

Plan Summary



Above: Neighbors work on drafting the plan during a community meeting.

Introduction

The Near Northwest Community Plan includes four main elements or chapters: Taking Action, Heart of the Neighborhood, Getting Around Town and Places Where We Play, Gather and Learn. The following text provides a summary of plan goals and objectives for each element.

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Taking Action

Goal 1 - Leadership

Capitalize on the Near NW's strong neighborhood associations and community groups to build coalitions to implement the plan, improve communication and increase community participation.

Objective 1.1: Power in Numbers

Organize a Near NW Coalition to begin plan implementation, communication efforts and participation initiatives.



Neighbors at the Plan Conference

Heart of the Neighborhood

Goal 2 - Economic Development

Ensure the Near NW Community's business corridors are filled with a mix of uses including professional offices, residences and busy shops, providing neighbors an attractive place to walk for shopping, playing, working and relaxing both day and night.

Objective 2.1: Deco District

Continue to develop the Deco District as pedestrian friendly business corridor offering a mix of businesses and residences to meet the community's needs.

Objective 2.2: Business Development

Create opportunities for new business development to ensure a diversity of attractive businesses in pedestrian friendly environments.

Objective 2.3: Business Appearance

Improve the appearance of area commercial corridors.



A new neighborhood business in the Deco District

Objective 2.4: Business Support

Instigate community efforts to support area business assets.

Goal 3 - Housing

Preserve and revitalize the community's unique mix of quality housing.

Objective 3.1: Rental Housing

Provide well-maintained housing for a mix of incomes.



Los Angeles Heights/Keystone house

Objective 3.2: Home Improvement and Maintenance

Encourage investment in housing improvement and maintenance.

Objective 3.3: Design Standards

Protect and preserve the Near Northwest's unique housing character.

Objective 3.4: Housing Development

Encourage new housing development that is compatible with the community's character.

Objective 3.5: Community Promotion

Promote the strengths of the Near NW Community as a place to live, work and play.

Getting Around Town

Goal 4 - Multi-Modal Transportation System

Provide an interconnected, coordinated and efficient transportation system that is accessible to all throughout the community.



Planning area bus stop

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Objective 4.1: Pedestrian Environment

Enhance the pedestrian environment to encourage neighbors to walk to commercial centers, schools, parks and all parts of the community.

Objective 4.2: Mass Transit

Work in partnership with area transit agencies to provide the best mass transit system.

Objective 4.3: Bikeways

Increase the number of bike routes within the planning area, building on the strength of the connections established by existing bike routes.

Objective 4.4: Highways

Learn more about the process for maintaining and improving state highways and interstates.

Goal 5 - Infrastructure Improvements

Maintain and invest in the area's street network and public infrastructure.

Objective 5.1: Sewage/Drainage

Ensure area drainage and sewage infrastructure is well maintained and meets the community's needs in an environmentally friendly manner.

Objective 5.2: Traffic Calming

Enhance the street network to make it safe for all roadway users.

Objective 5.3: Traffic Control

Address traffic congestion by initiating traffic improvement measures.



Construction crew at work in the planning area

Objective 5.4: Street Maintenance & Lighting
Provide regularly scheduled maintenance and upgrades to roadways to ensure well-lit, smooth riding surfaces on all local streets.

Objective 5.5: Alleys and Utilities
Continue to utilize area alleys and encourage the burying of overhead utilities.

Objective 5.6: Involvement/Notice
Improve coordination and involvement in area infrastructure projects.

Places Where We Play, Gather and Learn

Goal 6 – Open Space and Recreational Facilities and Programs

Offer more recreational activities and community centers that can provide safe environments with a variety of opportunities for all ages.

Objective 6.1: Open Space Development
Enhance existing parks through better maintenance and additional facility improvements, as well as acquiring and developing additional park space.

Objective 6.2: Woodlawn Lake Park
Improve and add park facilities and amenities.

Objective 6.3: Community/Recreational Facilities
Investigate opportunities to enhance existing facilities in need of renovation and develop additional facilities identified as needed in the community.



Kids flying kites at Woodlawn Lake during the Spring Social

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A planning area block that participates in the Neighborhood Watch Program

Goal 7 - Community Appearance and Safety

Transform the community into one that is physically appealing in terms of aesthetics and safety.

Objective 7.1: Code Compliance

Increase community awareness and encourage proactive involvement in code compliance issues.

Objective 7.2: Aesthetics & Clean-up

Focus on maintenance and creative community-based efforts to enhance the community's appearance.

Objective 7.3: Safety

Increase safety through stronger surveillance by the CoSA Police Department and area residents.

Goal 8 - Community Education

Increase educational opportunities for all ages throughout the community.

Objective 8.1: Youth and Young Adult Education

Provide educational and life skills resources for young community residents while encouraging their involvement in the community.

Objective 8.2: Education for Adults

Increase usage of local educational resources by community members.



Jefferson High School

Goal 9 - Community Health and Wellness

Improve community health.

Objective 9.1: Health Programs

Provide the educational and professional medical resources to help inform and provide needed medical care for community residents.



Neighbors at Woodlawn Lake playground

Goal 10 - Community Building

Increase community involvement and civic participation.

Objective 10.1: Community Participation and Events

Increase voter registration and attract new neighborhood association membership through organized campaigns and events.



Neighbors at the Spring Social

Objective 10.2: Near Northwest Newsletter

Develop a quarterly newsletter to enhance communication between residents and businesses.

Objective 10.3: Celebration of Diversity

Foster a heightened awareness of the culture associated with the different ethnic and religious groups in the community.

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