



SA Tomorrow Area Planning Medical Center Planning Team Meeting #2 Summary

August 21, 2017
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
San Antonio Medical Foundation Office
8431 Fredericksburg Rd, Ste 548

Planning Team Members Present:

Art Herrera, VIA
Jim Reed, San Antonio Medical Foundation
Wes Waite, Mockingbird Hill NA
Bill Thomas, NNOD
Patrick Kaminski, UT Health Science Center
Ceema Feizollahi, Cude Engineers
Matthew Driffill, SARA
Calvin R. Finch, Dreamhill Estates
Cherie DeVries Short, Northside Chamber of Commerce
Michele Brown, Clarity Child Guidance Center
Vicki Vaughan, Mockingbird Hill NA
Pam Lessner, San Antonio Medical Foundation

City of San Antonio representatives:

Bianca Maldonado, District 7 Council Office
Susan Guinn, City Attorney's Office

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE:

- City staff will reach out to the hotel industry and pre-k for SA.
- **September 18th: Community Meeting. The meeting will be held in the evening, the location is to be determined.**
- SA Tomorrow website will soon have a listing of all community events.
- Staff will reach out to school districts and PTA's to "piggy back" off mail outs to parents.
- Staff will develop a calendar of events for Planning Team members.
 - *Please feel free to provide your neighborhood association's calendar.*

INTERCEPT EVENTS & OPORTUNITIES:

- United Way event in October
- National Night Out (October)
- Clarity Child Guidance Center Carnival
- NISD; PTA meetings
- VIA will be hosting public meetings later in the year

MEDICAL CENTER TODAY: INITITAL EXITING CONDITIONS FINDINGS

- Staff is in the process of developing a "Medical Center Atlas" displaying existing land use conditions maps, amenities, natural systems, etc.
- Building footprint data is needed.
 - Square footage vs. available space

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- City owned property data is needed.
 - *We have GIS shapefiles and layers with city owned property data, however, it may not be the most accurate at this time.*
- Staff will need to obtain and display designated green streets, such as Hamilton Wolfe Drive.
- Staff will contact the UTHSCSA chief of police to obtain local crime data.
- A bike “heat map” will be useful to show concentration of bike ridership.
 - *MPO or GIS staff may be able to provide more information.*
- VIA is in the process of creating a comprehensive data analysis that could provide for more frequent and more effective routes. The analysis is in the beginning phases and public meetings will follow a few months from now.

AMENITIES AND ACCESS

- There is a lack of connectivity in the Medical Center area, however there is potential , through public investments, waivers, or incentives, to enhance amenities and provide better connectivity.

VISION AND GOALS DISCUSSION

- **Vison & Goals Exercise:**
 - What should the Medical Center look like 20 years from now?
 - Participants wrote down their “vision” and passed it along to their neighbor. The neighbor highlighted key words and phrases.
 - *See the planning exercise attachment.*
- **Discussion:** What are the major themes/opportunities/issues the plan should focus on or address?
 - Healthy Living:
 - The medical center should set the educational example.
 - Connectivity to trails, grocery stores, transit, medical services, the senior center, parks and open spaces
 - Partnerships with school districts and church’s to establish “Sparks” or use underutilized green spaces.
 - Promote a “nurturing environment” to allow visitors or employees to go outside and enjoy the natural environment and promote informal recreational options and outdoor gathering spaces.
 - Farmers Markets and neighborhood grocery stores to provide convenient access to healthy food.
 - Leverage publicly owned properties to catalyze the vision of a vibrant live, work, play area.
 - Mobility:
 - Improve connectivity to and from the Medical Center area, as well as within by having multimodal forms of transportation such as: transit rails, elevated transit rails, frequent transit, and high capacity capabilities.
 - Encourage environmentally friendly transportation by providing more pedestrian and bike lanes, as well as electric charging centers for electric vehicles
 - Develop “park once” strategies by promoting access through a shuttle or enhanced pedestrian mobility.





- Mobility (continued):
 - Provide accessibility throughout the area for ADA compliance, seniors and the mobility impaired with a focus on pedestrian comfort and safety.
 - Consider design standards for setbacks and new buildings to ensure pedestrian safety.

