and venues to increase tourist yet improve the area to be safe and attractive
- Leverage the national park
- Improve safety in Roosevelt corridor to attract business owners to existing buildings currently not in use.



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Goal #5: Support and cultivate retention and growth of artists, makers and the creative class.

- Utilize Essex graffiti park and other areas to increase local art programs
- Partner/expand on any existing partnerships with alamo colleges to offer community art/music classes in east side/southside arts center

Goal #6: Increase access to healthy food, health care and recreational amenities for all residents.

- Food desert. Need HEB to step up
- Incentivize market programs in existing corner stores. A large HEB would bring a lot of trash and be bad for the river.
- Would love to see healthy restaurant options grocery changes (Walmart Neighborhood Grocery) and local bakery/coffee options
- There are plenty of locations along Roosevelt for this that would be walkable from neighborhoods.

Goal #7: Utilize existing mobility routes to create multi-modal connectivity and transportation options from the South Community Area to major hubs in the City.

- VIA transit center from South
- Land use to support transit
- Teach homeowners how they can keep their home or give it to their kids and create wealth with it through renting it or making it an air BnB instead of just selling to outside investors.
- Lets teach our homeowners that their home can be a means of wealth/stead income for them or their children and a better alternative to selling to outside investors that take profits outside of our city.

Additional Feedback

- Maintain with integrity the culture of the community in the area
- Celebrate the people
- History storytelling events
- Education classes
- Library-archive files showcased
- Grants to upgrade homes
- Address persistent crime along Roosevelt.

Community Assessment Board

A board was displayed asking what sort of Housing and Economic Development options were available to residents. Participants were encouraged to indicate, with a sticker, their opinion on the options. The results area as follows:



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Housing	Weakness	Neutral	Strength
Options	4	1	0
Options for seniors	3	0	0
Options for young adults	2	1	0
Affordable housing	2	1	1

Economic Development	Weakness	Neutral	Strength
Shopping & Dining Options	6	1	1
Entertainment Options	5	2	0
Office & Employment Uses	5	1	0
Employment Opportunities	5	1	0
Access to Parks and Open Spaces	1	0	0
Access to Public Transportation			

Focus Areas

The third station displayed aerial images the draft focus areas, and attendees were asked to write their feedback on a post-it and attach it to the associated area.

Focus Area #1: Roosevelt Corridor

- Need to improve the safety around this area
- Lots of shops and motels. No options for food or retail
- Improve drainage at 300-400 block of Ward Ave and the streets need to be fixed.
- Fix drainage along south Hackberry
- Place electrical lines underground
- Historical and Cultural significance?
- Commercial Mixed-Use
- Listen to neighborhoods. Clean up auto-parts site. Salvage yards. Junk yard

Focus Area #2: South Presa Corridor

- Disabled people need a place
- Small park playground
- Fresh food, no bars
- Low Density Multi-Family
- Train tracks at military & presa are damaging older cars
- Scary ped/bike crossing
- Ped/bicycle crossing widen bridge?



Focus Area #3: Southcross and Roosevelt

- Commercial Mixed-Use
- Listen to neighborhoods. Clean up auto-parts site. Salvage yards. Junk yards
- Need to clear up auto part places or fence them up
- Clean Riling Road, too much junk
- More, nice and safe playgrounds for kids
- Lots of sidewalks needed so our moms aren't strolling their babies in the middle the road.
- Old, torn mobile homes parked there. Visible on highway Roosevelt
- Traffic lights on Roosevelt
- Better drainage along Roosevelt.

Focus Area #4: Southcross and South Flores

- Make school bigger (Morrill Elementary)
- Mixed use commercial (Southcross)
- Bigger sign with large words
- Need speed bump by school
- Kingsborough park sports complex
- Small trees along streets. Especially at bus stops for shade-but only trees that will not hit powerlines. Texas Laurels which can easily be kept lower than power lines.

Focus Area #5: 410 and Roosevelt

- Commercial Mixed Use
- Better road
- Mixed land use
- Land use that benefits HEB building employment office
- HEB owned, create land use to get HEB to build here
- Build an HEB
- Market heb* not super HEB incentive for local store
- We need an HEB!
- Necesitamos un HEB URGENTE! (We urgently need an HEB)
- Need traffic lights in Roosevelt south of 410 & need some sidewalks in the 10000 Block of Roosevelt.

Focus Area #6: Mitchell Lake Audubon Center

- Put lights on Pleasanton from 410 to 1604 South. Drainage.
- Hiking/Bike Trails
- Civic

Future Land Use

The final station displayed a series of maps that included a breakdown of each land use category and the percentage of existing stock in the plan area. The final map was a copy of the draft future land use map. Attendees were asked to indicate on the map any changes or concerns. Feedback included:

- Mixed Use/Commercial South of 410, along Roosevelt
- Desire for a grocery store, medical clinic, or emergency hospital.



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Survey

A survey was created for planning team members to share with the community, and was posted to the sub area website, SA Speak Up and the Planning Department's social media. A link to the survey is located here: <https://saspeakup.com/south-plan-survey2>

Next Steps

Staff will review feedback from the community meeting and the survey results (after the survey closes) to further refine the draft future land use map.

This meeting summary, along with all previous meeting recordings and summaries can be on the sub area page's resource page: <https://south.sacompplan.com/documents/?active=community-meetings>

The third community open house is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 17th, 2022.

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