

SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan

Dark Sky Policy Evaluation Process
Workshop #1

February 21, 2017

Agenda

- Introductions
- Process Overview
- Roles and Expectations
- Current Outdoor Lighting Ordinance
- Other Relevant Studies
- Next Steps

Introductions

- 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:

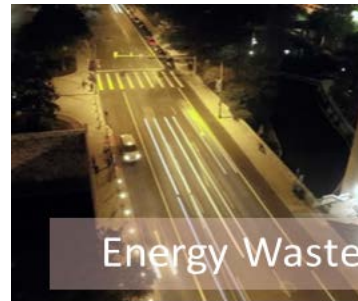
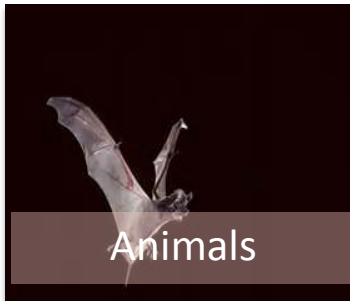
- to enhance a community's **quality of life**
- build overall **resilience**
- balance impact of expected growth with **economic, environmental, and social resources**



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- 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

FEB

Getting Started

- Process Overview
- Review Current Ordinance

APR

What We Know

- Research Summary
- National Best Practices
- Stakeholder Outreach

MAY

What is Right for SA

- Military Overview
- Evaluate pro's and con's of expanding ordinance
- Discuss Scenarios for expanding ordinance

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Recommendations

- Draft Recommendations
- Resources Needed

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



Current Dark Sky Ordinance Overview

- 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

Current Dark Sky Ordinance Overview

- 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.