



MEETING SUMMARY

Stone Oak Area Regional Center Planning Team Meeting #1

Meeting Date: April 11, 2022

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Deborah Caldwell, North East ISD

Viki Melton, Stone Oak POA

Robert Schlortt, Property Owner

Jeff Jordan, STORM

Janet Lopez, Stone Oak POA

Rich Weimert, North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

Annalisa Peace, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

Richard King, JBSA

Karen Bishop, San Antonio River Authority

Jeff Fair, San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

Will Stacy, JBSA

Joe Silman, Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District

Hyder Salih, JBSA

Kelsey Brandt, City Council District 9

Samantha Wickwire, City Council District 10

Bobbye Hamilton, City of San Antonio

Channary Gould, City of San Antonio

Iris Gonzalez, City of San Antonio

Jay Renkens, MIG

Andy Rutz, MIG

Gretchen Roufs, AMS

Meeting Purpose

The purpose of Planning Team Meeting #1 was to accomplish these objectives: provide background on SA Tomorrow; provide an overview of the Sub-Area planning process; discuss planning team member roles and responsibilities; review the process and schedule; provide an overview of existing conditions, discuss equity, and identify vision and goals for the plan.

Meeting Format

This meeting was a virtual Zoom meeting. The Stone Oak Area Regional Center Project Manager, Channary Gould introduced the Planning Team to the project team (City staff and consultants) and then asked each Planning Team member to introduce themselves and mention one thing that they enjoy most about the Stone Oak Area Regional Center. Jay Renkens with MIG then presented to the Planning Team background information on SA Tomorrow. Channary Gould presented the sub-area planning schedule, discussed the roles and responsibilities of the Planning Team, and provided a brief overview of the existing conditions atlas that was prepared for the Regional Center. Andy Rutz then discussed equity. The meeting opened up for discussion at the conclusion of the presentation to receive input from the Planning Team related to potential visions and goals for the Regional Center. Notes were taken on a platform called Mural Notes, which was converted into a PDF format for future reference.

Planning Project Process and Roles and Responsibilities of the Planning Team

During the meeting, Channary discussed the importance of the Planning Team’s involvement throughout the planning process and how the Planning Team contributes and helps with the City creating a plan for this Regional Center that is reflective of what is important to the community. The Planning Team will help provide advice and guidance, provide valuable input and feedback on draft products, and help serve as an ambassador for the Regional Center Plan.

Existing Conditions

The Existing Conditions Atlas was distributed to the Planning Team in advance of the meeting, so during the meeting a brief summary of the Existing Conditions Atlas was provided, explaining that it is a document that identifies the existing conditions of the area. The document is being supplemented to also include an equity component. Once the supplemental equity section is completed, it will be posted to the Regional Center plan website in the same location as where the Existing Conditions Atlas is posted.

Equity

As part of the City of San Antonio’s commitment to Equity, the Planning Department is incorporating Equity studies into the plan document. Andy Rutz with MIG explained how, through Equity Mapping, the planning team and staff can begin to identify underserved areas, and ultimately develop recommendations and strategies to address inequities within the plan boundary. The maps were shown for the entire city and include Food (Grocery) access, Employment access, and access to Parks and Recreation options.

Vision and Goals

The final portion of the meeting was dedicated to a discussion on the areas strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. A Mural board was created to capture the planning teams input and are broken down by category. Below are screenshots from the Mural board. The pink squares indicate feedback related to Vision & Goals, the blue square indicate comments related to the Existing Conditions, and green squares indicate feedback related to equity.

DISCUSSION:										
VISION & GOALS				EXISTING CONDITIONS - ASSETS		EXISTING CONDITIONS - CHALLENGES		EQUITY		
Access to grocery stores like Costcos, Targets, HEBs, Whole Foods, etc.	Safe & have a fire substation	Safer schools than many other areas	Walkability, lots of churches	Free family activities, including libraries	Traffic - esp. in church & school areas	Need protected bike lanes for residents to commute and ride to Parks and Future Greenway connection.	Preserve trees as much as possible	Educating residents and businesses as to how to treat this special area with the care needed to protect our groundwater	Additional public transit options to mitigate traffic concerns	Light pollution concerns - esp impacts to night vision goggle training (at Camp Bullis)
Wide streets and sidewalks in many areas. A lot of trees. Plenty of greenspaces.	Hospitals and Medical functions	Access to transportation - Park N Ride	Established Neighborhoods	Land Use Plan for Stone Oak POA - sits on top of City's zoning	Active Quarries next to Residential zonings	Plan for future connection from Parks to Howard W. Peak Greenway System	Many plats grandfathered in before the tree ordinance was adopted	Diverse job opportunities	Use of natural channel design techniques in creeks to take on more runoff	Plan for Workforce Housing
Shopping	A diverse community - spanish majority campuses & strong military presence	Natural Resources	Plenty of daycare options nearby	One of the most densely populated areas - as it relates to Trinity aquifer	No access to public swimming pools	Integrate best practice stormwater designs into new development opportunities	Expand multi-user natural surface/dirt trails in parks and along greenways where appropriate.	Less middle income jobs in the Regional Center as compared to other areas	Traffic in and out of Stone Oak at peak times	Military Lighting Overlay District [confirm on maps]



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Traffic impacts from Valero Texas Open and other events	Chase Bank as a national & regional employer; iHeart Media, as well	Enhance opportunities for water infiltration and carbon sequestration at large corporate campuses - implement CoSA climate action plan	VIA link should be expanding in the near future
Lack of connectivity from a transportation standpoint	Equitable access to open space, natural resources & natural parks	New Classen Steubing Ranch Park in Stone Oak and the Encino Park Library Park [not currently open; check if mapped]	
Expanded VIA routes	Access to community pools [potential to map HOA amenities]	Micromobility options for "last mile" commute for people using bus transportation	

NEXT STEPS:

Planning staff will be reviewing existing land uses in the area and creating a preliminary draft land use map to present to the Planning Team in August, for review and editing.

Community Meeting #1: May 17, 2022 at Wayside Chapel Worship Center, from 5:30-7:30 PM

Planning Team Meeting #2: Week of June 27, 2022, date and time TBD

Planning Team Meeting #3: Week of August 1, 2022, date and time TBD

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

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

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