- “Become a world leader in medical education and research”
 - The San Antonio Medical Foundation has vacant land reserved for medical related uses and can build on the current assets the area offers.
 - Vacant land could be used to attract world class cancer care, medical and biological research facilities, as well as educational institutions
 - The area could benefit from partnerships with the military to provide joint military medicine to provide the best care military members and their families.
 - The Medical Center area will require world class transportation to and from San Antonio
 - More direct flights from airports, and more transportation options to the area
 - “The area’s quality of life is directly related to the talent the medical center area brings.”
 - Higher quality talent brings a market for higher quality housing, amenities and services.

NEXT STEPS...

- Community meeting #1; **September 18th, John Igo Branch Library, 13330 Kyle Seale Parkway; 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm**
- Meeting #3: Areas of Opportunities, Discussion of Plan Framework
- Meeting #4: Draft Plan Elements, Focus Areas & Catalytic Projects.

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- # VISION DEDICATE
- ▷ PARK & RIDE
 - ▷ SAFE
 - ▷ WALK TO PARK
 - ▷ CIRCULATOR SHUTTLE
 - ▷ BUSINESS DEV.
 - ▷ SMALL MARKET
 - ▷ POCKETS OF OPEN SPACE CENTER
 - ▷ PREMIERE MED CENTER
 - ↳ SUPPORT WHAT WE HAVE
 - ▷ MULTIMODAL
 - ▷ LIVE, WORK, PLAY
 - ▷ ATTRACTIVE & INVITING
 - ▷ EASY NAVIGATION
 - ▷ WORLD LEADER ↳ BEST IN WORLD
 - ▷ VIBRANT COMMUNITY
 - ▷ TRANSIT RAIL
 - ▷ ROOF TOPS / "UPPER RAIL"
 - ▷ WALKABILITY
 - ▷ USE CREEKS
 - ▷ REGIONAL
 - ▷ TRAILS
 - ▷ HEALTHY LIVING
 - ▷ COMMERCIAL SERVICES

MOBILITY

- ▷ AUTONOMOUS CARS
- ▷ DELIVERY
- ▷ PED & BIKE
- ▷ ELECTRIC CHARGING CENTERS
- ▷ FREQUENT TRANSIT
- ▷ HIGH CAPACITY / RAPID TRANSIT
- ▷ PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - SETBACKS
- ▷ PEDESTRIAN COMFORT
- ▷ ACCESSIBILITY → ADA, SENIORS, WHEEL CHAIRS, ETC.

HEALTHY LIVING

- ▷ EDUCATIONAL EXAMPLE (MODEL)
- ▷ CONNECTIVITY
- ▷ HEALTHY FOODS / NUTRITION ↳ COMMUNITY GARDENS
- ▷ OPEN SPACE / GATHERING
- ▷ TRAILS
- ▷ FARMERS MARKET/S
- ▷ PARTNERSHIPS → CAROLAS
- ▷ SPARKS - SCHOOL PARKS
- ▷ SENIOR CENTER
- ▷ MEDICAL SERVICES
- ▷ NURTURING ENVIRONMENT ↳ TAKE IT OUTSIDE BUILDINGS
- ▷ NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY STORE

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- ▷ INTERCONNECTED, MOBILE

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WORLD LEADER IN MED

- ▶ MEDICAL EDUCATIONAL OR RESEARCH → RESTRICTIONS ON MED CENTER LAND
- ▶ JOINT MILITARY MEDICINE
↳ RESEARCH
- ▶ WORLD CLASS CANCER CARE
- ▶ RESEARCH FOCUS AREAS
- ▶ WORLD CLASS TRANSPORTATION
↳ AIR, RAIL, ETC.
- ▶ GREEN SPACE
- ▶ GREAT PEOPLE & TALENT

- ▶ HEALTHY LIVING
- ▶ INFORMAL REC & GATHERING SPACES
- ▶ LEVERAGE PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES TO CATALYZE VISION
- ▶ IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY
↳ "PARK ONCE" STRATEGY
↳ TRAM/SHUTTLE

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