



# Make Up Session Neighborhood Meeting Community Input for Development of Comprehensive Plan

## *Hopes & Dreams for the Future of Alamo Heights*

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# ALAMO HEIGHTS NOW

What we would never give up	What we would most want to change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trees – canopy</li><li>• Not in city of San Antonio</li><li>• Walkability</li><li>• Character of the neighborhoods</li><li>• Diversity of housing</li><li>• Trees</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traffic congestion</li><li>• Handicap access to sidewalks</li><li>• Doubling the square footage of remodels &amp; tear downs</li><li>• McMansions on little lots</li><li>• Fix streets</li><li>• Pavement problems – by pool – Viesca; near Cambridge – Broadway</li><li>• Small almost fake porches</li><li>• Plastic siding</li></ul>

# ALAMO HEIGHTS 2023: HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE

<b>Land Use Plan</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>Commercial &amp; Economic Development</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More diversity</li> <li>● Restrictions on multi-use (careful planning)</li> <li>● More mixed use along Broadway &amp; Austin Highway</li> <li>● Multi use commercial district: business on ground floor, residential or office above</li> <li>● Set multi-family areas with own regulations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Encourage people to live smaller</li> <li>● Floor to area ratio guidelines/ restrictions</li> <li>● Separate design standards for look of different neighborhoods</li> <li>● Identify historic buildings</li> <li>● System for demolition restrictions</li> <li>● Flexibility (sensible) in regulations</li> <li>● Identify historic buildings/structures or have families set this into their deed for property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sidewalks &amp; bikeways throughout w/ seating every so often</li> <li>● Incentives for mom &amp; pop retail &amp; restaurants</li> <li>● Wider sidewalks along Broadway &amp; Austin Highway to encourage walking</li> <li>● Wide sidewalks in commercial area</li> <li>● More trees along commercial areas</li> <li>● Uniformity of signage, street furniture, etc.</li> <li>● Safe, secure walking space</li> <li>● Marketing plan to “buy AH”</li> <li>● Can we limit the # of banks/ non tax revenue businesses in commercial area?</li> <li>● Central parking for commercial district &amp; trolleys</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Natural &amp; Cultural Resources</b>	<b>Utilities &amp; Community Facilities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mini trolleys up Broadway</li> <li>● Angled parking is horrible from which to back out</li> <li>● Synchronize lights &amp; crosswalks</li> <li>● Synchronization of lights</li> <li>● Roundabouts?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revamp green area by AH pool to be more accessible</li> <li>● Dog park in conjunction with Olmos Park in front of Olmos Dam</li> <li>● Community (&amp; school) garden spaces</li> <li>● Annual public art award</li> <li>● Most of all ease of access</li> <li>● Public art in commercial district – but with Council approval</li> <li>● Public mulch areas for brush/ grass</li> <li>● Public art at dam</li> <li>● Connect nature trail to city trail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Street sweepers, 1 X/mo – 3 X/year – possibly work w/ Terrill Hills, Olmos Park</li> <li>● City incentives to encourage solar &amp; sustainable changes by residents</li> <li>● More recycling</li> <li>● Partner with other cities where feasible</li> <li>● Rain sensors on sprinkler systems (bid out to company to provide @ low cost for all residents)</li> </ul>

## KEY INSIGHTS TO KEEP IN MIND AS WE DEVELOP THE PLAN

- We are different neighborhoods that make up a whole of AH
- Make sure we conduct very careful planning
- Commercial district – set the right tone to attract people to AH as a “destination”
- Continue dialogue between the City of AH & its residents
- Tap into our own human resources
- Cooperate with neighboring communities (Terrell Hills, Olmos Park, San Antonio)
- Engage with surrounding areas – their growth impacts AH