

RESOLUTION NO. {{item.custom_tracking_number}}

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE,
TEXAS, ADOPTING THE HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN; AND
PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

Whereas, City of Temple staff began working with Kasberg, Patrick & Associates, LP (“KPA”) and Covey Landscape Architects (“Covey”) in January 2020 to develop the Historic Neighborhood Plan - the Historic Neighborhood Planning District boundary is generally south of Nugent Avenue, east of BNSF Railroad, west of 3rd Street, and north of French Avenue;

Whereas, contract services provided by KPA and Covey also included a proposal to develop schematic design for the water and wastewater utilities in the Historic Neighborhood Planning District;

Whereas, each neighborhood planning district is completed in the following steps:

1. Neighborhood Research, Inventory, & Analysis;
2. Public Engagement;
3. Plan Development;
4. Internal Plan Review; and
5. City Council Review & Consideration;

Whereas, the consultants and Staff began the first step by completing research, inventory, and analysis of the existing conditions of the neighborhood - this plan includes an Existing Property Conditions map where each structure is rated (A) Great condition; (B) Minor cosmetic repair needed; (C) Major cosmetic repair and/or minor structural repair needed; (D) Major structural repair needed; or (F) Structural repair needed beyond the worth of the property;

Whereas, this map also includes a green dot to identify rental property and two dots to identify duplexes - a sidewalk survey analysis was completed that rates the condition of each sidewalk as excellent, good, and poor;

Whereas, once the neighborhood research, inventory, and analysis portion is complete, the public engagement process begins;

Whereas, the community engagement process involves obtaining feedback from residents, business owners, and community stakeholders - on February 15, 2020, the City of Temple held a community engagement event to receive feedback from residents and business owners with property in the Historic Neighborhood Planning District;

Whereas, there were a total of five stations that were covered by staff to receive feedback from the public regarding the following topics:

- Code Enforcement Issues;
- Public Safety Concerns;

- Sidewalks
- Lighting; and
- General Feedback;

Whereas, a community survey was also created and distributed in both English and Spanish to solicit feedback from the public - three focus group meetings were held with downtown stakeholders, developers and realtors, and history/preservation and education stakeholders to receive feedback regarding proposed improvements needed within the Historic Neighborhood Planning District;

Whereas, Staff conducted on-going meetings with the external planning team comprised of stakeholders representing the neighborhood - the City introduced “NPD News” with this district to provide an additional mechanism to provide information and solicit feedback from neighborhood residents and business owners;

Whereas, the Historic Neighborhood Plan identifies proposed improvements to the following public streets:

- 3rd Street – Major Arterial;
- 7th Street – Bicycle Boulevard;
- 13th Street – Pedestrian Corridor;
- 17th Street;
- Nugent Avenue – Neighborhood Collector;
- French Avenue – Pedestrian Corridor;
- Jackson Avenue; and
- Alleys;

Whereas, each street section includes proposed improvements to include items such as bike lanes, sidewalks, buffer landscaping, roadway width, and on-street parking;

Whereas, the Historic Neighborhood Plan is broken down into several components:

- Neighborhood Identity
Gateways and place making are an important part of creating a unified and unique neighborhood. From identifiers on the edges of the neighborhood to special colors or markers on street signs, small, unique elements that are carried across the entire district create a sense of place and community. These elements allow residents to have a sense of identity and pride in where they live and inform visitors they have entered into a special district and set a tone for what they will experience. Recommendations for neighborhood identity include a primary entrance monument at 9th Street and French Avenue, secondary monuments at Nugent Avenue and French Avenue at 3rd Street, street sign toppers, and banners.

- Lighting Zones

According to the survey responses, street lighting was the top priority for transportation and pedestrian improvements. Survey respondents also listed lighting as the top priority related to neighborhood park improvements. The Historic Neighborhood Plan includes a schematic lighting plan and identifies 6 types of lighting zones:

- General Street Zone;
- Neighborhood Zone;
- Intersection Zone;
- Multi-Family Zone; and
- Alleys;

- Intersection Enhancements

Primary and secondary intersection enhancements are identified in the plan. Primary intersection enhancements are intended to help contribute to a sense of place through additions of landscaping, signage, branding, paving, and increased awareness of pedestrians. Secondary intersection enhancements are intended to help improve pedestrian environment through signage and delineated pedestrian crossings.

- Historic Preservation Focus

It is a priority of the plan to protect the valuable contributions that the historic properties provide to the character and fabric of the Temple community. The City of Temple provides regulatory protections found in Chapter 17, Historic Preservation of the Code of Ordinances. The purpose set forth by this regulation is to make it policy that the, “protection, enhancement, preservation, and use of historic areas, places and landmarks is a public necessity and is required in the interest of the culture, prosperity, education and welfare of the people.”

- Architectural Character Focus

As means to better unify the overall plan area, it is important to encourage new construction and renovation of structures in the western portion of the plan area to increase their architectural interest. With a mix of single-family and two-family homes, architectural enhancements will likely need to reflect different unit types. Some of the best additions include large front porches, columns, and varying the roof line. Secondary considerations could be decorative front fences, porte-cochere, and enhanced front walks. One key element is to preserve views of the residences and have front yards unobstructed by parked vehicles.

Whereas, proposed visioning is included in the Historic Neighborhood Plan within the following areas:

- Knob Creek;
- Optimist Park;
- BNSF Trail; and
- Neighborhood Services Focus – Adaptive Reuse;

- Action Plan

This section of the plan summarizes the recommendations derived from the project findings in the Historic Neighborhood Action Plan. These actions follow to the direction put forth in the City's Strategic Plan and Temple By Design, 2020 Comprehensive Plan. In accordance with those plans, the actions are organized by the focus areas Smart Growth, Public Safety, Places and Spaces, and High Performing Organization. The recommendations in the Action Plan reference the respective Comprehensive Plan initiative. The Action Plan identifies the implementation method, priority, and department involvement.

Whereas, a project phasing plan with opinion of probable construction costs (OPC) was created for the Historic Neighborhood Plan and includes the following:

- 3rd Street Intersection Enhancements – \$2.9 million OPC;
- 5th Street Sidewalk and Intersection Enhancement – \$2.3 million OPC;
- 7th Street Bicycle Boulevard and Street Reconstruction – \$2.6 million OPC;
- 9th Street Sidewalk and Intersection Enhancement – \$2.3 million OPC;
- 13th Street Sidewalk and Intersection Enhancement – \$2.3 million OPC;
- Nugent Avenue Sidewalk Reconstruction – \$1.1 million OPC;
- Irvin Avenue Sidewalk Reconstruction – \$1.2 million OPC;
- Lamar Avenue Sidewalk Reconstruction – \$1.2 million OPC;
- French Avenue Sidewalk Reconstruction – \$1 million OPC;
- Optimist Park – \$1 million OPC; and
- Jackson Avenue and 17th Street – \$1 million OPC;

Whereas, Staff recommends Council adopt the Historic Neighborhood Plan; and

Whereas, the City Council has considered the matter and deems it in the public interest to authorize this action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, THAT:

Part 1: Findings. All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council of the City of Temple, Texas, and they are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

Part 2: The City Council adopts the Historic Neighborhood Plan.

Part 3: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the **1st** day of **October, 2020**.

THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS

TIMOTHY A. DAVIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jana Lewellen
City Secretary

Kathryn H. Davis
City Attorney