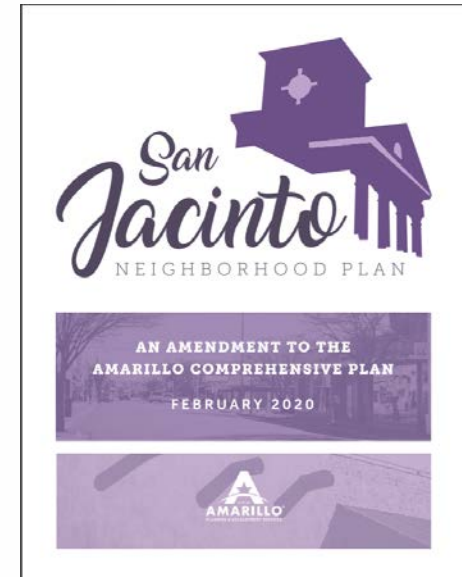
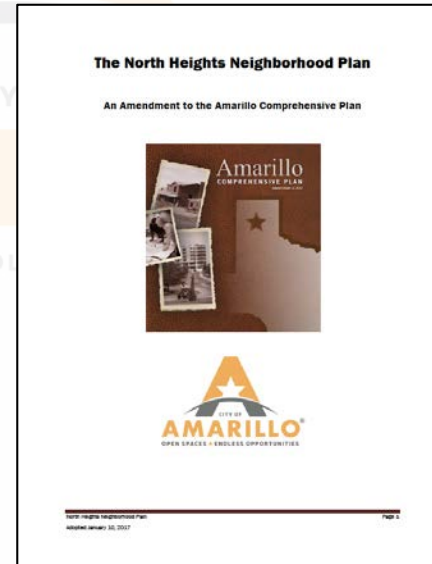
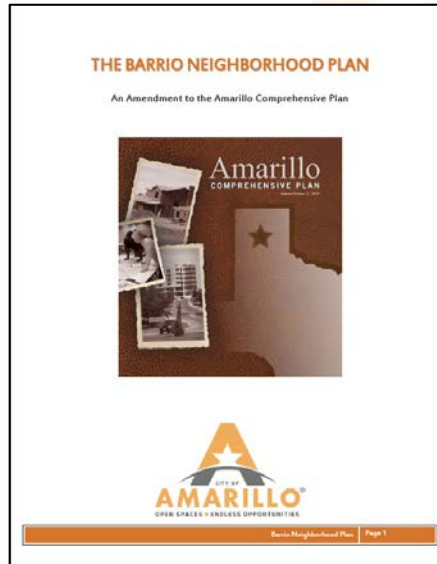
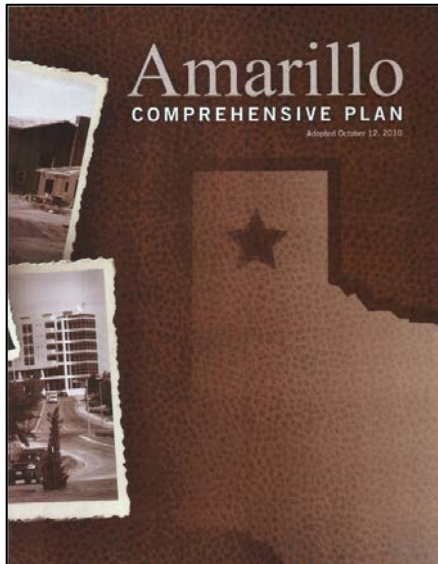


Neighborhood Planning Update

City Council Work Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2020



About the Neighborhood Planning Initiative

- City and Potter County collaborated in 2016 to fund and support a new Neighborhood Initiative through an interlocal agreement to facilitate planning and community development in “older distressed neighborhoods.”
- A Neighborhood Planning Oversight Committee was established with two council members and two county commissioners.
 - Guide planning processes and implementation efforts.
 - Oversee allocation of funds.
- Four neighborhoods were identified:
 - North Heights – Adopted January 2017
 - Barrio – Adopted April 2018
 - San Jacinto – Adopted February 2020
 - Eastridge – Ready to kick-off
- Preliminary commitment to continue city/county interlocal agreement and identify additional neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Plan Initiative Funding Sources

