

# **MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting: Brooks Area Planning Team Meeting #3

Date: September 13, 2017

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: Calumet Specialty Products, 1 BDA Crossing, Suite 100,

Brooks City Base, San Antonio, TX 78235

#### **Planning Team Attendees:**

• Joanie Barborak, District 3 Neighborhood Bond Representative

- Linda Cavazos, East Central Independent School District
- Officer Carlos Guillen, San Antonio Police Department
- Dr. Mary Hogan, University of Incarnate Word
- Marques Mitchell, Brooks Development Authority
- Victor Moreno, San Antonio Police Department
- Jesse Pacheco, South Central Alliance of Neighborhoods
- Katie Otten, Hot Wells NA
- Frank Salinas, Calumet Specialty Products
- Liz Trainor, Highland Hills
- Angela Saenz, Heritage at Brooks City Base
- Christine Vina, VIA
- Sergeant Curtis Walker, San Antonio Police Department

#### **Meeting Purpose**

The third meeting of the Brooks Area Regional Center Planning Team aimed to accomplish these objectives: provide an overview of the Brooks Area Regional Center Plan project and timeline; review community input received to date; review draft vision and goals and provide direction to staff on modifications; review draft opportunity site map and work in small groups to develop key plan concepts.

## **Meeting Format**

The meeting began with a welcome by Frank Salinas from Calumet Specialty Products, who hosted the Planning Team meeting. Frank provided a brief history, and logistical overview of Calumet Specialty Products. Afterwards, City of San Antonio Project Manager Kimberly Collins thanked Frank and Calumet for hosting the meeting and welcomed everyone after rounds of introductions were completed. Kimberly gave a brief update on plan development and thanked Angela Saenz and Joanie Barborak specifically for their generous volunteer help with the Brooks Community Meeting #1. Next, Kimberly summarized community feedback received to date which informed the draft vision statement. The draft plan vision statement and goals was then presented to the planning team and Kimberly opened the floor to the planning team for an editing and thoughts discussion. Kimberly wrapped up this session by asking the planning team member to take home the printed paper versions provided to each

member of the vision and goals statements and make edits and add thoughts return these to her via email or however is most convenient.

Following this presentation, Ellie Fiore with the MIG consulting team divided Planning Team members into small discussion groups for a mapping exercise that will help create the plan framework, elements or focus areas-. The mapping activity asked members to identify areas within the Brooks Area where they would like to focus on, see improvements, see parks, plazas, corridors, streetscape improvements and other items which presented to them in a key (see below). These elements were then drawn on trace paper laid over various Brooks Area resource maps such as transportation and amenities. The final maps can be seen below. The maps were then presented to the larger group. After the report outs, community members were briefed on the engagement efforts that had already taken place and were upcoming in the future as well the Brooks Area social media and website presence and asked to complete a planning team member profile which may be incorporated on the website.



## **Summary of Key Findings**

The two groups agreed on the following plan elements:

- Areas of Focus
  - San Antonio State Hospital
  - Brooks City Base
  - Fair Avenue and S. New Braunfels
  - Goliad RD
  - Waterways and existing easements as linear parks as opportunities to connect community amenities and facilitate east-west travel
- Mixed-Use Corridors
  - SE Military Drive
  - o Goliad Drive
  - Hot Wells Blvd
- Parks, Open Space and Recreation
  - San Antonio State Hospital
  - The Greenline
  - Pickwell Park (potential expansion)
  - San Antonio River to Salado Creek
  - o Brooks Park to bike park in Salado Creek
- Trails
  - o Greenline connections to the San Antonio River
  - State Hospital/Asylum Creek across Hot Wells Boulevard
  - Existing utility easements as trails
  - o Trail connections from East to West: SA River to Salado Creek
- Priority Transit Routes
  - SE Military Drive (particularly west of Goliad)
  - South New Braunfels connecting SE Military to the planned VTA station
- Priority Bicycle Routes
  - Connections across Highway 37 north of 410
  - From SE Military to the San Antonio River (along the Greenline)
  - S. Presa and Southton Rd.
  - Multiple connections through State Hospital property with respect to Asylum creek, pond and cemeteries across to the West
  - o Across Brooks City Base at Corpus Christi Hwy, Inner Circle, & Aviation Landing
- Priority Streetscape Improvements
  - S Presa Street
  - Goliad Street
  - o Southcross Blvd
  - Hot Wells Blvd



## **Next Steps and Meeting Close**

Community members were advised of the upcoming planning and community meetings: Planning team #4 will be Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Highland Hills Elementary School, and Community Meeting #2 will be Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> at the San Antonio River Authority Mission Reach Outreach Center.

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