

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019
5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present:	Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, Chair, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Roberto C. Treviño, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Art A. Hall, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember John Courage, <i>District 9</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>District 4</i>
Staff Present:	Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Bridgett White, <i>Director of Planning Department</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Cosima Colvin; <i>Beacon Hill Resident</i> ; Max Woodward, <i>Uptown Neighborhood Association</i> ; Jeanette Honermann, <i>Council District 1 Resident</i>

Citizens to be heard

Chairperson Gonzales called upon Cosima Colvin to speak.

Cosima Colvin acknowledged staff for providing community workshops and public input sessions on the Midtown Area Regional Center Plan.

1. A briefing on the Midtown Area Regional Center Plan. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning Department]

Bridgett White stated that the neighborhoods in the Midtown Area Regional Center would consist of Uptown, Five Points, Tobin Hill, Westfort Alliance, Mahncke Park, and Government Hill. She noted that the Midtown Area was selected as a subarea plan because of population loss, demand for housing, public spaces, access to local amenities, and transportation options. She added that the planning efforts were led by neighborhood leaders, residents, businesses, area agencies, and City Departments.

Ms. White stated that the Midtown Area Regional Center Plan had 11 goals that reflected the value of the neighborhood and responded to the area's unique assets and challenges. She noted that staff conducted stakeholder and public outreach to capture input from Midtown Area Residents. She added that staff worked to build the framework, identify key priorities, improvements, and strategies to guide growth development investment in the Midtown Area.

Ms. White reported that the Land Use Policy supported stability, existing neighborhoods, road improvements, additional housing supply, and housing diversity. She stated that the Land Use Recommendations included the rezoning of property, mixed-use corridors, housing stability, and zoning within residential areas. She noted that the Focus Area presented opportunities to take advantage of the strategic location in the area and to accommodate growth. She added that the Focus Area Recommendations supported housing and employment opportunities, public spaces, and multiple modes of transportation that complement existing or potential future entities.

Ms. White stated that the Mobility Recommendations focused on continued implementation of the City's Vision Zero Action Plan, pedestrian safety, creating safe mobility options, and supporting enhanced services. She noted that the Amenities and Infrastructure Recommendations emphasize that public spaces included parks and streetscapes. She added that the recommendations would include tree canopies, green infrastructure, public art, healthy food options, and support of educational institutions.

Ms. White stated that two Catalyst Sites were identified. She noted that the first Catalyst Site supported the development of the residential mixed-use neighborhood along the San Pedro Gateway while the second Catalyst Site encouraged additional amenities at the San Pedro VIA Location.

Ms. White stated that the Housing Recommendation would maintain existing affordable housing and that affordable housing should be available to low income residents. She noted that Economic Development would ensure diversity of buildings and amenities to support existing jobs. She added that the proposal would support continued growth and integration of education and health institutions in the Midtown Area.

Ms. White provided a profile of each Neighborhood Association within all five Neighborhoods and their priorities that were specifically addressed. She noted that the adoption process included a briefing to the Comprehensive Planning Committee and the Planning Commission. She added that it would go before the full City Council for adoption on June 13, 2019.

Citizens to be heard

Chairperson Gonzales called upon Max Wilburn and Jeanette Honermann to speak.

Max Wilburn stated that he was in support of the recommendation for the Uptown Neighborhood Plan.

Jeanette Honermann noted that she was in support of the recommendation for the Midtown Area Regional Center Plan.

Councilmember Courage asked staff how Land Use Planning would improve affordable housing in the area. Ms. White replied that Land Use Recommendations identify opportunities for affordable housing to low income residents.

Councilmember Treviño acknowledged staff for their efforts to maintain neighborhood character and the continued use of existing structures.

Councilmember Hall asked how the Midtown Area Regional Center Plan worked alongside the Bond Projects on Broadway Street. Ms. White stated that the Bond Projects were outlined under the Amenities and Infrastructure Section. Councilmember Hall asked who staff would interface with on design and layout for the Bond Projects on Broadway. Ms. White replied that throughout the process, the Transportation and Capital Improvements Department would be aware of any improvements or infrastructure gaps that arise during the planning process.

Councilmember Courage suggested that displacement be considered as part of Land Use Development.

Councilmember Treviño moved to forward the Midtown Area Regional Center Plan to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shirley Gonzales, Chairperson

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