



NEAR NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 • 6:00 PM





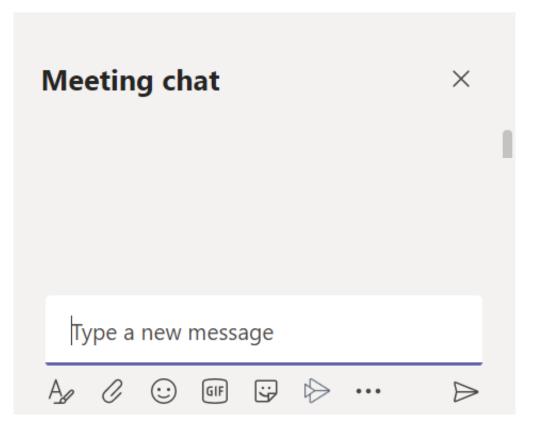
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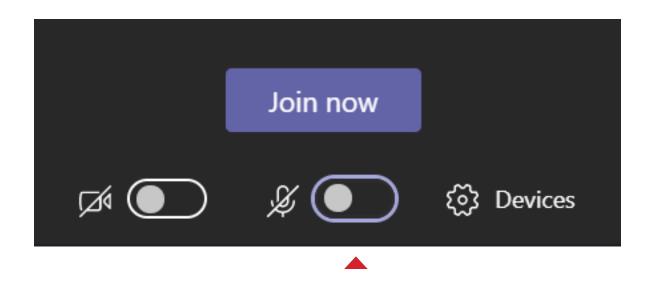


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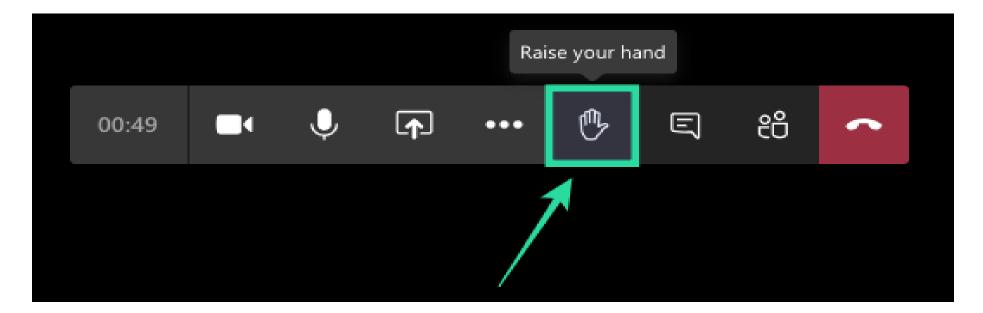


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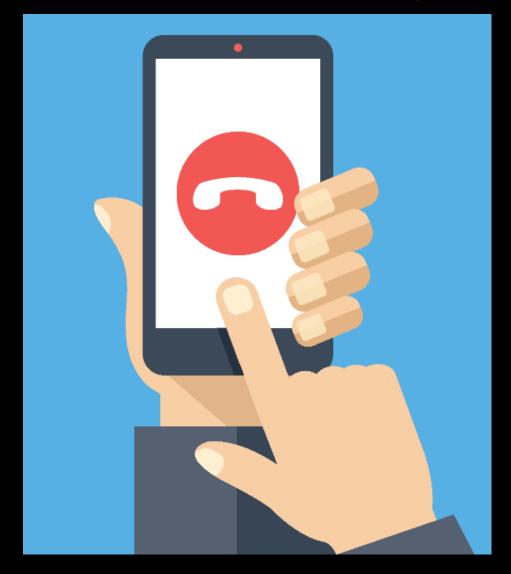
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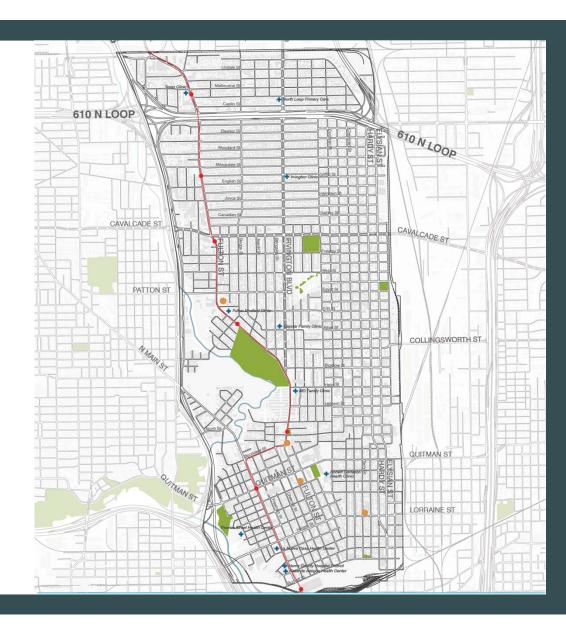
Agenda