- **Interlocal Funds:** Interlocal Agreement established that each entity would contribute \$75,000 annually.
- **Proposition #1 – Neighborhood Planning:** The city contributed a total of \$2,616,200 in the 2016 5-Year CIP Bond.
 - \$2.53 MM of this remains.
 - Allocated equally among (\$654,050) the four plan areas to be spent based on priorities identified by the neighborhoods.
- **Community Improvement Funds (CIP):** Supports ongoing infrastructure needs such as seal coating and pipebursting.
- **Other:** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or other specialized programs.

The Neighborhood Plan Oversight Committee introduced a \$5000 Neighborhood Leadership and Community-Building Grant in May 2020

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The neighborhood planning program works to enhance the quality of life in Amarillo neighborhoods and encourage a strong sense of community. This is accomplished through the development of area specific plans, ongoing implementation support for those plans, and other resources to help neighborhood organizations build social capacity.

Latest Information

New [grant opportunity](#) announced May 1, 2020. The next deadline for submissions is 5:00 PM Thursday, September 10, 2020.

An update on neighborhood planning including a draft of the Registered Neighborhood Association ordinance will be presented to City Council during their August 18, 2020 meeting. Download the RNA FAQ [here](#).

Adopted Neighborhood Plans

[North Heights Neighborhood Plan](#)

[Barrio Neighborhood Plan](#)

[San Jacinto Neighborhood Plan](#)



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Funding Opportunities

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A variety of funding opportunities are available to assist with neighborhood planning efforts. In general, there are two sources: 1) public funds allocated specifically for neighborhood plan creation and implementation; and, 2) other programs that are not specifically designated as neighborhood funding funds, but can be utilized to implement projects in the neighborhoods.

The City has relief options as we come together to fight against COVID-19 and its impacts on businesses and families. See below for more information:

Neighborhood Planning Initiative Funding

Interlocal Agreement Funds – \$75,000 is contributed annually by Potter County to support plan development through the duration of the interlocal agreement. To date, \$375,000 has been contributed by the County.

2016 Proposition #1 Bond Funds – \$2.616 million was issued through the bond election to support street, sidewalk, and thoroughfare improvement projects for neighborhood plan implementation. These funds are allocated by the neighborhood associations in coordinate with staff as prioritized through the annual action plans, also known as the Projects in Motion.

PROPOSITION #1 PURPOSE STATEMENT

Community Investment Program (CIP) – The City's CIP is managed by the Capital Improvements and Development Engineering department. The program supports capital improvements and infrastructure investment citywide. Projects identified in the plans can be submitted for CIP funding and receive special consideration. Neighborhoods must use their Projects in Motion work plans to prioritize potential CIP projects for consideration.

Neighborhood Leadership and Community-Building Grant – A matching grant supported by the interlocal funds for projects and activities that build the organizational capacity of neighborhood associations, result in a public benefit, and further the goals of the neighborhood plans.

Completely updated and
reorganized website.

North Heights Plan Recent Highlights

Prop #1 Projects

- Bus shelter + streetscape improvements in design (4-5 pending cost)
- Historic North Heights sign toppers unveiled July 22

Community Projects

- Community-Building Grant for Elderly Lawn Care Initiative
- North Heights Rezoning Committee actively working on neighborhood-wide rezoning recommendations

Redevelopment/Other

- The Commons at St. Anthony's (awarded housing tax credits July 23)
- North Heights Linen Service LLC construction underway



