



### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Dave Anderson, Chair

Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Francis Reilly, Planning and Development Review, 947-7657

**DATE:** March 19, 2014

**RE:** South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan

Case #s: NP-2013-0030, C14-2014-0017 (Westgate), C14-2014-0018 (South Manchaca),

C14-2014-0019 (Garrison Park)

### **Description of Backup Information**

Backup information for the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan is attached, including:

- Participation summary, plan summary, summary of major themes, issues, and concerns (this document)
- Draft plan, NP-2013-0030
- Character District Map (FLUM)
- Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department's Affordability Impact Statement

### Participation Summary

The South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan was initiated by City Council Resolution (20120628-039) in June 2012. The kickoff meeting was held in January 2013. Over the course of the year, Planning and Development Review staff conducted 12 workshops and meetings and administered 3 main online and print surveys, culminating in a draft neighborhood plan presented at the December 2013 open house.

DATE	WORKSHOP	PARTICIPANTS
January 12, 2013	Kickoff Workshop	129
February 16	Visioning Workshop	131
March 23	Civic Center Community Design Workshop	86
April 29	APD, Code Compliance, and Implementation Forum	43
May 18	Character District Workshop	57
June 15	Frontage Road Community Design Workshop	55
August 22	Creativity & Collaboration Community Conversation	48

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September 10	Environment Community Conversation	54
October 3	Transportation Community Conversation	41
October 26	Character Districts Community Conversation	38
November 19	Household Affordability Community Conversation	24
December 7	Open House	131

Please see plan appendix for more details on meetings.

DATES	SURVEY	RESPONDENTS
Dec. 14, 2012 – Jan. 28, 2013	Initial Survey	546
Apr. 29 - June 30, 2013	Code, Crime & Implementation Survey	198
Dec. 9, 2013 – Jan. 13, 2014	Final Survey (all plan policies + actions)	198
Nov. 25, 2013 – Jan. 13, 2014	Final Survey (process + plan satisfaction)	61
Jan. 29 – Feb. 5, 2014	Infill Options/Design Tools Survey	180

### Other Outreach

- Postcards
- Flyers, including door-to-door flyering for Civic Center and Frontage Road workshops
- Press releases and coverage in Community Impact, Austin Chronicle, KUT, YNN, Imagine Austin blog/City Shaping News
- Regular email updates (832 people signed up on list)
- Neighborhood Association meetings
- Collaboration with Gol Austin Vamosi Austin
- Collaboration with AIA Austin for Community Design Workshops
- 2 Bike Rides
- Participated in Friends of Armadillo Park workdays

### **Plan Summary**

The community vision and goals emerged from these workshops and surveys. Each element of the plan vision corresponds to plan chapters and is summarized below:

**Vision:** Create a complete community that is mobile and interconnected; compact, accessible, and affordable; natural and sustainable; healthy, safe, creative, and engaged.

**Mobile and Interconnected:** Encourage walking, bicycling, and transit through design and education

### Compact Accessible, and Affordable:

 Maintain the residential character of the Residential Core, ensuring that future development or redevelopment is appropriate to the district. Create walkable, peoplefriendly destinations in Neighborhood Node, Mixed-Use Activity Hub/Corridor, and Activity Center districts. Expand housing options in all districts. Encourage a diverse, intergenerational, family-friendly community by maintaining household affordability.



### Natural and Sustainable:

- 1. Improve access to and amenities in area parks.
- 2. Protect, enhance, and expand the neighborhood's green infrastructure.
- 3. Promote environmentally sustainable practices.

### Healthy, Safe, Creative, and Engaged:

- 1. Increase the overall health of the SACNPA.
- 2. Improve the community's safety and upkeep.
- 3. Increase creativity and collaboration in the SACNPA to promote a sense of community and a unique sense of place.

