



MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting: Midtown Planning Team Meeting #10
Date: March 6th, 2019
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Location: San Antonio College Nursing and Allied Health Complex, Room 218

Midtown Planning Team Attendees:

Joe Bravo, Westfort Alliance *Richard Farias, San Antonio*
Marise McDermott, Witte Museum *College*
Lynn, Osborne Bobbitt,
Brackenridge Park Conservancy
Rose Hill, Government Hill Alliance

Meeting Purpose

The purpose of the tenth meeting of the Midtown Planning Team was to brief the planning team on recent public input, changes to the draft Midtown Plan, and next steps in the planning process.

Meeting Format

Garrett Phillips, City of San Antonio Project Manager for the SA Tomorrow Midtown Regional Center Plan Project, provided an update on the results recent public and planning team comments received by the Planning Department in response to the Draft Midtown Plan, and how the comments were used to revise the draft Plan. This was followed by additional briefing on next steps in the Midtown planning process and plan adoption process. Midtown Planning Team members asked questions and had discussion throughout the presentation.

This summary provides highlights of the Planning Team members' discussion and a review of next steps in the planning process.

Planning Process

- The Draft Midtown Plan was published in January 2019, and was followed by an initial public comment period and public comment opportunities in January and February.
- Written public comments and staff responses are published at <https://midtown.sacompplan.com/documents/>
- The Administrative Draft Midtown Regional Center Plan, reflecting improvement to the plan based on public input, was published at <https://midtown.sacompplan.com> on March 6th.
- The 10th Planning Team meeting was the last Planning Team Meeting.
- Further revisions to the draft plan may be recommended by staff, the Planning Commission, and City Council, until the City Council adopts the plan.
- The Planning Department anticipates requesting City Council to adopt the plan at hearing to be scheduled for June 2019.

Planning Team Discussion

- The Planning Department should contact the neighborhood association for Tobin Hill to tell them about the two land use map changes reflected in the Administrative Draft plan. (<https://midtown.sacompplan.com/plan-framework/land-use/>)
- The new “design justice” recommendations shouldn’t be qualified as only applicable to “major” public projects. See Administrative Draft Midtown Plan, Focus Areas Recommendation #1(<https://midtown.sacompplan.com/plan-framework/focus-area/>) and Focus Areas Implementation Recommendation #1, Strategy #1.3 (<https://midtown.sacompplan.com/implementation/>)
- The plan’s recommendations to update zoning and design regulations for development adjacent to Broadway Street will be a concern to some stakeholders until the scope is clearly defined.
- The Planning Department should help council district staff learn how to use the plan and find policies in the plan, because council district staff are a source of information for developers and other development stakeholders.
- The City’s design process’s scope the 2017 Bond Broadway Street project is more than just roadway design. It includes consideration of how buildings and site configurations will relate to the street.





Additional Resources

During the meeting, the following resources were identified:

The draft Midtown Plan is available for the public to review at <https://midtown.sacompplan.com>. At the bottom of each of the primary draft plan pages is a comment form that users can use to submit comments on the plan. Each of the plan's maps also include a function that allows participants click or draw on the map, and submit a comments referenced to drawn locations on the map. The "Get Involved" page lists the scheduled presentations and hearings before the City Council Comprehensive Plan sub-committee, the Planning Commission, and the City Council.

Next Steps

The Planning Department will continue welcoming comments through the plan webpage, via email, and in person at the following events, throughout the plan adoption process previewed below.

- Comprehensive Plan Committee of City Council March 19, 2019.
- Planning Commission Hearing in May 2019.
- City Council Hearing in June 2019.

If you have questions or comments about the SA Tomorrow Midtown Sub-Area planning, please contact Project Manager, Garrett Phillips, City of San Antonio Planning Department.

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