Total Public Investment: \$6.47 M
Remaining Prop #1 Allocation: \$625,440

Barrio Plan Recent Highlights

Prop #1 Projects

- SE 10th Avenue Streetscape Phase 1
- SE 10th Avenue Underpass Lighting

Community Projects

- Hispanic Heritage Celebration – September 15th event
- Sign Toppers
- Neighborhood Welcome Signs
- Community-Building Grant planned for the Barrio Mobile Market



Total Investment (all sources): \$798,424
Remaining Neighborhood Bond Allocation: \$594,088

San Jacinto Plan Recent Highlights

- Established the San Jacinto Neighborhood Association
- Filed their Articles of Incorporation and working on their 501c3 non-profit status
- Working on their committee structure and considering their Prop #1 projects

High Priority Projects

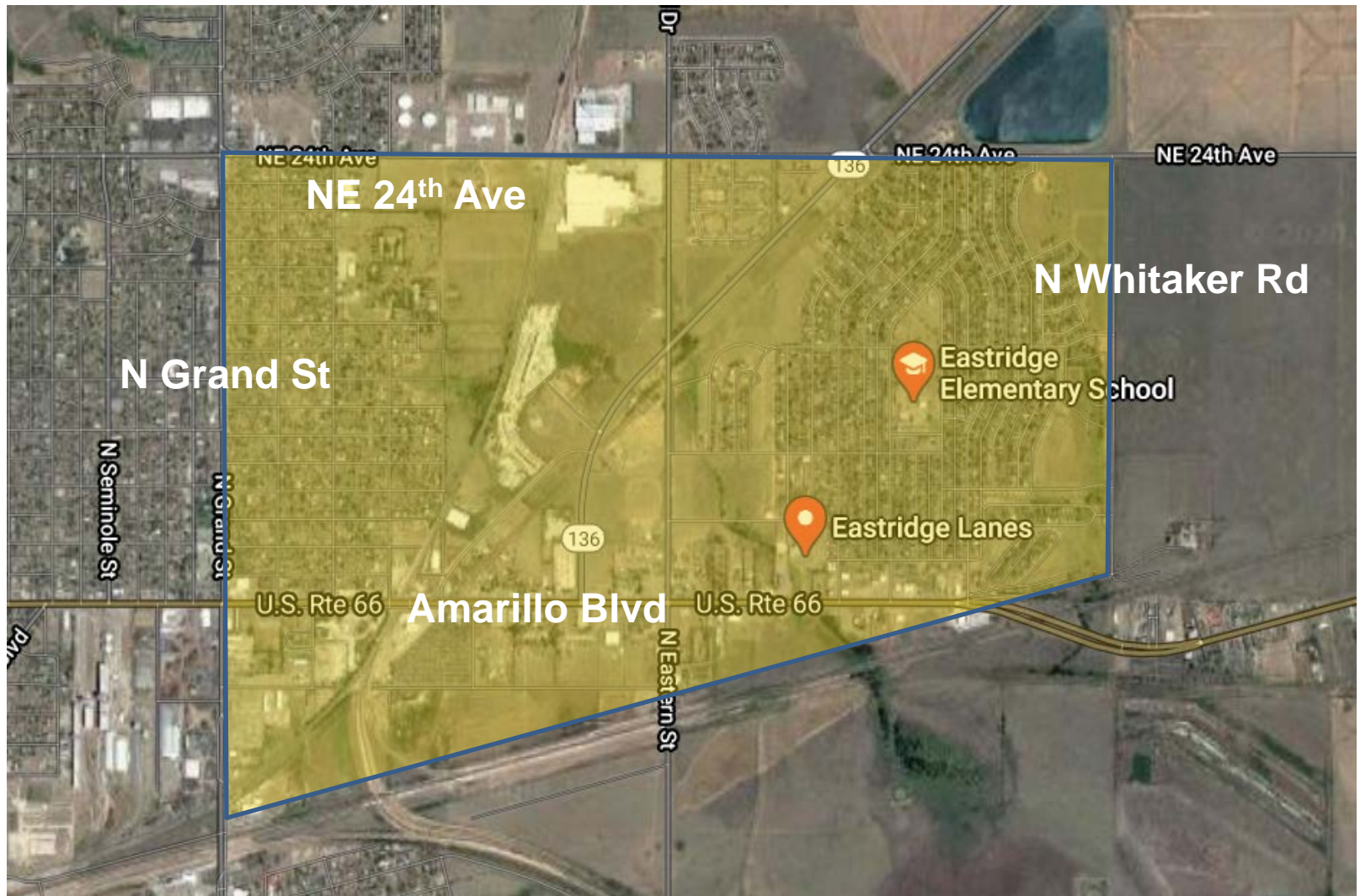
- Lighting
- Sidewalks
- Resident Outreach & Communication
- Merging Merchants
- Neighborhood Watch
- Water Tower Route 66 Emblem
- San Jacinto Park Improvements



