

## MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting:** Downtown Planning Team Meeting #2  
**Date:** August 22, 2017  
**Time:** 11:30-2:00 pm  
**Location:** San Antonio Central Library Auditorium

### Attendees:

<i>Belinda Hartwig, Chamber of Commerce</i>	<i>Brian Dillard, Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association</i>	<i>Liza Barratachea, SA Hotel &amp; Lodging Association</i>
<i>Tony Piazza, Centro</i>	<i>Danny Khalil, Centro San Antonio</i>	<i>Atiya Mitchell, UTSA Student</i>
<i>John Beauchamp, Hixon Properties</i>	<i>Margie Beecher, Downtown Residents Association</i>	<i>Nicholas Melde, Lavaca Neighborhood Association</i>
<i>Cherise Bell, King William Association</i>	<i>Pamela Hannah, San Antonio Museum of Art</i>	<i>David Huete, Haven for Hope</i>
<i>Luis Miguel Martinez, Area Real Estate</i>	<i>Elizabeth Kertesz, San Antonio 2030 District</i>	<i>Melissa Alcala, Cast Tech High School</i>
<i>Maggie Thompson, Paseo del Rio</i>	<i>JD Simpson, SA BCycle</i>	<i>Maria Nelson, Centro</i>
<i>Jason Rodriguez, VIA Metropolitan Transit</i>	<i>Mariah Kilbourne, disABILITYsa</i>	<i>Patti Zaiontz, San Antonio Conservation Society</i>
<i>Ben Perry, UTSA</i>	<i>Steve Graham, San Antonio River Authority</i>	<i>Rhea Roberts, Alamo Plaza</i>
<i>Lani Cabico, UTSA</i>	<i>Ruth Morris, LOOP</i>	<i>Aubry C. Lewis, Denver Heights Neighborhood Association</i>
<i>Vincent Michael, San Antonio Conservation Society</i>	<i>Nicholas Rivard, Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association</i>	<i>Susan Beavin, San Antonio Conservation Society</i>

### Meeting Purpose

The second meeting of the Downtown Planning Team aimed to accomplish these objectives: present existing conditions; continue the Plan Team Meeting #1 discussion of assets, challenges, and opportunities; identify elements of a vision for the Downtown Plan Area.

### Meeting Format

Jacob Floyd, City of San Antonio Project Manager for the SA Tomorrow Downtown Regional Center Plan Project, presented an overview of the planning process, presented an overview of the planning process, facilitated an introductory activity for Planning Team members to learn about each other, and presented existing conditions information about the Downtown Plan area. Jay Renkens, MIG, Inc. Principal described the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 2016 and facilitated a group discussion. MIG, Inc. Deputy Project Manager Andy Rutz recorded comments on a large wall graphic (see photo reduction at end of summary) and co-presented existing conditions information. This memo provides highlights of the meeting discussion organized into sections that reflect the primary discussion topic:

- Vision Themes

## **Vision Themes**

Planning Team members were asked to write a short statement in response to the question: What would you like Downtown to be like 20 years from now? This response was read by members sitting next to them, who then underlined or otherwise highlighted elements that resonated with them. These were then read aloud to the group, discussed, and recorded by facilitators. The following themes emerged:

- Dense
- Quality Design
- Vibrant
- Revitalized
- Activated
- Public Transit
- Historical
- Mixed-use retains diversity and vibrancy
- Well-connected
- Destination
- “Comfortable” Live, Work, Play
- Children-oriented activities
- Family-Friendly
- Sense of Place
- Thriving Center
- Accessible
- Walkable
- Affordable

## **Next Steps**

The third Planning Team Meeting will take place November 15. Preliminary objectives for this meeting include:

- Review input from the community workshop and intercepts/focus groups held to date
- Confirm preliminary vision and goals
- Discuss initial Plan framework and map key elements
- Mapping areas of opportunity

If you have questions about the Downtown planning project, please contact Project Manager Jacob Floyd, City of San Antonio Planning Department.

Email: [jacob.floyd@sanantonio.gov](mailto:jacob.floyd@sanantonio.gov) Phone: (210) 207-8318

The next Planning Team meeting will occur:

**Date:** Wednesday, November 15



Time: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Steves Homestead River House, 509 King William