- Welcome
- Complete Communities Progress Report
- Houston Financial Empowerment Center Presentation
- AIA Design Charrette Workshop
- Let's Talk Houston
- Q&A
- Next Steps





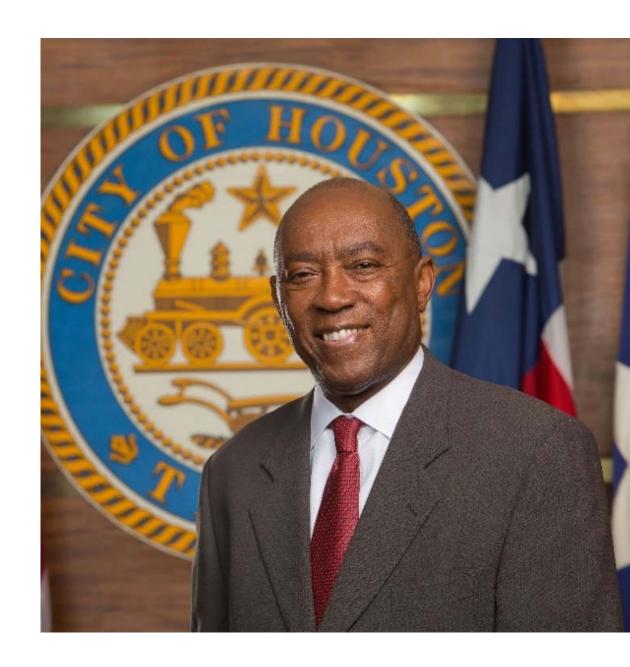




A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

"As Houston continues to grow, so do the diverse needs of our residents and neighborhoods. Ensuring that all Houstonians have equal access to quality services and amenities requires a cross-sector approach. By tapping the strengths of our community members, nonprofits, businesses, and philanthropic partners, together, we can build a stronger and more resilient city."

- Mayor Sylvester Turner



DESIGNATED NEIGHBORHOODS

The Complete Communities Initiative is intended to improve neighborhoods that have not reached their full potential due to historical disinvestment but have great strengths, opportunities and partners who are working to improve these communities to ensure that existing residents can stay in homes that remain affordable as improvements are made.

Complete Communities is an integral component of the Resilient Houston Strategy released in February 2020.

2017 Pilot
Complete Communities

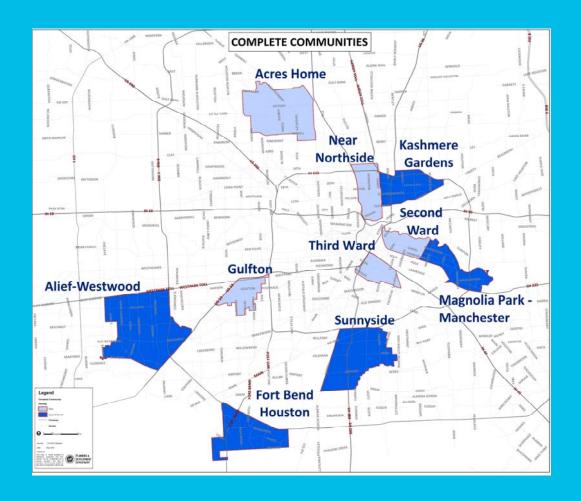
Acres Home
Gulfton
Near Northside
Second Ward

