Planning & Zoning Commission CITY COUNCIL QUARTERLY UPDATE APRIL 3, 2018

Purpose of the Commission

The Planning and Zoning Commission serves as an advisory board to the City Council concerning matters primarily related to the development and use of private property and the planning of public improvements.

Current Commissioners



Chairman: Jason O'Quinn <u>Vice-Cha</u>irman: Sergio De Los Santos 3

City Council Guiding Principles 1. Acts with Ethics & Integrity

Commission works to achieve Guiding Principals by:

- Conducting public hearings in a professional manner, treating all participants fairly, and ensuring all persons have an opportunity to speak.
- Making recommendations to City Council in the best interest of the city and seeking the best quality development and use of property within the city.
- Commissioners are advocates and ambassadors for the city and its residents.

City Council Guiding Principles

3. Be Open and Accessible

Commission works to achieve Guiding Principals by:

- Broadcasting regular and study session meetings, and study session discussion reflected in minutes (as of March 2018) to be more transparent, open and accessible.
- Making available agendas and supporting materials on the City's website, at City Hall, and at the Library.

City Council Guiding Principles

- 5. Pursue Sustainable Economic Growth
- Commission works to achieve Guiding Principals by:
 - Promoting long range planning policies that provide for sustainable land uses and development in order to facilitate a strong economy for the city (e.g. East Side Plan; West Side; Station Area).
 - Recommending zoning changes that **implement** the city's long range planning **policies** (e.g. CZO updates).

City Council Guiding Principles 6. Provide Thriving Neighborhoods 7. Provide Excellent Quality of Life

Commission works to achieve Guiding Principals by:

- Allowing for zoning and land use development that has a **positive impact** on adjacent neighborhoods.
- Allowing for additional housing opportunities (e.g. single-family detached, townhomes, multi-family) within the city which promotes long-term sustainable thriving neighborhoods.
- Allowing for land uses and development that enhances the quality of life for residents.
- Ensuring hike and bike trail improvements are connected throughout the city as new development occurs.

Big Accomplishments from Q1 & Q2*

- Reviewed/acted upon development requests:
 - Rezonings: 2
 - Specific Use Permits: 5
 - Site Plans: 5
 - Plats: 7



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*FY 2017-18: Oct. 2017 thru Mar. 2018

Big Accomplishments from Q1 & Q2

Notable cases included:

- Blue Lake Mixed-use Development (includes townhome, multi-family and commercial)
- Jefferson at Knightsbridge Ph. II by JPI (site plan for multi-family)



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Big Accomplishments from Q1 & Q2

Notable cases included:

- Kensington Single-family Development (PD-100; rezoning of former GNB Site)
- Jefferson at Dallas North Tollway by JPI (includes multi-family)



Dallas Business Journal: Best Real Estate Deals of 2017

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CATEGORY SINGLE-FAMILY OR PLANNED COMMUNITY

> DEAL/PROJECT NAME MERCER CROSSING

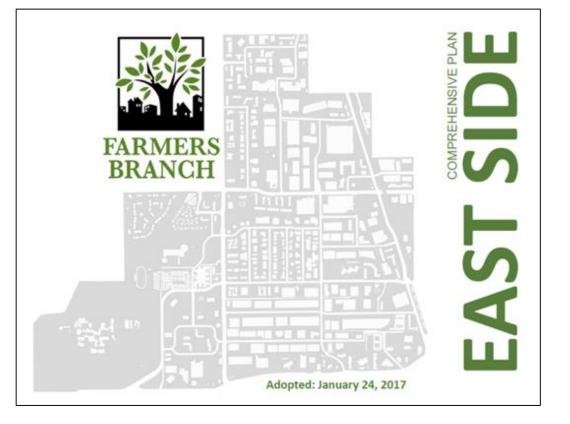
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Big Accomplishments from Q1 & Q2

- Joint meeting with City Council on October 23, 2017
 - Received presentation exterior building materials
- APA Texas Chapter Conference:
 - Received Long Range Planning Award for the East Side Plan
 - Continuing education
 opportunity for Commissioners



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Big Items for the Future

- Additional development cases anticipated:
 - Continued development of the West Side
 - Continued development of Bridgeview (redevelopment of the former Great Indoors site)
 - East side development
 - Station area development



Big Items for the Future

Retreat

Commission 2018 Work Plan

- Consider alternate fence
 types for residential uses
- Evaluate permeable pavers/paving
- Propose code amendments related to quality multi-family standards

 Propose code amendments regarding allowing alternate types of durable exterior building materials (residential and commercial)

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 Discuss landscaping requirements for single-family uses

Big Items for the Future

- Other potential special projects
 - IH-35 Corridor Study
 - Implementation of 2017 East Side Plan recommendations
 - Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance amendments
 - Pike Street redevelopment



Direction from Council

- Is there anything that the Commission needs to focus on as your board?
- Is there any particular direction as to how you would like the Commission to proceed on a particular project/program?

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Thank you