### **Summary of Major Themes**

- · Improve walking, biking, and access to transit
- Maintain the character of residential parts of the neighborhood
- Improve commercial areas by making them more walkable, by increasing the mix of uses, and by encouraging neighborhood-serving businesses
- Turn the area around Stassney and Manchaca into an identifiable, cohesive district
- Transform the area along Ben White into a community asset
- Preserve and improve household affordability
- Preserve the neighborhood's tree canopy
- Improve area parks and look for new opportunities for additional parks/green space
- Incorporate art into infrastructure, parks, and public buildings
- See Top Plan Actions in Plan Appendix

### **Issues and Concerns**





Participants support the overall process and plan, but some have raised concerns about the Special Use Infill Options, particularly the Corner Store option. A summary of workshop and survey results regarding these options is included below.

The survey was sent to the South Austin Combined email interest list on January 29, 2014 as a way to gather additional input about the Special Use Infill Options and Design Tools available to neighborhood planning areas. During the one week the survey was open, between 147 and 152 people responded to survey questions (not all respondents answered every question). These answers were considered in conjunction with the results of the workshops held on May 18 and Oct. 26, 2013. Results of the workshops and surveys are summarized below, including the votes for each option out of the total votes for each planning area.

	Percent in Favor of Option (votes for/total)						
Special Uses	Westgate		South Manchaca		Garrison Park		
	Workshops	Survey	Workshops	Survey	Workshops	Survey	
Small Lot Amnesty	82% (9/11)	<b>68%</b> (19/28)	100% (7/7)	86% {44/51}	<b>90%</b> (19/21)	<b>80%</b> (35/58)	
Cottage	82% (9/11)	<b>63%</b> (17/27)	100% (7/7)	<b>70%</b> (37/53)	<b>90%</b> (19/21)	<b>83%</b> (40/48)	
Urban Home	82% (9/11)	<b>74%</b> (20/27)	100% (7/7)	<b>75%</b> (38/51)	<b>90%</b> (19/21)	66% (38/58)	
Secondary Apts.	25% (1/4)	<b>57%</b> (16/28)	100% (7/7)	<b>83%</b> (44/53)	<b>91%</b> (15.5/1 7)	<b>61%</b> (35/57)	
Corner store	75% (9/12)	<b>50%</b> (14/28)	100% (7/7)	<b>74%</b> (40/54)	<b>83%</b> (19/23)	<b>67%</b> (38/57)	
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Design Tools	Workshops	Survey	Workshops	Survey	Workshops	Survey	
Parking placement		<b>79%</b> (22/28)		<b>92%</b> (48/52)		<b>75%</b> (42/56)	
Garage placement (flush or behind)	<b>85%</b> (17/20)	<b>70%</b> (19/27)	100% (7/7)	<b>70%</b> (37/53)	<b>88%</b> (21/24)	<b>59%</b> (33/56)	
Front porches		<b>82%</b> (23/28)		<b>84%</b> (43/51)		<b>79%</b> (45/57)	

The number of participants at the workshops and respondents to the survey differed and may include some of the same people, so the results cannot be combined with one another. The survey results were compatible with the workshop results in all but two instances, although the strength of vote varied between the survey and the workshops.

Following receipt of the legal notice mailing, several community members submitted emails or comment forms regarding the corner store, cottage lot, and urban home infill options (attached).

### Household Affordability

Some participants also expressed concern during the planning process about whether the neighborhood plan adequately addressed household affordability. Household affordability was discussed at the Saturday, Oct. 26 meeting, and following feedback from participants, at a specially called meeting on Nov. 19. Representatives from Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, Community Advancement Network, HousingWorks, and Foundation Communities participated in a panel discussion on affordability and worked with participants to craft actions included in the draft plan.

