

Item

Progress presentation on the ongoing update to the City of Tulsa Comprehensive Plan, planitulsa.

Background

In 2019 the Tulsa Planning Office began updating the City of Tulsa Comprehensive Plan as it approached 10 years since it was adopted in 2010. This update process has included a great deal of internal research, analysis, and mapping to understand what has changed since plan adoption and what best practices for comprehensive planning processes have emerged in other cities.

After establishing the base understanding for what needed to be updated in each portion of the comprehensive plan, internal teams were established for each of the nine proposed plan chapters. These teams conducted significant subject matter expert engagement with more than 200 interviews, meetings, and discussions to inform policy development for each chapter. Engagement with the general public followed this subject matter expert engagement, including public meetings about infill development, a series of local homebuilder roundtable discussions, multiple surveys, a substantial series of virtual public meetings, a planitulsa contact email account, and a planitulsa telephone hotline. Across these formats more than 3,000 Tulsans outside of the subject matter expert group have contributed their ideas, concerns, and priorities to the process. This input was the foundation for the development of draft plan content.

As of August 15th, 2022, all chapters of the plan have moved through the internal review process, which included review by Tulsa Planning Office, INCOG leadership, City Legal, and City department heads. Contributing departments include: Development Services, Engineering Services, Streets & Stormwater, Water & Sewer, Tulsa Police Department, Tulsa Fire Department, Asset Management, Working in Neighborhoods, Municipal Courts, Communications, Mayor's Office of Resilience and Equity, Tulsa Parks, River Parks Authority, Partner Tulsa, the Housing Policy Director, and the Office of Performance Strategy and Innovation (OPSI). Modifications to the draft plan were made based on the input of these departments.

Next Steps

As chapter review is completed, each chapter is being fully translated into Spanish, which will lead to planitulsa being the first fully bilingual comprehensive plan in the United States. Other steps to make the plan more accessible include alternative text for all images and maps, and glossaries for each chapter with terminology linked in the chapter text to provide definitions for terms that may be unfamiliar to readers.

The project team will conduct small group meetings with the Tulsa City Council before moving into the public engagement phase. Staff is planning to conduct public review engagement in the months of October and November, with several public meetings to communicate the most significant changes to the plan, how to review the full document at home, and to give Tulsa residents an opportunity to discuss the plan and related planning activities with staff members. To complement this engagement, staff has drafted emails to all residents who provided their

input and contact information during the planning process showing how their input was used in the plan. This correspondence will be sent out at the launch of the draft plan.