SA Tomorrow
Sustainability Plan
Dark Sky Policy Evaluation Process
Workshop #1
February 21, 2017
• Introductions
• Process Overview
• Roles and Expectations
• Current Outdoor Lighting Ordinance
• Other Relevant Studies
• Next Steps
• Name
• Organization
• What perspective or expertise do you bring to the process?
Process Overview
SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan

SA Tomorrow Adopted by City Council on August 11, 2016

A Sustainability Plan is a Roadmap:

- to enhance a community’s quality of life
- build overall resilience
- balance impact of expected growth with economic, environmental, and social resources
• Working with a broad stakeholder group, study and consider whether to update San Antonio’s Dark Sky Ordinance.

The current ordinance only applies to areas around military bases. An update to this ordinance, if deemed necessary through a broad stakeholder process, could expand the reach and leverage newer technology to promote energy savings in addition to the other environmental and health benefits associated with dark skies.
Working Group Process Objectives

- Review current dark sky ordinance
- Evaluate current lighting initiatives and studies
- Evaluate national best practices
- Evaluate pros and cons of expanding the dark sky ordinance
- Discuss scenarios for expanding the dark sky ordinance
Working Group Process Timeline

**Getting Started**
- Process Overview
- Review Current Ordinance

**What We Know**
- Research Summary
- National Best Practices
- Stakeholder Outreach

**What is Right for SA**
- Military Overview
- Evaluate pro’s and con’s of expanding ordinance
- Discuss Scenarios for expanding ordinance

**Recommendations**
- Draft Recommendations
- Resources Needed

**Timeline**
- FEB
- APR
- MAY
- JUN
Roles & Expectations
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- Advisory Group
- Provide expertise and resources
- Assist with Identifying stakeholders
- Evaluate Information
Current Outdoor Lighting Ordinances & Relevant Studies
Past and Current Initiatives & Studies

• Camp Bullis 2009 JLUS
• Lackland AFB 2011 JLUS
• Randolph AFB JLUS
• Bexar County Ambient Lighting Assessment Report 2015
• Downtown Master Lighting Plan
December 2008 Military Lighting Overlay District (MLOD) enabling ordinance was established

Currently applies to 5 mile area around Camp Bullis
- Lackland study is complete
- Randolph AFB study is needed

Applies to residential and commercial uses, as well as outdoor signs and street lights
• MLOD requires:
  – downward light fixtures for outdoor lighting
  – regulates lighting intensity; and
  – restricts outdoor lighting after 11:00 PM with some exceptions

• Board of Adjustments considers any variances and special exceptions
Next Steps
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• Next Meeting April 18th
• Request
  – Data, resources, and sources of information to include in research
  – Assist with sector research summaries development
  – Identify stakeholders to be included in outreach
• Google Drive Folder
Thank you.