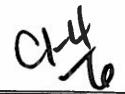
### Final Survey Results (61 responses)

The Planning & Development Review Department surveyed the SACNPA stakeholders at the end of the planning process. The survey intends to assess stakeholders' satisfaction with the plan and their agreement with its recommendations. Below are the results of responses to the question, "Please rate your overall level of support for the SACNPA Neighborhood Plan by checking one (1) response below. Refer to the vision and goals listed on the previous page to determine how well the plan represents your concerns for your neighborhood." (61 total responses):

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Fully Supportive	50.8%	31
Generally Supportive	36.1%	22
Generally Unsupportive	3.3%	2
No Support	3.3%	2
Unfamiliar with the Plan	6.6%	4
	answered question	61



### PRELIMINARY Affordability Impact Statement Neighborhood Housing and Community Development City Council Agenda: Case Number:



PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT:	Implement a neighborhood plan for the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Planning Area
PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN IMPACT ON HOUSEHOLD AFFORDABILITY:	The proposed neighborhood plan would have an overall positive impact on household affordability.  This plan furthers the Imagine Austin identified priority of developing and maintaining household affordability. This plan takes a comprehensive approach to household affordability that "takes into consideration transportation, utilities, and access to daily and weekly needs as essential and inter-related components of household affordability."
PLANNING AND DESIGN TOOLS THAT SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING	The plan meets the directive of the Imagine Austin household affordability priority program by allowing for many types of housing to be developed in the neighborhood areas. Diversity of housing types can provide opportunities for affordable housing in areas where there might not otherwise be affordable options available.
	Imagine Austin says "To meet the market demand of our growing and diversifying population, the range of available housing choices must expand throughout the city." <sup>2</sup>
	This neighborhood plan allows for many infill development types including: - secondary apartments - cottage lot - urban home - residential infill (applied to specific properties) - small lot amnesty

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Additional Planning and design tools that support household affordability and equitable access to amenities	The neighborhood plan directly addresses household affordability through policies and actions related to:  - complete streets and an emphasis on improving connections to the neighborhood  - colocation of affordable housing and transit routes  - energy efficiency restoration and renovation for aging housing stock  - ongoing coordination with NHCD, affordable and market rate housing developers, and other affordable housing stakeholders and advocates  - improved access to amenities and parks  - colocation of affordable housing and schools
ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE TO MAXIMIZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES:	The Imagine Austin household affordability priority program sets a short term goal of "Ensure new and revised small-area plans include an affordability component addressing preservation of existing and creation of new affordable, supportive, and workforce housing."  The South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan incorporates the preservation of existing affordable housing and the development of new market rate and subsidized affordable housing, and workforce housing, but the plan does not speak to the development of new supportive housing.  NHCD Staff recommends that the neighborhood consider the inclusion of supportive housing in their policies and actions related to household affordability.
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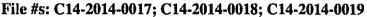
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Name (please print) GINNIE POWELL	☐ I am in favor
Address 2201 SOUTHERN OAKS DRIVE 78745	(Estoy de acuerdo) I object
	(No estoy de acuerdo)

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Name (please print) Jana Nelson	☐ I am in favor
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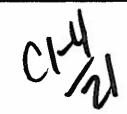
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Comments: I have lived here since 1988 & 1 do not want
the neighborhood to get more dense. I also do
not want my property tax to increase because high
dollar properties move in. Austin is already too much
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Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767-8835 Attn: Francis Reilly
Name (please print) Gail Hines
Address 4910 Enchanted Ln 78745 (Estoy de acuerdo)
(No estoy de acuerdo)

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Comments: I am opposing because of 3 items: Cottage Lots, Corner Stores and the Urban Home items. I think they would be terrible changes to make. They would be very bad for the community, and change what nakes Austin neighborhoods better than everywhere also.

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Name (please print) Patricia J. Hitchcock Address 4520 Frontier Tr. Austin 78745-1563 (Estoy de acuerdo)

☐ I am in favor

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WESTERN TRAILS! NO CORNER STORES PLEASE!

You may also send your written comments to the Planning and Development Review Department, P.O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767-8835 Attn: Francis Reilly

Name (please print) JOHN HARVEY WILLIAMS

Address 4601 NEVADA PATH

I am in favor
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# John Harvey Williams 4601 Nevada Path Austin, Texas 78745



March 17, 2014

Francis Reilly
Planning and Development Review Department
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767-8835

