



## MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting:** Brooks Community Meeting #1  
**Date:** August 24, 2017  
**Time:** 5:30-8:00 pm  
**Location:** Kennedy Apartments

### Meeting Overview and Purpose

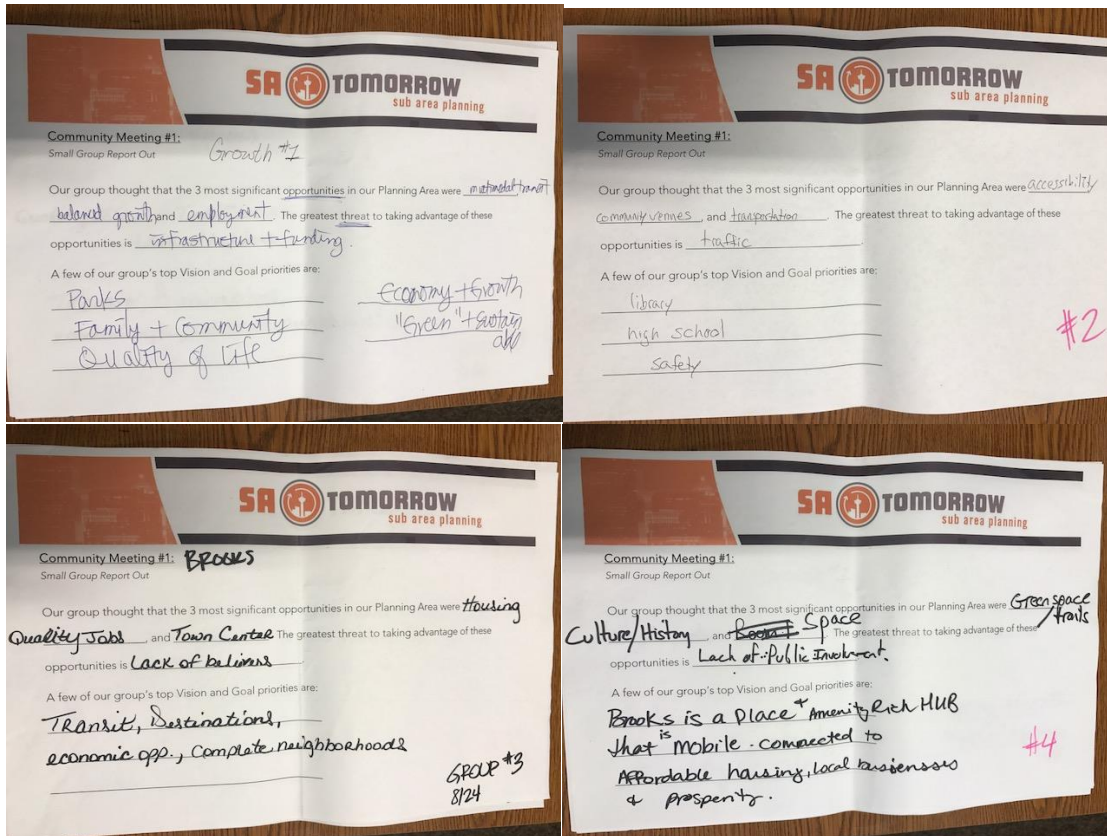
The first Brooks Area Regional Center Community Meeting was held on August 25, 2017 to introduce the sub-area planning process to the broader community and solicit input on a range of topics. Specifically, the first Community Meeting aimed to accomplish these objectives: introduce the planning process, learn about community input opportunities, review initial existing conditions findings, work in smaller groups to map Brooks Area's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, 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

City Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran was in attendance and provided opening remarks. She thanked participants for being actively engaged in planning for the future of the Brooks Area Regional Center and expressed her optimism about the area. Next, City of San Antonio Director of Planning, Bridgett White thanked everyone for coming and introduced Chris Ryerson to provide SATomorrow background, as well as introduced the Brooks Area planning project team: Kimberly Collins City of San Antonio Brooks Area Project Manager, and Ellie Fiore, consultant with MIG.

Chris provided the audience with an overview of the three SATomorrow plans, focusing on the SATomorrow Comprehensive Plan, its vision for 2040, the nine plan elements, cross-cutting themes, framework, place types and phased timeline for completion. Kimberly then presented on the existing conditions in the Brooks Area gathered from feedback collected from the community up to the meeting date. Kimberly then introduced planning team member, Andrew Anguiano, who gave a brief overview and video on the Southside Initiative. Following this presentation, Ellie Fiore introduced the small group exercise and facilitated community members into breaking into small discussion groups for a SWOT mapping and vision and goals exercise facilitated by The City of San Antonio Planning Department's staff.

The first small group activity was a SWOT mapping activity. Each group facilitator asked members to identify the Brooks Area's greatest strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats and locate them on a map of the area. The second activity was a Vision and Goals exercise that asked community members to write a statement describing how they envision the future of the Brooks area. Facilitators encouraged community members to think about housing, connectivity and mobility, parks, open space, trails and outdoor amenities, shops and restaurants and employment. Small group members identified common themes and words amongst the group member's individual vision statements. From these common themes, each group completed a summary of their ideas (included below) which was read aloud by one spokesperson from each group to the entire audience.



After the report outs, community member were briefed on the engagement efforts that had already taken place and were upcoming, as well the Brooks Area social media and website presence.

### Next Steps and Meeting Close

Community members were advised of the upcoming planning and community meetings: The next Planning Team meeting will be held September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 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. Planning team #4 will be Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Highland Hills Elementary School, and Community Meeting #2 will tentatively be Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> at the San Antonio River Authority Mission Reach Outreach Center.

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