2019 Phase 2
Complete Communities

Alief - Westwood
Fort Bend Houston
Kashmere Gardens
Magnolia Park - Manchester

Third Ward

Sunnyside



ALIGNMENT, COLLABORATION & OVERSIGHT

Complete Communities is a collaborative effort involving residents, community stakeholders, and all City of Houston Departments and Divisions with City leadership from the Mayor's office of Complete Communities, the Planning and Development Department and the Department of Neighborhoods.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Neighborhood Support Teams & Workgroups
 - Stakeholder representation and participation
 - Community-based project and program prioritization
- Planning and Development Department
- Department of Neighborhoods



EXTERNAL OVERSIGHT

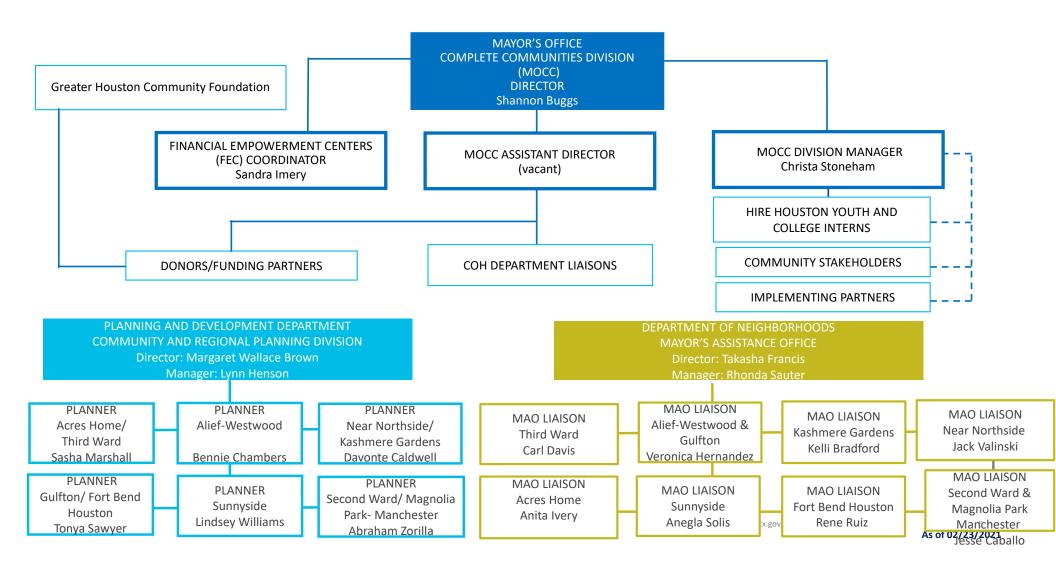
- Complete Communities Improvement Fund (CCIF) Advisory Board
- Greater Houston Community Foundation
- Houston Endowment, Inc.



INTERNAL OVERSIGHT

- Mayor's Office of Complete Communities
- Chief Resilience Officer
- Bloomberg Associates consulting support
- WRIKE Project Management System

COMPLETE COMMUNITIES ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



COMPLETE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT ROLES

Mayor's Office of Complete Communities

- Encourages and facilitates department and agency collaborations and partnerships that can implement Action Plan projects and programs
- Tracks and reports on the initiation, maintenance and completion of Action Plan projects and programs
- Gauges progress on achieving the goals and metrics to measure success in the Action Plans
- Communicates about the Complete Communities Initiative through the Complete Communities newsletter, web site and social media, as well as other communication tools.
- Marshalls internal and external resources to assist department and agency implementation efforts

Planning and Development Department:

- Organizes and leads comprehensive planning conversations and workshops to undertake community-level and neighborhoodspecific improvements and programming
- Convenes Neighborhood Support Team meetings during and after the planning process to continue civic engagement in each Complete Community
- Implements Action Plan projects and programs related to planning and development in the Complete Communities
- Communicates about the Complete Communities Initiative through the Complete Communities newsletter, web site and social media, as well as other communication tools.