Dear Mr. Reilly,

I am a resident of Western Trails. I moved here with my family in 1967. After spending my entire adult life in Mexico I sold all of my property there and moved back into our family home after my mother's death and following a very costly remodeling of the property. One of the main reasons I chose to move back into the family home here in Western Trails was because of the very positive way that Western Trails had developed into a very quiet, attractive and desirable RESIDENTIAL neighborhood. I have been VERY happy here for the last three years looking forward to a quiet and pleasant retirement with my elder disabled sister who shares the house with me. I was shocked and VERY dismayed to receive information recently regarding a zoning change that would effectively DESTROY our beautiful neighborhood by allowing commercial use of residential lots as "CORNER STORES". This beautiful neighborhood has ALWAYS been 100% residential. Fortunately as the original owners depart young families with small children are moving in and renovating this beautiful old ranch style homes. This is NO place for "CORNER STORES" with the traffic, noise and disorder that that implies.

Please remove the "CORNER STORE" special use from the over all plan which as a whole seems very positive.

John Harvey Williams

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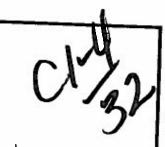
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Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767-8835 Attn: Francis Reilly
Name (please print) LINDA THOMPSON
Address 4601 NEVADA PATH  I am in favor (Estoy de acuerdo) I object (No estoy de acuerdo)

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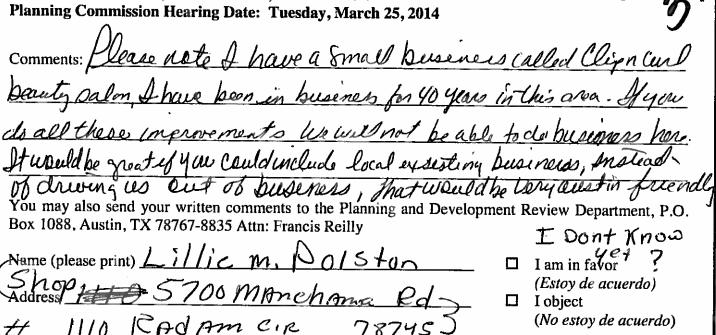
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I object

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From:

Walters, Mark

To:

Reilly, Francis

Subjects

FW: C24-2014-0017, c14-2014-0018, c14-2014-0019

Date:

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 12:52:31 PM

----Original Message-----

From: Kimberley Howard [mailto:howardkimberley@att.net]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 7:36 PM

To: Walters, Mark

Subject: C24-2014-0017, c14-2014-0018, c14-2014-0019

I am against these proposals. Tommye Von Roeder 5420 Fairmont Circle Austin, Tx 78745 Sent from my iPad



From:

Jacquie Roberts

To:

Reilly, Francis

Subject:

Residential Westgate zoning changes Tuesday, March 18, 2014 6:28:35 PM

Date: Tue:

I am vehemently opposed to allowing commercial development nearer or on corner residential lots along the Westgate corridor. That would devalue our homes. My neighbors and I wish to reside in our homes in the peaceful neighborhoods that exists. More commercial development increases security concerns and creates noise pollution.

I am opposed to that section of the zoning proposal. Without it being removed I am opposed to the entire proposal as it is written now.

Cheers... Jacquie. Peace out.

Sent from my iPad



From: To: Katy Hamili Reilly, Francis

Subject: Date:

Proposed zoning changes--South Austin Neighborhood plan

Monday, March 17, 2014 3:39:56 PM

### Hello Francis,

It was recently brought to my attention by a neighbor that under proposed zoning changes, some residential homes may be lawfully turned into commercial enterprises. Without going into detail as to why, I would simply like to register my opposition to this proposed change. To clarify, this is in reference to the Westgate, Garrison Park, and Manchaca Neighborhood Plan.

I appreciate all the work being put into creating this plan and ensuring the participation of a broad swath of engaged citizens. Thank you for your work, and thank you for your consideration of this matter in particular.

Cheers, Katy Hamill

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Wherever you go, there you are.



From: To: Marshail Escamilla

To: Reilly, Francis; Walters, Mark
Subject: Southwood Neighborhood Plan
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:45:27 PM



### Hello,

I got the notice in the mail about the proposed changes to our neighborhood zoning. I won't be able to attend the meeting on Thursday due to having a newborn baby. But I filled out the comment form to say that all these zoning changes seem perfectly reasonable and I support them.

