Third Ward: Complete Communities Workgroup |NOTES

May 8, 2018 | 5 pm - 6 pm (actual: 5 pm - 6:30 pm)

Meeting Organizer	Lynn Henson	**Attendees**
Type of meeting	In-Person	Transportation Planning Team
Location	Library Coffee and Wine House - 2612 Scott St, Houston, TX 77004	Walkable Places Team (Devin Crittle and Muxian Fang)
		Chairs/ Co-Chairs of the following Complete Communities Workgroups:

- Infrastructure & Mobility
- Neighborhood Character
- Housing
- Parks & Community

Topic: *Walkable Places & Bikeway Routes Public Engagement* | Speakers: *Lynn, Velyjha, Jennifer, Devin & Muxian*

AGENDA

  I.   Introduction [Lynn]
 II.   Purpose of Meeting [WP & Transportation]
III.   Review the Community List (did we miss anyone) [WP]
 IV.   Proposed Timeline [WP & Transportation]
  V.   Proposed Agenda/ Structure of the Meeting [WP & Transportation]

TRANSPORTATION TEAM

Presenter: Meeting began with Velyjha giving a short overview of the $10 million Precinct commitment for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. She also informed the residents of the June 30th deadline and proposed two additional public engagement meetings - one in May and one in June – to determine what streets will be improved and the design.

Public's Response: Overall theme was that the public was "planning fatigued." The community felt that there is enough research and planning that has already been done and they do not want to start from scratch. One study, referred to as the "Third Ward Comprehensive Needs Assessment," was mentioned in this meeting as well as the last Super Neighborhood meeting. Residents stated that there is existing data on the built environment in Third Ward in the Third Ward Comprehensive Needs Assessment study and it will be helpful in guiding our selection of bike routes in the community. They expressed that they have a lot of data from different studies but that they need someone to synthesize the information and

then bring the synthesis to them for feedback. One resident stated that when selecting bike routes, we should consider those that ride for leisure. He stated that the bike routes are "good for those who commute through, but not good for those who ride around the neighborhood."

Presenter: Additionally, Velyjha posed the questions: What is the best way to engage the community around this? Should we attend existing meetings? Is there anything else we should be aware of while engaging?

Public's Response: The residents responded that they did not want us [COH] to take over their existing Super Neighborhood meetings. Instead, the residents recommended that we engage during the Complete Communities sub-committee meeting or some civic club meetings. Other suggestions included framing this biking initiative and Walkable Places as a component of Complete Communities to offer some familiarity to the residents. As far as the preferred structure for future public engagement meetings, residents were interested in truly engaging activities and not the typical "put a sticker on a board" format. It was explained that the board-style engagement only captures the opinions of individuals as opposed to a more open format that allows the collective group to discuss and talk through decisions regarding the bikeway routes.

By the end of the meeting it was decided that Velyjha should review the referenced study and pull bike routes from that study along with the existing proposed bikeways. Velyjha will also send meeting materials to the Complete Communities Infrastructure and Mobility subcommittee prior to their next meeting on May 17th. Then, May 24th, is the tentative date for the public engagement workshop. The residents stated that two hours is adequate time to discuss the proposed routes and design.

Action items

- ❖ Retrieve and review the Third Ward Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- ❖ Determine best public engagement format for workshop
- ❖ Prepare workshop materials (i.e. agenda, corresponding maps, data, etc.) and send to Infrastructure and Mobility workgroup
- ❖ Reserve a location for the workshop
- ❖ Advertise the workshop