Department of Neighborhoods

- Participates in ongoing civic engagement efforts, including Neighborhood Support Team meetings, Super Neighborhood meetings and communityled collaborations
- Builds relationships with residents and civic leaders to help sustain civic engagement and respond directly to residents' concerns
- Coordinates with City departments to follow up on service requests
- Supports and promotes neighborhood revitalization efforts through community outreach activities

Mayor's Office of Resilience

- Provides a multi-scale resilience framework to help guide planning, ongoing civic engagement, and Action Plan implementation strategies
- Assists with facilitating comprehensive planning conversations and workshops to undertake community-level and neighborhood-specific improvements and programming

Other City Departments

- Provide funding for capital projects and programs
- Shares data and technical knowledge to help implement the Action Plans

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COMPLETE COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Convenes creates workgroups and provides guidance on the implementation process and roles
- Communicates status updates from the City of Houston and MOCC
- **Collect** Action Plan updates from the workgroups to MOCC

Planning Department

CC Workgroups

- Prioritizes the CC projects the workgroup will implement, organize, or advocate
- **Communicate**s resources or needs to move forward on projects
- Disseminates information and updates to broader Near Northside Community

- Coordinates responses and resolutions to community complaints; requests for city services, individual complaints/referrals and field investigations; Neighborhood Clean-ups / Task Forces / Sweeps
- Promotes neighborhood revitalization efforts

Department of Neighborhoods

MOCC

- Facilitates department and agency collaborations and partnerships for priority Action Plan projects and programs
- Marshalls internal and external resources to assist implementation efforts



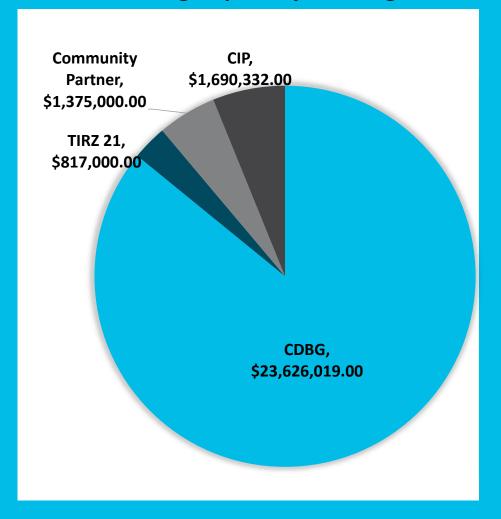


ACTION PLANS & PROJECT PRIORITIES

Each neighborhood builds a Complete
Communities **Action Plan** that outlines the vision, goals, benchmarks, projects, and programs identified through the community engagement process. Those community aspirations are divided into 9 categories:

- Civic Engagement
- · Economy & Jobs
- Education
- Health
- Housing
- Mobility & Infrastructure
- Neighborhood Character
- Parks & Community Amenities
- Safety

Public Funding Report by Funding Source



The City of Houston has expended and budgeted over **\$28 million dollars** into Near Northside using the following discretionary funds from April 2017 to present day:

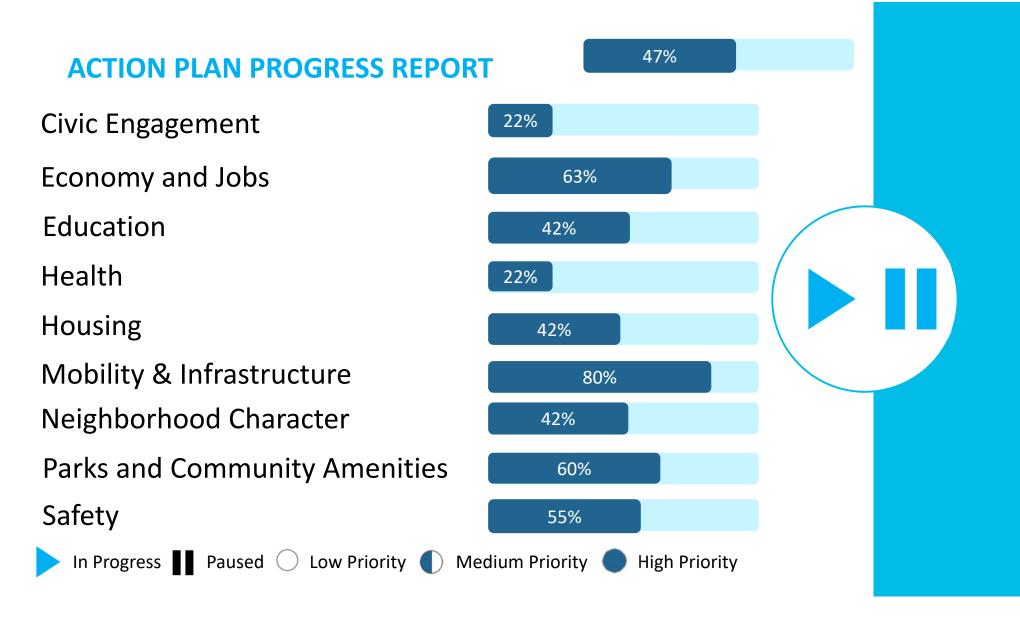
• Community Partner:

