

Neighborhoods

Background

The “parking lot” issue states:

Recognize the character of what people identify as their existing neighborhoods as a basis for planning. Such items as connectivity between neighborhoods, pedestrian orientation, human scale to development are aspects of neighborhoods that the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council wish to discuss.

Neighborhood residents find the City’s terminology regarding existing and planned neighborhoods and their boundaries confusing. Neighborhood character continues to be an issue in new development as well as a preservation issue in older, established neighborhoods. Connectivity between planned and existing neighborhoods remains an area of contention. This contention has surfaced when new developments propose pedestrian and street connections to existing neighborhoods.

Outcomes

Outcomes may include neighborhood planning area boundary changes, text revisions to the LACP and Land Development Code when these documents refer to neighborhoods as planning areas, and determining when connectivity between neighborhoods is appropriate.

Community Involvement

This item would be an in-house project and would include one or more community meetings that may utilize various methods to gain input. Methods might include small group discussions, small group activities, presentations, or engaging the public in a study circle.

Resource Considerations

If placed on the Planning Division’s work program, this six month project would begin in March, ending in August. The six month timeframe takes into consideration general research, GIS work, planning and holding community meetings, and developing any land use amendments or text amendments to the LACP and text changes to the Land Development Code that may be necessary. This project would primarily require a quarter of a planning staff member’s time to conduct the project and limited assistance from Neighborhood Resources to arrange meetings and to review project outcomes.