



**The North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area
Zoning Workshop 5
Little Walnut Creek Library
October 6, 2009, 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.**

VISIONING EXERCISE

A *vision statement* is typically a paragraph or page of text at the beginning of a neighborhood plan that describes how the neighborhood would look and feel in the future if all the goals set forth in the neighborhood plan have been accomplished.

Staff conducted a *visioning exercise* to elicit input from participants on the different topic areas that have been discussed throughout the process (e.g. Quality of Life, Transportation) by asking “How do you envision the NLCNPA in the future if the goals set forth in this plan have been accomplished?” The resulting ideas were then gathered, and will be used to form the vision statement that will be part of the NLCNPA neighborhood plan.

TOPIC AREAS:

QUALITY OF LIFE DRAFT GOAL

The North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area shall be a safe, healthy, and well-maintained neighborhood that promotes and preserves the quality of life for both residents and business owners.

Citizen input:

- Cultural diversity
- Quiet after dark
- High quality schools
- High education ranking
- Safe and peaceful
- Pleasant and safe
- Safe
- Safe walking trails
- Police substations
- Recreation center
- Green
- No farm animals
- Clean and attractive
- Clean and crime free
- Cleaner and clutter free
- Clean and well maintained
- Well lit, lots of green, clean
- Not crowded
- Pollution and noise free
- No noise
- Friendly
- Suburban

TRANSPORTATION DRAFT GOAL

Pedestrians, motorists, transit users, bicyclists, and mobility-impaired neighbors should be able to safely and efficiently travel throughout the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area and to the rest of the City.

Citizen input:

- Fast transportation
- Transportation choices
- Bike trails
- Pedestrian friendly (x3)
- Very pedestrian and bike friendly
- Controlled speed in neighborhoods
- Walking trails
- Connected bike/bus/train/walk
- Light rail and public transportation
- I35 is gone
- Traffic signals better timed
- Traffic well controlled

INFRASTRUCTURE DRAFT GOAL

Develop infrastructure within the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area that upholds the safety and health of residents and property- and business-owners.

Citizen input:

- Well maintained roads and sidewalks
- Well maintained and reliable infrastructure
- Underground wires
- Adequate drainage
- Drainage
- Lights
- Better lighting at night
- Stop sign at N. Lamar Blvd feeder road at Powell Ln
- Fewer curb cuts
- Wide medians and intelligent turn lanes on N. Lamar Blvd
- Medians on N. Lamar Blvd (x2)
- Green, shaded, wide sidewalks

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DRAFT GOAL

Achieve and maintain healthy, sustainable, functional, quality, safe, and aesthetically beautiful parks and green spaces and provide opportunities for cultural interactions within the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area.

Citizen input:

- Outdoor public music venue
- Large parks
- Farmers market
- Local wildlife habitat
- Gardens in front of buildings
- Soccer fields and basketball courts
- Soccer field
- Recreation center
- Playground
- Well maintained tree canopy
- Landscaping (x2)
- Landscaping and trees
- Large trees
- Creek walks and family areas
- Walking trails
- Ongoing community health activities (e.g. tai chi, yoga class)
- Neighborhood garden clubs
- Attractive drought-resistant plants and vegetation

LAND USE DRAFT GOAL

Create a well-balanced land use pattern in the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area by containing particular land uses to appropriate areas.

Citizen input:

- Diverse businesses
- Small business we can walk to
- Family-oriented businesses
- Small, neighborhood-serving businesses (e.g. bakery, fruit stand, flower stand)
- Churches
- Small grocers with healthy options
- Nonviolent businesses
- Family owned businesses
- Mixed-use, conducive to pedestrian use
- Attractive bed and breakfast places, instead of large hotels
- Venues for a picnic
- Venues for concerts and bands
- Homes owned by occupants
- Single family homes
- Desirable for families
- Small condos and complexes
- N. Lamar Blvd will be pleasant, with shops and restaurants
- 55% owner-occupied
- Fewer drive-thrus
- No mobile food vending

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Citizen input:

- Attractive, well designed buildings
- Diverse architecture
- Electric cars and charging stations
- Green buildings and homes
- Jobs for Austin high school grads
- Local jobs
- Residents are employed in legitimate jobs
- Annual international festival

HOW TO REACH VISION

Citizen input:

- Strong, organized, and responsive neighborhood associations
- Large neighborhood association membership