

AGENDA ITEM 4 C

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Memorandum



To: Planning Commission
From: Christopher Solberg, City Planner
Date: 1/19/2012
Re: Annual Goals Review

As part of the annual Comprehensive Plan review, I have reviewed the Goals of the Comprehensive Plan and the City's progress in achieving these goals.

Comprehensive Plan Goals

1. *Plan and produce community based projects directed at improving the quality of life and creating a sense of community for all residents of La Vista.*

The Vision 84 study was developed to improve the overall quality of life and sense of community for the residents. The City administered La Vista Daze for the second straight year and held the annual festival with great success, despite less than ideal weather. This activity, along with the numerous events regularly held by the City at the Community Center, Library and elsewhere in the City, helped to create a sense of community for residents.

2. *Foster the value of the community and encourage the development of local action to preserve and strengthen the City of La Vista.*

The City administered La Vista Daze for the second straight year and held the annual festival with great success, despite less than ideal weather. The Civic Center Park Plan, currently underway, has stirred interest in the redevelopment of the golf course into a park with regional impact, drawing interest from a large number of residents.

3. *Implement appropriate community and economic developments to enable an increase in the population of La Vista by an estimated 2.1 percent per year for the next ten years, or 2,534 people and 981 households.*

No current-year population estimate was provided for when the plan was developed in 1997. However, a census estimate for 1999 listed within the plan stated a projected population of 11,864. The City developed an estimate in 2010 and concluded the population within the incorporated area to be 17,041. This represents a growth of 5,177, significantly higher than the goal.

4. *Provide all residents with access to a variety of safe, decent, sanitary housing types, including elderly and persons with disabilities.*

Single family construction continues to develop within several subdivisions in the City Limits and in the Extra-Territorial Planning Jurisdiction. Three new apartment complexes are under construction or have opened in the past year. Cimarron Terrace at 96th and Harrison are preparing to start construction on Phase II, Harrison Heights near 75th and Harrison is finishing construction, and Orchards at Wildwood is complete and open for leasing. The latter two will provide housing for seniors. Additionally Bella La Vista has submitted for a Preliminary PUD to develop apartments near 132nd and Chandler.

5. *Stabilize and broaden the economic base to create and expand employment opportunities for all age categories. Establish an annual La Vista Visioning Program to focus on the annual creation of business and industrial types most appropriate for the community.*

A number of commercial and industrial entities opened their doors in La Vista in 2011. The City worked with MAPA and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development on three Community Development Block Grants for new industry in the La Vista planning jurisdiction.

6. *Enhance the physical appearance and character of the community, with special emphasis on commercial corridors*

The Civic Center Park Plan process is currently underway, creating a plan to enhance the physical appearance and character of the center piece park of the community. Design review activities in other areas assisted with the physical appearance and character of Cimarron Terrace, Harrison Heights, Orchards at Wildwood, CVS, Divine Truth Christian Book Store, Performance Auto and other potential developments.

7. *Strengthen relations with neighboring communities by teaming together to create a "quality of life initiative" to address the many needs, desires and activities of all segments of the population in and around the La Vista area.*
La Vista works with staff of surrounding communities on a regular basis. Community Development staff have occasional meetings with planners in other Sarpy County cities.
8. *Develop a land use plan which embodies the identified goals and policies and adopt a zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations to implement the land use plan and policies.*
Changes to the Zoning Ordinance over the past year reflect the City's desires to meet its goals and policies. Improvements to Sections 2.02, 7.01, and 7.06 were approved by the Planning Commission and City Council.
9. *Ensure all of improved and expanded infrastructure systems in La Vista, for planned residential, commercial and industrial growth, meet the building and operational standards set forth by the City of La Vista.*
The La Vista Public Works Department continues to maintain and expand infrastructure systems to efficiently provide services to residential, commercial and industrial uses.
10. *Through citizen consensus, maintain the public facilities and recreational spaces and programs needed in La Vista.*
The Civic Center Park Plan process is currently underway, creating a plan to redevelop the City's golf course into a notable park attraction. The City also worked on the development of a master campus plan for City Hall and the surrounding property. A plan for the revitalization of the City's existing parks is nearing completion.

Annexation

It is recommended that each year the City review the Annexation Plan. Changes to the Annexation Plan were last adopted in October 2010. Annexations of Giles Corner, Crossroads Industrial Park, Performance Auto/Attic Storage, and a portion of SID 59 were conducted in 2011, as depicted in the Annexation Plan. An updated Annexation Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission in 2012.

2012 Action Items

The following action items serve as suggested priority projects for the City to work on in 2012.

1. Update the Annexation Plan within the City's Comprehensive Plan.
2. Expand the City's ETJ to include properties on the west side of 144th Street.
3. Approval of the 84th Street Blight and Substandard Study.
4. Completion of the 84th Street Redevelopment Plan.
5. Continue to implement the Gateway Corridor Design Standards.
6. Completion of the Civic Center Park Master Plan.
7. Completion of the Mini Park Plans.
8. Develop improvements to the Zoning Ordinance, including the addition of a Mixed Use District within the 84th Street Corridor.
9. Update the Comprehensive Plan to reflect changes since 1997, the 2010 Census and incorporate a chapter on Energy.
10. Continue to work to improve the quality of life for all citizens.