

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017
10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, B ROOM**

Members Present:	Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, Chair, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Roberto C. Treviño, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember William Cruz Shaw, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember John Courage, <i>District 9</i>
Members Absent:	<i>None</i>
Staff Present:	Peter Zanoni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Bridgett White, <i>Director of Planning & Community Development</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>

1. A briefing on the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan implementation strategy including review of Plan policies and policy related actions necessary for plan implementation. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning Department]

Bridgett White provided background on SA Tomorrow and addressed the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Plan, and Multimodal Transportation Plan. She reported that in August 2016, the framework was adopted as building blocks that guided the City toward smart growth. She stated that SA Tomorrow advocated for complete neighborhoods, corridors, urban centers, and regional centers. She noted that it concentrated on employment growth in 13 Regional Centers. She added that it identified 12 place types that designated the development patterns for the building blocks. She mentioned that the City had over 60 goals and 350 policies to address over the next 25 years.

Ms. White stated that the Comprehensive Plan enables the City to plan for long-range development and was periodically updated to meet the changing goals of the community. She noted that the plan will provide guidance in the evaluation of future decisions on land use, infrastructure improvements, housing, transportation, and other issues. She added that there were 30 sub-area plans that would be initiated in five years.

Ms. White reported that the City collaborated with VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA) for the SA Corridor Project. She stated that the project identified 12 corridors that were significant to connectivity to the corridors; and that VIA would provide mobility to link the corridors. She noted that the project was intended to serve three primary objectives:

- 1) Inner agency coordination
- 2) Future land use along the corridors
- 3) Identify changes needed for regulations and incentives to implement SA Tomorrow

Ms. White stated that optimizing the City’s Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Special District would include updating the TOD Special District and setting rational density caps based on construction, form,

and location. She noted that it connected the district to transit stations developed by VIA and incorporated them in the Comprehensive Plan into place types. She added that the future rapid transit mode selected by VIA would trigger certain rezoning designations to a TOD District. She mentioned that a second strategy related to optimizing two of the Affordable Housing Density Bonuses looked specifically at percentage increases based on a number of affordable units being provided along specific corridors.

Ms. White stated that the 2017 Bond Program was developed in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan to take into count the various needs of the community. She noted that the Bond Committee incorporated the 11 guiding principles to evaluate and prioritize projects that were recommended. She added that the Bond supported multimodal transportation and connectivity; other modes of transportation; increased pedestrian safety; Vision Zero; and pedestrian mobility. She mentioned that it included \$20 million dedicated to affordable housing that was built into the sub-area planning.

Ms. White stated that future projects involved the Planning Department, Metro Health Department, and Health Collaborates that collectively engage the community in the topics of public health, community equality, multimodal options, economic development and land use. She concluded that staff would provide a briefing at a City Council Meeting in September 2017.

Councilmember Saldaña asked what staff would be seeking from the Committee. Ms. White responded that she would present each of the 12 corridors and their characteristics to the Committee.

In response to Councilmember Treviño, Ms. White stated that staff would meet with each Council District Chief of Staff to provide updates on projects in all Council Districts. She noted that staff would provide briefings on six plans to the City Council by May 2018. She added that all plans would be presented to the Committee before they were presented to the full City Council. Councilmember Treviño stated that it was important to keep stakeholders informed and updated on all projects.

Chairperson Gonzales asked how SA Tomorrow aligned with the budget. Ms. White responded that the budget must align with SA Tomorrow. She noted that there will be a set of short term goals budgeted to be completed in five years.

In response to Councilmember Courage, Ms. White stated that the Long Range Comprehensive Plan was projected for completion by 2040. Councilmember Courage requested that staff look into providing incentives for land developers to develop in underserved areas. Ms. White responded that they would conduct community meetings to identify the needs for underdeveloped land.

Councilmember Shaw asked if SA Tomorrow would coincide with the growth of the City. Ms. White responded that all of the plans would have the same framework but that there would be different components that allowed growth in a subarea.

Councilmember Courage asked of the consultant group and the collaboration efforts they took in the planning. Ms. White responded that the MIG was the consultant team that helped the City prepare the Comprehensive Plan.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Gonzales, Chairperson

*Alicia K. Beckham,
Office of the City Clerk*

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