

**North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area
Goals and Visioning Workshop, January 24, 2008
Meeting Notes**

North Lamar stakeholders were given a presentation by Mark Walters that provided a brief review of the planning process and of our previous Workshop. The focus of the presentation was to provide residents with an overview of goal creation. The goals that were formulated here will address the issues and concerns specified at the previous neighborhood meetings and within the initial survey. These goals will be placed in the final Neighborhood Plan. During and after the presentation, stakeholders had questions and concerns that were to be addressed, and both these questions and their answers can be found below.

Neighborhood Stakeholder Questions and Answers:

Q. Was there a mention of getting better bus access in the last meeting's exercise?

A. Not that we can recall, but we will address this issue, among others, in the transportation section of the planning process.

Q. According to the Neighborhood Inventory Map (Group B), land near North Creek Dr. is being acquired. Is this really happening?

A. We are not certain as to the status of private land acquisitions in the area. The comment on the Inventory Map was recorded per a resident's comments during the mapping exercise and cannot be confirmed here.

Q. Under what section of the goals (that staff provided at the Workshop) would the ratio of actual homeowners to absentee landlords in North Lamar fall? Urban design?

A. No, this ratio would actually be addressed under the Quality of Life goal and, more specifically, under the neighborhood character subsection of this goal.

Q. Another goal for the North Lamar area is to provide a civic venue so to bring the community together and to generate positive activity here. Under what goal would this be addressed?

A. More than likely parks and open space, but it can also be addressed under community character (Quality of Life).

Q. Is there a list of non-resident property owners that staff can provide area residents?

A. We will look into this issue and try to map out all properties owned by non-locals that will be provided at future meetings.

Q. Where will curbs, sidewalks, and gutters be addressed? These are big issues in the North Lamar area.

A. These issues will be addressed in the Infrastructure phase of the planning process and, thus, become the focus of the infrastructure goals of the neighborhood plan.

Once residents' questions had been answered, everyone participated in a group exercise involving potential goals for the neighborhood plan. Residents were provided with three example goals on five subject areas (quality of life, infrastructure, land use, parks and open space, and transportation) and were asked to vote on their favorite goal for each subject. If residents didn't feel the example goals fully expressed or addressed their concerns, they were given the opportunity to provide staff with their own goals. These goals will be the stepping stones for the next phase of the planning process: focused task-group meetings.