Total Public Investment: \$1.8 MM
Remaining Prop #1 Allocation: \$654,050

Eastridge

- Boundary selected and most of the initial data analysis complete.
- Evaluating possibility of a virtual process.



Registered Neighborhood Association Program Proposal and Draft Ordinance

What is the purpose?

Support Amarillo's redeveloping neighborhoods by:

1. Formalizing the ongoing implementation partnership between the City and neighborhoods with adopted plans;
2. Assisting older neighborhoods without adopted plans organize and become more civically engaged;
3. Improving the flow of information between neighborhood groups and the City for events, policies, land use proposals, and projects; and,
4. Providing a forum for collaboration among neighborhoods to address common challenges.

Homeowners Associations and Public Improvement Districts are not eligible for participation at this time.

Registered Neighborhood Association Program Proposal and Draft Ordinance

Are neighborhoods required to register?

- If you have a neighborhood plan adopted as part of Amarillo’s comprehensive plan, you will be required to register in year one and then renew annually.
- There is no fee.
- Other neighborhoods may also register provided they meet the eligibility criteria:
 1. Maintain open membership to any person who lives, rents, or owns any real property in the neighborhood;
 2. Be an organized entity through the filing of Articles of Incorporation with the State of Texas and abide by adopted bylaws;
 3. Have clearly stated boundaries;
 4. Prepare and utilize an annual action plan of work; and,
 5. Not discriminate in policies, recommendations or actions.

Registered Neighborhood Association Program Proposal and Draft Ordinance

What are the benefits?

1. **Communication** – Clear points of contact and between staff and the neighborhood
2. **Plan Implementation** – For those with adopted plans, this formalizes the way the city staff will assist on implementation of priority items
3. **Toolkit** – Online templates and guides, docs shared among neighborhoods
4. **Data for Decision-Making** – “Neighborhood Indicators” = demographics, crime and economic development data
5. **Training and Workshops** – Opportunities for cross-neighborhood collaboration
6. **Funding Opportunities** – As they become available

Registered Neighborhood Association Program Proposal and Draft Ordinance

Benefits (continued)

- 7. Block Party Fee Waiver (\$30)** – Fees will be waived annually for one neighborhood block party.
- 8. Neighborhood Signs** – RNAs will be eligible to participate in the City's Sign Topper program and install welcome signs.
- 9. Traffic Calming** – RNAs will be eligible to participate in the City's Neighborhood Pedestrian Safety petition process.



Registered Neighborhood Association

Program Proposal and Draft Ordinance

What is required of the neighborhood?

- Annually submit the board roster with officers, bylaws, primary public contact person, and a copy of the **annual action plan** to neighborhood planning staff.
- Commit to actively working on projects and programs that foster community, improve livability and further the goals of their neighborhood plan.
- Comply with adopted bylaws and utilize an orderly and democratic process for making representative decisions.
- RNAs may provide a formal stance on a matter that is a pending City agenda item.

Questions?



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