



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Comprehensive Planning City Council Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Planning & Community Development

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** John Dugan, AICP

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

### **SUBJECT:**

Briefing on upcoming Plan Element Working Groups calendar of events and objectives; and, briefing on the March 24, 2015 Plan Element Working Groups Kick-Off meeting.

### **SUMMARY:**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

#### Plan Element Working Groups

The Plan Element Working Groups (Working Groups) are comprised of industry and community leaders drawn from the various organizations of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Group and supplemented by subject matter experts identified by the planning team and their partners. These working groups and City staff will develop a series of topical policy papers that include assets, opportunities, and challenges, and that will be utilized in the formation of the City's three growth-related plans. These papers will be a key step in the planning process and will provide the basis for specific policy recommendations. The Working Groups will each have a representative who serves on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

### **ISSUE:**

Staff will provide the Comprehensive Planning Committee a briefing on the calendar and logistics for the future Plan Element Working Groups; and briefing on the March 24, 2015 Plan Element Working Groups Kick-Off meeting.

Approximately 120 technical experts representing organizations across the city attended the March 24, 2015 Plan Element Working Groups Kick-Off meeting. Mayor Taylor and Councilman Nirenberg also attended the Kick-Off meeting. This first meeting brought all of the Working Group participants together for an introduction and “big picture” discussion of the City’s greatest assets and challenges, both now and in the future.

Future meetings will be held every four to six weeks throughout the year. These subsequent meetings will be composed of smaller work groups, as the nine individual Working Groups will focus on their specific Plan Elements. The Plan Elements are listed below:

- Housing
- Growth & Urban Form
- Historic Preservation
- Transportation & Connectivity
- Green & Healthy Neighborhoods
- Public Facilities and Community Safety
- Military
- Jobs & Economic Competitiveness
- Natural Resources & the Environment

The first round of individual Working Groups will take place in May 2015. Each meeting will last approximately 90 minutes.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is not a fiscal impact associated with this briefing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is a briefing only. There is not a recommendation associated with this briefing.