Based on what I'm reading on our neighborhood list serv, there are some folks who disagree with me on this. I wanted to let you know that their hysterical howlings don't represent my view. Hopefully I'm not alone.

### Marshall

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### Mary Bell 4505 Navajo Path Austin, Texas 78745 skip2mlou@rocketmail.com

Mr. Francis Reilly City of Austin, Texas

(via email: francis.reilly@austintexas.gov)

Mr. Mark Walters City of Austin, Texas

(via email: mark.walters@austintexas.gov)

### Gentlemen:

My name is Mary Bell. My husband and I live on Navajo Path, south of Pack Saddle Pass and Roundup Trail. I oppose the proposed zoning changes to the Westgate NPCD (C14-2014-0017), specifically any change which would increase density and/or which would change use from residential to commercial. The reasons for my opposition are set forth below:

- 1. Increased density means increased demand for City services (i.e., fire, police, etc.).
- Increased density will result in increased traffic on already busy thoroughfares in need of repair and/or which already try to deal with heavy traffic (i.e., Pack Saddle Pass, which has traffic bumps installed to slow traffic between Ben White and Jones Road).
- 3. Increased density will mean a loss of environment (i.e., resulting noise/adverse effects on surroundings) and adversely impact the ongoing neighborhood revitalization.<sup>1</sup>
- 4. Allowing lots to be subdivided and permitting two structures on each lot will result in more concrete/impervious cover and less green space<sup>1</sup>.
- 5. There is no McMansion ordinance in place to protect existing homeowners and neighborhood character. If there is a desire to allow "change", homeowners in 78745 should be treated similarly to homeowners in other older neighborhoods (i.e., Allandale and Tarrytown) and appropriate restrictions should prevent overbuilding and the loss of neighborhood character.
- 6. Increased density will not only change the character of the neighborhood, it may result in a decline of property value, particularly if any non-residential use is located nearby.
- 7. Increased density and traffic will result in additional pollution and burden nearby creeks and streams.
- 8. Increased density will tax the existing (old) water and wastewater facilities and system.
- Allowing any additional non-residential use is unnecessary and inappropriate in the Westgate NPCD which already has appropriate non-residential use north of Pack Saddle Pass and Western Trails.

Sincerely. Bell

¹My husband and I bought our home at the end of January, 2012. We chose the house based on the location, the existing mature trees and foliage, and the "environment" (i.e., the sound of birds and glimpses of wildlife, the old '60's ranch style homes, etc.). We have invested a substantial amount of money "remodeling" the home (with an eye to retaining its "ranch"/neighborhood character) and, having specifically chosen not to live in 78704 or other areas that do not have consistency are have houses with minimum setbacks, we are very concerned that the City now proposes to change the character of a neighborhood which is very pleasant and in the process of revitalization.

From: To: Michael Frosolono Reilly, Francis Neighborhood Plan

Subject: Date:

Monday, March 17, 2014 4:43:07 PM

Mr. Reilly,

My wife and I live at 6104 Bridlington Circle.

We oppose the parts on page three of the proposed plan that allows convince stores, restaurants, etc. on corners within the residential cores of the Cherry Creek neighborhoods. We don't need any further commercial development encroaching upon these residential cores.

Thanks.

Mike Frosolono



From: To: Sandy Frederick Reilly, Francis

Subject:

Zoning file #C14-2014-0018

Date:

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 12:10:43 PM

As a resident of this area since 1978, I am opposed to this proposal.. I specifically object to the Cottage Lot, Urban Home, Secondary Apartment and Corner Store special use infill options. The character of this neighborhood has already degraged by the infill building that has occurred. Walking around the area, I see many of the original houses now have 2nd houses behind them or garage apartments behind them. A few of these would be fine, but It is getting out of hand. I am opposed to anything that will allow increasing density in our neighborhood.

My address is 1413 Redd, and I have owned this property since 1978. Please help protect our neighborhood from rampaging developers buying up the houses and building second buildings behind them..

Thank you.

