

Goals Workshop: Neighborhood Character, Design & Housing

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Top Themes

- To preserve and enhance the single-family houses that are predominately smaller-scaled single family structures made primarily of wood, and seek/create partnerships to repair homes in need.
 - The neighborhood character should be smaller single-family houses made primarily of wood (what is the architecture, are there uses other than single-family). Any new development or redevelopment should be harmonious with the existing neighborhood. In order to achieve this neighborhood character, partnerships must be created to help repair homes in need.

- To make existing streets more welcoming by planting more native shade trees along major streets; having well maintained and uncluttered yards and sidewalks; and providing welcoming gateways (such as 11th Street) into the neighborhoods.
 - Streets will be welcoming due to having native shade trees, having well maintained and uncluttered yards and sidewalks, and having welcoming gateways into the neighborhoods (having lots of people on streets).

- Improve connectivity by adding more shade trees and having sidewalks on both sides of the street.
 - Streets will be well connected and used heavily by walkers and cyclists due to native shade trees and having sidewalks on both sides of the street. (need to focus on priority sidewalks, get list from Eric, tie to land use)

- Highlight and advance cultural diversity by creating places for cultural exchanges and celebrating holidays that are important to different cultures as well as celebrating significant neighborhood people, places and events.
 - This neighborhood will have many events celebrating the cultural diversity and local history held at public gathering spaces such as parks, the Virginia Brown Recreation Center, and at block parties.

- Provide more opportunities for gathering such as plays at parks and nights out where people come together such as block parties
 - The neighborhood will have opportunities for gathering such as attending plays at parks and social scenes such as block parties.

Notes taken from DREAM BIG poster:

Physical Character

Single Family (gives room to expand)

Wood construction

Scale/size of existing housing stock

Shade/native trees-large trees along major streets (such as by Reagan High School)

Yards: well maintained, uncluttered

Sidewalks on both sides

Nelson Field: aesthetically pleasing with sidewalk, trees, islands

Partnership for home repair

Desire a gateway to the community (on St. John coming from IH-35) similar to 11th Street-welcoming street

Social

Cultural exchange (free Spanish lessons)

Important holidays that are important to different cultures

More plays, night outs where community comes together

Parks for gatherings (plays under big canopies)

Virginia Brown: Already have been organizing events for community

Maintain diversity of different cultures and people