- Houston Arts Alliance: Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs (MOCA) offers grants to artists, nonprofit organizations and fiscally sponsored projects that are funded with local Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) revenue. Grants are available through Houston Arts Alliance
- Harris County Commissioner's Office: Precinct 1 and Precinct 2
- **CDBG**: The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) has expended over \$23 million of federal community development dollars known as Community Development Block Grants (CDBG):
 - CDGB DR-17: Hurricane Harvey disaster funds used for multi-family and housing projects
 - CDGB DR 2: Funds used to support home repair and housing projects
 - CDGB Public Services: Funds used to support programs including but not limited to job training, childcare and education programs
- **TIRZ 21:** A Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) is a type of special district and financing tool for infrastructure improvements.
- **CIP:** The **Capital** Improvement Plan (**CIP**) is a five-year plan that includes planned **capital** projects and land acquisitions, including a schedule and financing structure for each project. The CIP represents all COH departments such as Houston Public Works, (HPW) and the Parks and Recreation Department (PRD).

Public Funding allocated and expended, April 2017-present	Funding Source	Funding
Affordable Housing Projects and Housing Programs		\$23,717,897.00
	Affordable Housing TIRZ &	
**Home Repair and Homeowner Assistance Programs	CDBG-DR2	\$914,980.99
Fulton at James Apartments	CDBG-DR17	\$1,652,917.00
Residences at Hardy Yards Apartments	CDBG-DR2	\$19,200.000.00
The Gale Winds Apartments	CDBG-DR17	\$1,650,000.00
** Avenue CDC-Housing and Financial Counseling	CDBG-Public Services	\$300,000.00
Streets & Sidewalks		\$2,990,332
Sidewalks repaired to date in 2020	CIP-HPW	\$403,372.00
New Sidewalks and Crosswalks	CIP-HPW	\$1,286,960.00
Construction of the 5.5 miles bike lane on Hardy and Elysian as a portion	Harris County Commissioner Precinct One and Precinct Two, Public Works and	
of the Houston Bike Plan	Planning Development	\$1,300,000.00
Neighborhood & Community Amenities		\$20,000.00
** Visit My Neighborhood Program Grant through partnership with Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs & Houston Arts Alliance Parks		\$20,000.00 \$90,000.00
Fulton Butterfly Pocket Park		\$75,000.00
Hernandez Mini Mural Projects	TIRZ no 21	\$662,829.00
TIRZ No. 21 – CIP Plan: 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan for TIRZ No. 20 includes the following improvements		\$737,829.00
English Street Park	TIRZ no 21	\$637,000.00
2600-3500 Main Street Ped/Bicycle Safety Project	TIRZ no 21	\$55,000.00
Street Improvements	TIRZ no 21	\$125,000.000
Total		28,263.058.99

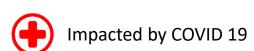


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COVID-19

- In early March of 2020, COVID-19 began to impact Houstonians.
- As a response, the City of Houston Health Department was deployed to and assigned various roles to facilitate community-based testing, epidemiology/lab, reporting, call center help desk, and contact tracing duties. The response limited/halted some regular services, programming, and projects throughout 2020-to the present day. Since March 2020, there has been 16,399 people tested.
- In April 2020, Mayor Turner formed the Mayor's COVID-19 Health Equity Response (HER) Task Force led by the Directors of Complete Communities, Community Relations, Education, Innovation, Special Events, and the Chief Resilience Officer with approximately 50 community leaders to respond to the needs of vulnerable communities. Many of which were in the Complete Communities.
- The HER Task Force supported vulnerable Houstonians by quickly implementing mask distributions, COVID-19 testing, and internet voucher distributions.
- Some of the following Action Plan Updates were performed before COVID-19 and were suspended as shown by the symbol:





