



MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting: Brooks Planning Team Meeting #2

Date: July 31st, 2017

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel

Attendees:

- Joanie Barborak, District 3 Neighborhood Bond Representative
- Linda Cavazos, East Central Independent School District
- Leo Gomez, Brooks Development Authority
- Dr. Mary Hogan, University of Incarnate Word
- Kyle Knickerbocker & Gilbert R. Jimenez (alternate), San Antonio River Authority
- Katie Otten, Hot Wells Neighborhood Association
- Jesse Pacheco, South Central Alliance of Neighborhoods
- Dolores Rios, Parents as Partners
- Frank Salinas, Jr., Calumet Specialty Products Partners, LLP
- Jennifer Tiller, Holy Name Catholic School
- Liz Trainor, Highland Hills

Meeting Purpose

The second meeting of the Brooks Planning Team aimed to accomplish these objectives: review and provide feedback on existing conditions research and analysis; begin to identify areas of change and opportunity; consider a unique opportunity for the Brooks area; and start to develop a vision and goals for the Brooks Area Regional Center.

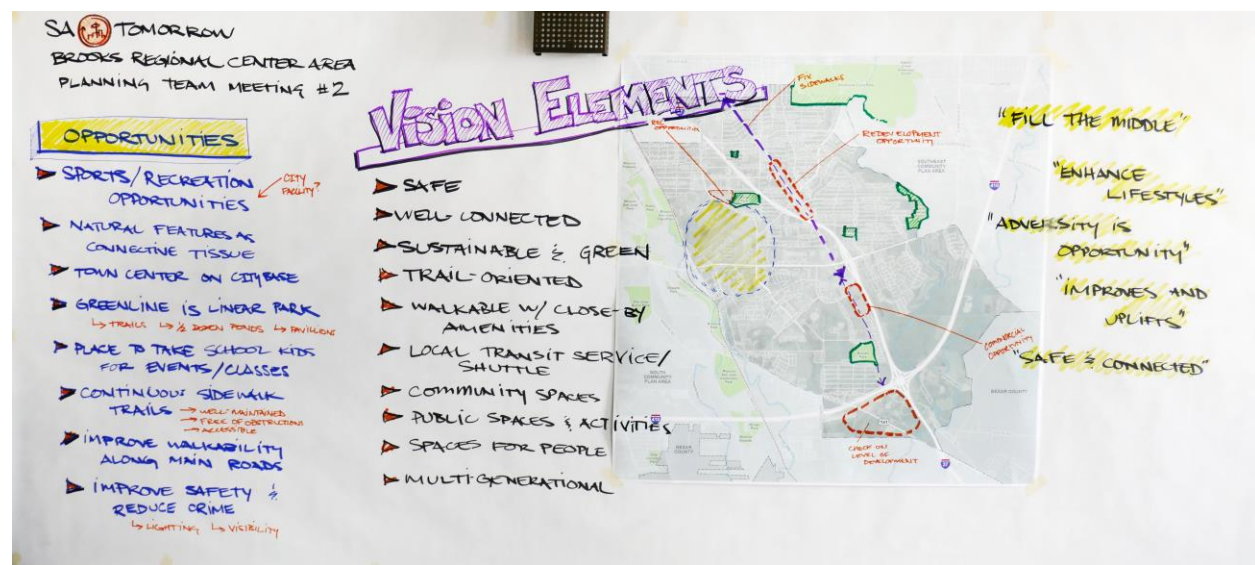
Meeting Format

The meeting began with a welcome and introductions by City of San Antonio Project Manager Kimberly Collins. Kimberly provided the Planning Team with a recap of planning process, schedule updates and engagement activities and community feedback captured since the last meeting. Following this presentation, Ellie Fiore with the MIG consulting team presented existing conditions along with demographic data to the Planning Team members for discussion and analysis. These topics included public investments, amenities, natural systems, transportation and land use. Richard Ramirez, Senior Economic Development Specialist with The City of San Antonio TIF Department spoke and answered questions about the Brooks TIRZ program. After discussing these topic areas, the group was presented with a large wall map of the Brooks Area and was asked to identify and discuss areas experiencing change, areas with opportunity for positive change, and areas to protect.

These preliminary areas of opportunity led into a discussion facilitated by Jay Renkens with MIG on how to ensure growth aligns with SATomorrow's Vision and guiding principles and how those Comprehensive Plan themes can be applied to the Brooks area.

Doug Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer presented on the possibility incorporating elements of, -or piloting, a sustainability or resilience program in the Brooks sub-area.

After this presentation, the planning team broke into small groups to work on a visioning exercise for the Brooks Area. Planning team members were asked to brainstorm their vision for the future of the area and to complete the sentence "Brooks is...". Following these group discussions, the large group reconvened for reports from each group. Highlights of these visions which were recorded on the large wall graphic (included below)



Next Steps and Meeting Close

The next meeting will be held September 13th, 2017 6-8pm at Calumet Specialty Products, 1 BDA Crossing, Suite 100, Brooks City-Base, Texas 78235. Planning Team Meeting #3 will focus on Goal setting and discussion of plan components.

The meeting closed with Kimberly asking all planning team members to email pictures of good and bad things they notice in the Brooks Regional Center plan area and to volunteer to help with at least one outreach and engagement event in the area.

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