

Meeting Summary

Amarillo City Plan – Vision 2045

City Plan Steering Committee Meeting #8

Plan Drafting and Finalization

Date: **01/08/2024**

Time: **5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

Location: **Virtual**

City Plan Team Participants

City Plan Project Team

- Emily Koller (Amarillo)
- Shari Kendall (Amarillo)
- Joy Stuart (Amarillo)
- Jay Renkens (MIG)
- Saul Vazquez (MIG)
- Avery Wolfe (MIG)

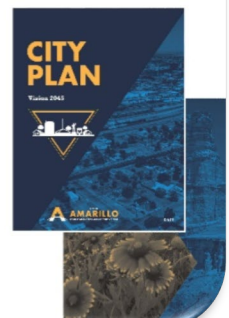
City Plan Steering Committee (CPSC)

- Greg Bliss
- Cindi Bulla
- Sherrie Ferguson
- Tim Ingalls
- Dipak Patel
- Alan Abraham



Draft Plan Document Chapters

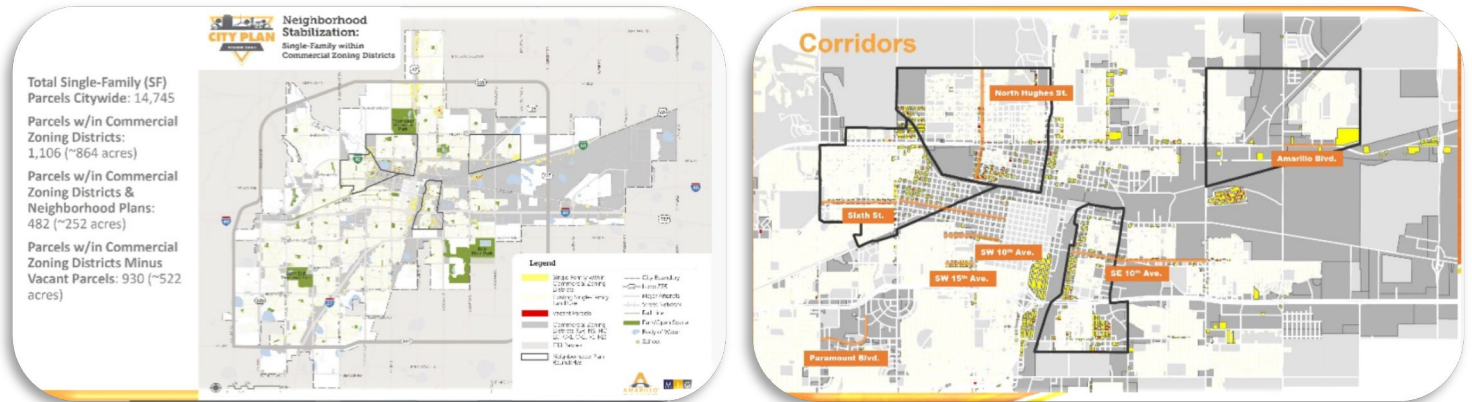
- Introduction
- Plan Framework
- Land Use Framework: Growth Management & Capacity
- Making Places: Neighborhoods & Districts
- Community Character
- Mobility
- Parks & Cultural Resources
- Implementation Strategy
- Appendix



i. Overview:

The purpose of Steering Committee meeting #8 was to provide an overview of progress to date; share an update of the design strategy diagrams; review the draft plan organization; and review and discuss Neighborhood Stabilization, Targeted Development Areas, Economic Development, & Implementation/ Action Strategies.

The meeting began with a virtual presentation from the MIG team and was followed by facilitated discussion. Below is a sample of presentation materials, a list of the questions posed, and a summary of responses.



Neighborhood Stabilization

- Are there preliminary recommendations that should be edited or eliminated?
 - *Concern with City using leverage of neighborhood plans or corridor improvements*
 - *Could there be an alternative street to Amarillo blvd in eastridge propose a*
 - *road diet along 10th ave west of hwy exchange*
 - *Concern with Amarillo bldv not meeting main street criteria*
 - *connect 10th ave between georgia and downtown*
 - *Maybe look at alternative corridor north of Eastridge, rather than Amarillo*
 - *Use "Commercial corridor and neighborhood main street" language*
 - *yes to a road diet along paramount*
 - *Should 6th street be changed to 6th Ave?*
 - *hesitant in creating neighborhoods through changing zoning*
 - *potentially leave out long term strategy from plan*
 - *differing opinions about whether City should be heavy-handed or not*
 - *Present these as opportunities rather than imposing them on the community*
 - *appreciate that places can become places*
 - *Neighborhood plans historically were not driven by land use incompatibilities but our analysis and the comp plan may help to drive that for future neighborhood planning since it's an issue that needs to be addressed*
 - *If you can't get buy-in, how will this impact long-term*
 - *is "stabilization" the right word? (probably ok, maybe more about distinct identity?)*

Targeted Development Areas

- Are there targeted areas that should be edited or eliminated?
 - *weary of increasing infrastructure in NW area (undeveloped) area. North and SE areas have more infrastructure*
 - *leave circle adjacent to thompson park*
 - *We live in a auto-centric development market still. How do we gradually move toward more walkable/mixed use rather than demanding it overnight? There is development happening in these areas...*
 - *would discourage dev in the three areas that are out city limits*
 - *remove three circles that are outside city limits in NW*
 - *debate about whether those properties would be annexed or stay within County*
 - *north of eastridge needs better infrastructure and amenities. Development is happening. Advocate to keep focus on NE area of AMA*
 - *have commercial buffer along 335 and than a high density buffer to SF. Hard to have good quality places along high intensity corridors*

Implementation/Action Strategy

- Minor Amendments Strategy
 - *Agree with all processes to make adjustment's to plan*
- Economic Development
 - *Change to white and green collar jobs*
 - *Add "build attractive places" to attract workforce*