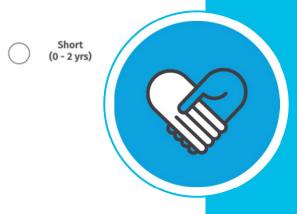
Civic Engagement

 Provide youth leadership training and a youth forum at Northside High School





 To support each Complete Community as they work to execute their action plans, Complete Communities University (CCU) was developed to support their activities. Classes were designed to strengthen the existing skills of community leaders as they work to implement goals, actions and project aspirations laid out in the plans. Complete Communities University was a half-day workshop held on Saturday, October 13, 2018; plans are underway to host CCU in 2021.



Engage with elected officials and candidates

Increase voter participation

Support and grow area civic clubs

Short (0 - 2 yrs)

> Short (0 - 2 yrs

Medium (2 - 5 yrs)

Civic Engagement

Short (0 - 2 yrs)

Short

- Develop an annual advocacy agenda
- Engage with the North Houston Highway Improvement Project
 - The City's NHHIP Public Engagement Process was a 9-month long effort to help the community understand the proposed new design and to document how the design would impact adjacent neighborhoods. Information from this effort was incorporated into a letter from Mayor Turner to TxDOT describing how the design should be altered to produce a better project. This effort was guided by the NHHIP Facilitation Group made up of community leaders, experts including representatives of the Near Northside. The City continues to convene the Facilitation Group.



- Advocate for citywide Super Neighborhood Council funding
- Provide SB4 Training and Information



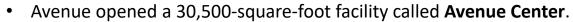
Short

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Economy and Jobs

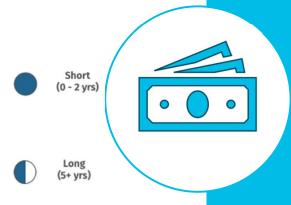


Expand community job-training, career development, and placement programs to prepare residents for, and employ them in, growing sectors of the economy



- Office of Business Opportunity (OBO) hosted a Turnaround Readiness Fair on January 17, 2019 in which 197 people attended
- OBO also hosted job fairs in which 400 participated
- Connect youth to summer job opportunities
 - The Hire Houston Youth job board opened Monday, March 15, 2021 to Houstonians ages 16 to 24.
- Attract new businesses focused on neighborhood needs
 - The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) worked with the community to develop implementation strategies
- Develop incentives for new businesses, including small business development grants and loans
 - HCDD launched the Harvey Economic Development Program (HEDP) to provide support to impacted small businesses and communities through small business loans and grants. The program prioritizes microenterprises, which are defined as small businesses consisting of 5 employees or fewer, including the owner.







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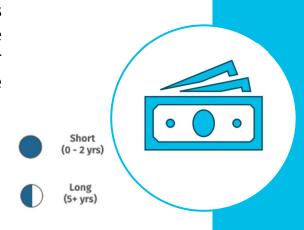
(2 - 5 yrs)

Medium

(2 - 5 yrs)

Economy and Jobs

- Strengthen and grow existing businesses through access to grants, loans and mentoring
 - The Harvey Economic Development Program's Small Business Grant Program offers up to \$100,000 per applicant to help businesses recover from the long-term impact of Hurricane Harvey. To be eligible, an applicant business must be a microenterprise that either 1) is owned by a low- or moderate-income resident or 2) will create at least one job for a low- or moderate-income resident.
- Create a Near Northside "Neighborhood Guide"
 - Develop a "shop local" and small business promotional campaign
- Facade improvement program



Education

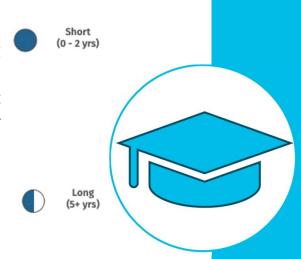
• Provide leadership training, skills and resources for parents

Support parents continuing education

 Capital One Northside Education Coalition is also working with CafeCollege has begun offering the Career Online High School Diploma Program scholarships. On March 9, 2019, the first graduation ceremony was held with 9 students earning their diploma through this program.

