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TO: Planning and Zoning Commission
FROM: Alison Brake, CNU-A, Historic Preservation Officer – Planning and Development Services Department
DATE: January 30, 2024
RE: City Council Update on the Dunbar & Heritage Neighborhood Area Plan

Background

A public hearing on the Dunbar & Heritage Final Draft Neighborhood Area Plan was held on November 13, 2023 at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission postponed acting on the Final Draft Plan. The Commission formed a subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Agnew, Burleson, Meeks, and Spell to review outreach and determine if additional input into the Draft Final Plan is needed. It was determined that an update from the subcommittee would be brought to the full Commission in January to garner consensus before moving forward with the Final Draft Plan.

December 13, 2023 Planning & Zoning Commission Subcommittee Meeting

The Planning & Zoning Commission Subcommittee met on December 13, 2023, and came to consensus on the following:

- Focus on outreach to Dunbar.
- Separate the Dunbar Neighborhood from the Heritage Neighborhood with the Subcommittee to redraw the new boundary.
- If the Plan Area boundary remains in the current configuration, rename the plan document to avoid confusion with the non-profit group the Dunbar Heritage Association.
- Consider combining Area Plan and Historic Preservation Plan outreach.

January 23, 2024 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on January 23, 2024, and provided feedback on the subcommittee consensus points. The Commission were all in agreement with the following:

- Separate the Dunbar Neighborhood from the Heritage Neighborhood with the Subcommittee to redraw the new boundary and provide recommendations for naming the plans.
- Focus on outreach to Dunbar, specifically:
 1. Include those who want to participate but did not have the opportunity to.
 2. Focus on those who live or have previously lived in the Dunbar Neighborhood.
 3. Focus on those with a vested interest in the neighborhood, such as business owners and churchgoers.
- Consider combining Area Plan and Historic Preservation Plan outreach.

Next Steps

Staff is seeking direction from City Council on the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation.

The Dunbar & Heritage Neighborhood Area Plan can be downloaded at the following link: <https://arcg.is/19nLqq0>

A paper copy of the Plan can be requested by emailing planninginfo@sanmarcostx.gov.