# Role and Future of Community and Neighborhood Plans

Tier One Neighborhood Coalition

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# Tier One Neighborhood Coalition (T1NC)

- Tier One Neighborhood Coalition (T1NC) is a group of San Antonio downtown (inside Loop 410) neighborhoods organized to advocate and work for appropriate development, as well as other important issues that affect our communities, and to promote communication, cooperation, education, and support among neighborhoods.
- 40-plus neighborhoods and some organizations inside Loop 410.
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# Neighborhoods and the Comp Plan

- After the final draft of Comprehensive Plan is made public in May 2016, we worked to include neighborhood protections and inclusion in the implementation stage of the sub-area plans in the Comp Plan.
- Changes were made to subsequent drafts because of neighborhood intervention until the Comp Plan was adopted August 11, 2016 as amended by Councilman Roberto Trevino (D1)

#### Where We are Now

- May 2018 Neighborhood Plans are guaranteed inclusion in the subarea plans after advocacy by many neighborhood associations and organizations and with the assistance of Council Members Trevino (D1), Gonzalez (D5), Sandoval (D7), and Courage (D9).
- Neighborhood Land Use Plans will be subordinate to the new Sub-Area plans.

## Effective Planning Team Members

When the Planning Department requests a nominee to be on the subarea or area plan the NA should nominate an individual and an alternate who are

• familiar with the existing Neighborhood Plan, the SA Tomorrow Comp Plan, land use, and zoning designations.

committed to attending all Planning Team meetings

#### An Effective Team Members cont.

 assertive, but they also need to be open to the ideas and input of the other PT members and willing to work with others for the common good.

 knowledgeable of such things as an area's history, attitudes, goals, and culture and be willing to advocate using this local knowledge.

# Neighborhood Communication Important

- An additional person should be dedicated to communicating back to the Board and to the neighborhood to keep the membership informed of planning progress, meeting dates, public input opportunities and events.
- If your NA is by paid membership only, consider ways to include non-paying residents and businesses in the conversation and decision making.
- It is important to have the Planning Coordinator at your neighborhood meetings

# What Neighborhoods Should Expect

- Each existing NA plan (that is to say, areas with existing plans) will sit down with the planning department staff to review and update their neighborhood plan. These plans will be in the UDC as such:
- Ex/ Midtown Plan--> Chapter 1: 5 points, Chapter 2: Tobin Hill, etc.
- -This process will include discussions with previous planning teams, the current NA, and residents/ members of the neighborhood community -For areas without an existing NA plan, a new document will be created using this same process Some plans are too old or do not have access to the templates/documents for their existing plans. In these instances, a new digital document will be created, keeping the NA plan and updating where the neighborhood would like updates or revisions -There will be one large land use map for the whole area, which will be created through a long public process where fluidity along boundaries can be ensured, and discussed with each NA during their subplan discussions -The larger Area plan document will also include bigger picture discussions like infrastructure and transit, which cross many neighborhood boundaries

## How Neighborhoods Can Prepare

Take advantage of Planning Dept offers to meet with them

 Consider forming a committee that can help the Planning Team member prepare

Revisit your Neighborhood Plan

 Understand how your neighborhood plan intersects with the SA Tomorrow Comp Plan

- Look at Year 1 plans to see the level and scope
- attend year 2 Planning Team and Public Input meetings to get a better understanding of the process
- Talk to other Neighborhood Assoc within your new plan area
- Look to see if there are public investment projects planned for your area
- Be prepared for bigger picture conversations
- Be prepared to offer solutions

# Thank you for being here today!

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