

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016
11:00 AM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, B ROOM**

Members Present:	Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, Chair, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Alan E. Warrick II, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Cris Medina, <i>District 7</i>
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Susan Guinn, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; John Dugan, <i>Director of Planning & Community Development</i> ; Bridgett White, <i>Assistant Director of Planning & Community Development</i> ; Denice F. Treviño, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Andres Peña, <i>Director, Government Affairs, Kaufman and Killen Land Use Law & Government Relations</i> ; Molly Cox, <i>President and CEO, SA2020</i> ; Adam Conner, <i>SAWS</i> ; Karen Guz, <i>Conservation, SAWS</i> ; Jeffrey Arndt, <i>President and CEO, VIA</i> ; Brian Buchanan, <i>Sr. Vice President-Development, VIA</i> ; Eloy Laque, <i>Government Relations, VIA</i>

1. Approval of Minutes or the November 16, 2015 Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting

Councilmember Warrick moved to approve the minutes of the Comprehensive Planning Council Committee Meeting of November 16, 2015. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Overview of SA Tomorrow Development Calendar to Include Public Engagement. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development]

John Dugan stated that the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Plan, and Multimodal Plan were scheduled for completion in June 2016. He noted that community outreach was planned between now and then. He reviewed the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability, and Multimodal Plan Calendars for February – June 2016.

Chairman Nirenberg asked when the Draft Plans would be available to the public. Mr. Dugan replied that all three Plans would be available online in April 2016. Chairman Nirenberg asked how the Plans would be integrated. Mr. Dugan replied that the Plans would be integrated into one overall Plan. Chairman Nirenberg asked if staff would present all Plans as one or individually. Mr. Dugan replied that the workshops to be held in February and March 2016 would focus on the Comprehensive Plan. Chairman Nirenberg asked if a Media Kit was available. Mr. Dugan replied that staff were partnering with KGBTexas Communications to develop one. Chairman Nirenberg stressed the need for consistent messaging and requested that talking points be made available immediately.

Councilmember Warrick asked how many people have been engaged in person to date. Mr. Dugan replied that several hundred people have been engaged in person. Councilmember Warrick asked if people had been engaged during church services. Peter Zanoni replied that information would be placed in church bulletins as part of an Enhanced Public Engagement Process.

Chairman Nirenberg noted that the City has lost opportunities for public engagement.

Bridgett White stated that KGBTexas Communications was partnering with the City to identify Community-based Organizations which were not part of the Plan Element Working Group Process. She noted that the Community Guide, which was available in English and Spanish, was in the final stages of development. She stated that speaking points would be provided immediately to spokespersons for groups and at events, such as churches or at an event such as the Rodeo. She noted that a series of Opportunities for Education (Op-Eds) would be presented in the near future, followed by a Press Release, Billboards, and Radio Advertisements in March 2016.

Chairman Nirenberg requested that staff partner with SA2020 to build on the foundation created by KGBTexas Communications.

Peter Zanoni stated that Molly Cox, Chief of Engagement for SA2020, has agreed to partner with SA Tomorrow Staff on Community Outreach.

Chairman Nirenberg requested that staff report on the progress of integration of SA2020 and SA Tomorrow community outreach to the Committee.

Bridgett White stated that she would contact the Chief of Staff for each District to get the dates and times for District Events in order to reach constituents that way.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing on SA Tomorrow's Review of Annexation. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development]

John Dugan stated that SA Tomorrow was tasked to review the City Council adopted Two-Year Annexation Program. He noted that this would provide an opportunity to ensure that the City's Annexation Policy supported the desired City Form and Growth Strategy defined in the goals of SA Tomorrow. He stated that the process of incorporating the Annexation Policy into the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Planning Process was currently underway. He noted that this process included Plan Element Working Group (PEWG) Members, City Staff, and Planning Consultants. He stated that as a newly incorporated SA Tomorrow Initiative, the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) involved sub-consultant Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. (EPS) with support from principal consultant MIG. He noted that in Summer 2015, DPCD presented Annexation Scenarios and a fiscal analysis and City Council approved proceeding with the recommended Annexation. He stated that Public Hearings began in September 2015 and were delayed until Spring of 2016 to allow time to further evaluate the Proposed Annexation. He reported that the Annexation Task Force convened in Fall 2015 and Public Financial Management and HR&A Advisors, Inc. were contracted to consider the financial

models/implications of Annexation. He stated that the Annexation Policy would be formally incorporated into the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan Initiative. He noted that a Plan Element Working Group Summit was held in December 2015 where the following were discussed:

- State Law and Limited Purpose Annexation
- Utility Services
- City Services
- Growth policies in Texas and fiscal implications
- Review of the Annexation 360 Study

Mr. Dugan stated that in January 2016, the 2013 Annexation Policies were evaluated and best practices of other U.S. Cities and policies were reviewed to ensure alignment with policies created through the SA Tomorrow Plan. He noted that in February 2016, the following were reviewed:

- Different Annexation Policy approaches, based on feedback received at the previous meeting
- What happens when you annex versus when you do not annex
- Cost/Benefit Analysis

He stated that in March 2016, the following were reviewed:

- Member feedback on Annexation Policy
- Results of Online Survey
- Priority Annexation Areas and evaluation of same

He reported that the updated Annexation Policy and updated recommended Annexation Areas would be presented to the City Council.

Chairman Nirenberg asked of updated Fiscal Plans. Peter Zanoni stated that two Working Groups were tasked with the development of updated Fiscal Plans and their last meeting would be held on March 4, 2016 where they would draft their recommendations. Chairman Nirenberg asked of the timeline for annexation. Mr. Zanoni stated that the timeline for annexation would be determined in June 2016. He suggested that the Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee review the Annexation Policy regarding the impact of potential legislation. Chairman Nirenberg asked how to ensure that other agencies were bringing the action items in the Implementation Plan for the Comprehensive Plan before their governance structure or stakeholders and constituents. He requested that development of a strategy for formal integration of the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies into the Strategic or Capital Plans of Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) Member Organizations be placed on next month's agenda.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. Briefing by VIA Metropolitan Transit on the VIA Vision 2040 Long Range Plan. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Jeffrey Arndt, President and CEO of VIA]

Brian Buchanan stated that the VIA Vision 2040 Long Range Plan (Plan) would be adopted and implemented in June or July 2016. He noted that the region would add 1.6 million new residents

between 2010 and 2040. He reported that nearly 50,000 individuals were reached via community events; 25,818 Social Media impressions were made; more than 7,000 surveys were submitted; and 20 media placements were published with various news outlets. He stated that feedback demonstrated that the top three transportation choices identified by residents that would improve public transportation were:

- Enhance Local Service (51%)
- Rail Service (49%)
- Safe routes to transit (43%)

Mr. Buchanan noted that feedback received noted a high demand for Fixed-Route, High Capacity Service and the ability to link work, shopping, and entertainment. He stated that a range of options were identified including:

- Vanpool (low density, residential and employment)
- Metro Local (medium density, residential and employment)
- Primo (medium to high density, residential and employment)
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)/ Light Rail (LRT)

He noted that feedback received demonstrated strong support for dedicated lanes for Transit Vehicles, support for both focused and widespread investments to the Transit System, and significant interest in transit investments and expansion of service across the region. He stated that the vision included a better Bus System to be accomplished by: 1) Shifting local routes to frequent and Primo Routes; 2) Having riders wait no longer than 30 minutes; 3) Creating a network of Primo Bus Priority Corridors; and 4) Making improvements to lighting, shelters, sidewalks, and crosswalks. He noted that the vision included a Rapid Transit Network to be accomplished by: 1) Connecting Regional Centers expecting significant growth; 2) Dedicating lanes for premium transit; 3) Creating a robust Commuter Network (High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes); and Collaborating transit supportive land use policies. He stated that the vision included innovative solutions to be accomplished by: 1) Carpool and Vanpool; 2) HOV Lanes; 3) Real time arrival information; 4) Mobile fare payment; 5) Transportation Network Companies; and 6) Bike Share/Car Share.

Chairman Nirenberg asked how the Plan was integrated with the Multimodal Plan. Mr. Buchanan replied that the nexus was on the Steering Committee level, the Board Level, and the Staff Level. Chairman Nirenberg asked if the Plan was layered with the Major Thoroughfare Plan, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Plan. Terry Bellamy replied that said Plans were consistent.

Councilmember Warrick asked of other cities with the same size service area. Jeffrey Arndt stated that Houston had almost the same size service area as San Antonio. Councilmember Warrick asked of the cost to increase frequency from one hour to 30 minutes. Mr. Buchanan stated that the annual operating cost to increase frequency was \$11 to 13 million plus \$11 million for a new bus fleet.

Councilmember Medina stressed the importance of integration with all Plans. He offered to schedule a meeting with stakeholders to develop a plan for improving traffic congestion on Bandera Road.

Peter Zaroni stated that Committee Members would be notified of the date and time of the next meeting via email.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Nirenberg, Chairman

*Denice F. Treviño,
Office of the City Clerk*