

## MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting:** Medical Center Area Community Meeting #2  
**Date:** January 29, 2018  
**Time:** 5:30 – 7:30 PM  
**Location:** Phil Hardberger Park Urban Ecology Center, 8400 NW Military

### MEETING OVERVIEW

The City of San Antonio Planning Department began the first joint Community Meeting for the Medical Center and UTSA area Regional Center Plans with the following main objectives:

- Provide information on the Medical Center Area planning Process
- Gather public input to refine the Medical Center Plan draft policies and recommendations.

Approximately 40 community members attended the meeting to offer their ideas and perspectives. Community input from this meeting, along with additional feedback from the respective planning team members, future intercept events, and video vision clips, will be used to refine the vision and goals, as well as the focus areas, for the future of the Medical Center Area.

### *Meeting Format*

The meeting consisted of an open house gallery of activities that provided information and encouraged attendees to share their priorities and ideas with the Planning Department and consultant team. The meeting activities and results are detailed below.

### *Resources and General Information*

Participants were greeted by planning staff and provided information on SA Tomorrow and the planning process.

### *Vision and Goals*

The Medical Center Area vision and goals were displayed at a station for attendees to review and comment upon.

**Results:** One participant suggested that the lack of spaces currently available in the plan area could hinder the addition of public spaces and outdoor recreational opportunities; another participant recommended management of the wildlife (deer population) in the area; One commented: “Foster vs. Inspire innovation: this is about: inspire, engage, transform (building blocks for tomorrow and generate new revenue.)” One participant commented that the area should be more “walkable” and “have more sidewalks.”

### *Economic and Demographic Profile*

One station was dedicated to the economic and demographic profile of the Medical Center. A poster was displayed that showed demographic information such as population, average age, and annual household growth. The poster also displayed employment statistics, such as major employment sectors and educational attainment within the plan area. A staff member was available to discuss or answer any questions pertaining to the station.

## Focus Areas:

A map, along with photos of the focus areas were displayed on the station table. The Planning Teams original comments on the intended future purpose, character and building heights were displayed on the board. Participants were asked to write and discuss their ideas for the future purpose, character and building heights for each focus area. The project manager was also present at the table for elaboration and further discussion.

### Focus Area #1: Medical Drive and Wurzbach

**Purpose:** live work play

**Character:** modern, tech-y, cool, young

**Building Range:** 3-10 stories

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**Purpose:** expanding medical services

**Character:** modernized and make it easily accessible to the public.

**Building Range:** 4-15 stories

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**Purpose:** Agree ("heart of the Medical Center")

**Character:** Agree (safe and inviting with mobility options)

**Building Range:** Agree (1-10 stories)

**Focus Area #2: Floyd Curl/Huebner/Babcock** Although none of the participants identified Focus Area #2 on the writing exercise, one attendee described the future of the area during the vision video as; *a trail that could be used to connect the major employers (USAA & Medical Center) to an open green space that provides connectivity to the rest of the area and could serve as recreational or as a commuter trail.*

### Focus Area #4: USAA Blvd and Fredericksburg

**Purpose:** residential complex for sale, not rent

**Character:** "Agree" (mixed use)

**Building Range:** 4-8 stories

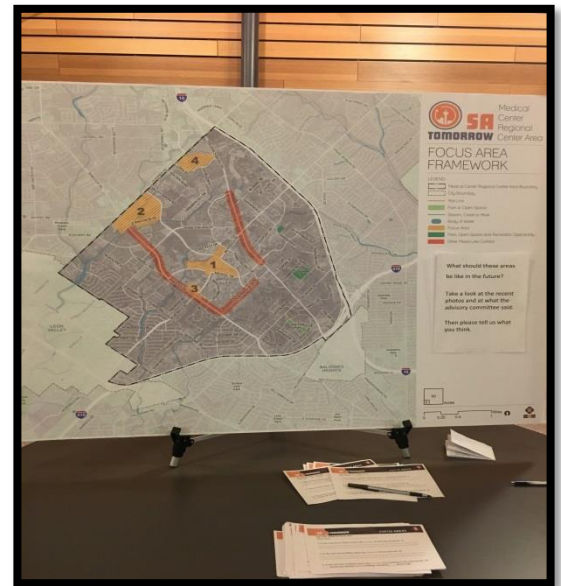
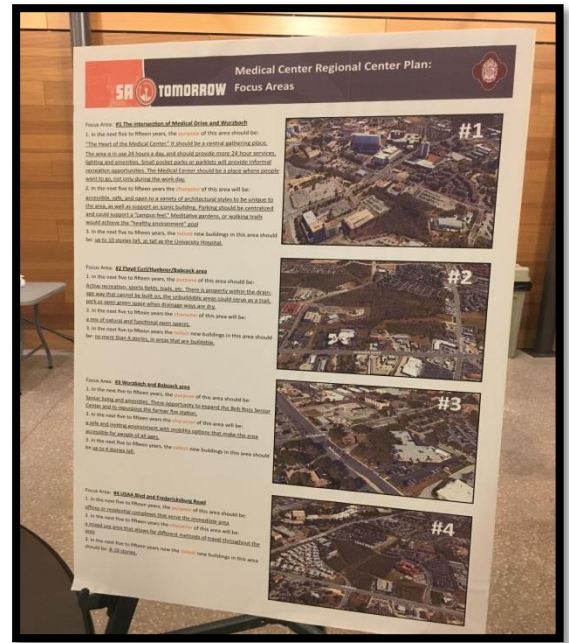
### Focus Area #4: USAA Blvd and Fredericksburg

**Purpose:** Live, work, play

**Character:** N/A

**Building Range:** 3-5 stories.

**Additional feedback:** One attendee suggested an additional focus area between Evers Road and Loop 410. The participant stated the purpose should be to foster commercial redevelopment, the character would be office and commercial, and the building range would be 2-10 stories tall. This idea will be introduced and discussed with the planning team during Planning Team Meeting #5.



### Housing

Participants were invited to review information on demographic and economic characteristics in the area as well as housing and transportation as it relates to area dwelling rental costs. Participants were asked to review images of several housing types and identify which would be most appropriate in neighborhoods as well as focus areas.



*\*Yellow tabs in this exercise represent appropriate housing types in existing neighborhoods. Blue tabs indicate appropriate housing in the focus areas.*

**Results:** Duplexes, Triplexes, Courtyard Apartments, Bungalow Courts, Townhouses, Multi-Plexes, and Live/Work areas were selected by participants as appropriate for neighborhoods- depending on the circumstance. Townhouses, Mutli-Plexes and Live/Work areas were selected as appropriate for the focus areas. Live/work in the focus areas was the most popular response.



### Mobility Framework

The draft mobility framework map was displayed with associated photos of select transportation corridors. Participants were encouraged to assign a mode (bike, bus, or pedestrian) priority to each of the corridors.



Corridor:	Pedestrian	Transit	Bicycle
Babcock	3	-	4
Priority Trail	2	-	3
Floyd Curl	4	-	2
Wurzbach & I-10	2	4	2
Fredericksburg	2	5	2

### NEXT STEPS

The City Planning Department will use the publics' input from Community Meeting #2, along with input generated from intercepts, focus groups, interviews, and the Medical Center Area Planning Team, to develop policy recommendations for the Medical Center Area Plan. The third Community Meeting will be held in 2018. The objectives for this meeting include:

- Review draft plan recommendations
- Obtain public feedback on draft plan recommendations; and
- Provide more information on how the Medical Center Area Plan is being created and more ways to get involved.

More information on the planning process and the Medical Center Area is available at:

<https://medical-center.sacompplan.com/>

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