TMAPC Work Session Staff Report



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

Background

In 2019 the Tulsa Planning Office was tasked with 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 each portion of the comprehensive plan needed to be updated, 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 development 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.

Development of the draft plan document is underway. For each of the nine plan chapters this includes:

- draft policy recommendations in the form of goals, strategies, and actions
- health and wellness considerations
- equity and resilience considerations
- regionalism considerations
- fiscal considerations

The draft plan document also includes a "Development Review Guide" where all relevant information related to the development review process, a major aspect of comprehensive plan implementation, is kept in one place. This guide outlines the new ways in which the comprehensive plan will provide guidance for development review, including updates to the land use plan map, the removal of the Areas of Growth/Areas of Stability map, the introduction of a Development Era map, and the introduction of context maps that emerged from the different chapters of the plan for consideration in the process of development review.

All of these components will be integrated into a draft document for review by internal stakeholders before being made public for broader review. It is anticipated that internal review will begin in late fall 2021 and public review will begin once that is completed.

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