Expand after school and summer programs for youth

- Marshall Middle School received \$25,000 from Comcast, which will be allocated for eighteen (18) 21-inch iMac Digital Music Production Studio Design lab within the makerspace.
- Cafecollege, located at Carnegie Library, continues to offer services and outreach to area schools. This year to date they have assisted 587 students with college prep.
- Computers for the Out 2 Learn sponsors and promotes afterschool programs across the city of Houston and allows community members to look up programs near you by typing in zip code

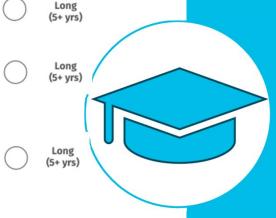


Medium (2 - 5 vrs)

Education

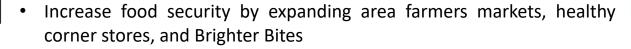
- Expand Enrollment and Access to Quality Early Childhood Education Increase the number of high quality early education slots
- Medium (2 - 5 yrs)

- Increase the number of high-quality early education subsidies
- Increase Educational Success Improve educational outcomes at area schools



- Increase number of high school graduates who complete a certificate, vocational program, or 2–4 year college degree after six years
 - Career Online High School (COHS) is an online high school diploma and career certification program launched in 2018 in partnership with Gale Carnegie as a pilot program.

Health







Offer cooking, nutrition and gardening education classes

- YMCA MDA helped the Houston Health Department host 6 garden classes bimonthly, in which gardens were presented to the 18 participants from September 4, 2018 through February 2019. The classes were funded through a BUILD grant for \$7,000, in which \$3,500 was allocated to gardening activities.
- Jefferson Elementary built a pollinator completed on April 27, 2019, and **3 vegetable garden beds**, with about 20 participants from May 2019 to October 2019.
- HHD partnered with several parks in order to host health education classes. Houston WIC has partners within community centers to offer nutrition education, and these centers service approximately 1,400 clients at Northside Health Center monthly.



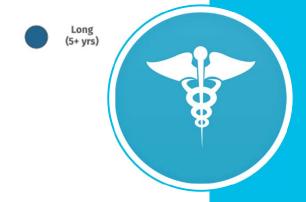
Advocate for schools to expand healthy food options



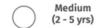
Health

- Develop a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program or a Food Co-Op
- Medium (2 5 yrs)
- Increase opportunities to enroll in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Short (0 - 2 yrs)

- Expand options for walking and biking in the neighborhood
 - City worked with Near Northside stakeholders to identify a neighborhood network of bike lanes that would connect people to destinations inside and outside of the community. A portion of this network was constructed through a partnership between the City, Harris County Precinct 2, and Metro. ONGOING
 - The Northside Management District is coordinating with the City and Metro to build sidewalks on Quitman Street. ONGOING



- Expand Tour de Northside and CIGNA Sunday Streets
 - The community produces tour de Northside. Cigna Sunday Streets has been postponed.
- Improve Access to Health Services Identify and address mental health care needs
- Increase access to healthcare insurance, providers and resources

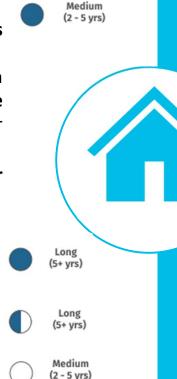






Housing

- Provide home repair programs for seniors and others with high needs
 - The Housing and Community Development Department repaired 3 roofs and reconstructed 1 home.
 - The Harris County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) collaborated with different partners to provide Fall Prevention and Matter of Balance Trainings to seniors. The AAA also completed 12 home repairs in Near Northside.
 - The Houston Health department has remediated 504 homes in Near Northside with the lead remediation program
- Develop a program to acquire and restore existing single- and multi-family housing to increase affordable housing
 - Improve Irvington Village and Fulton Village without displacement
- Explore creation of a home improvement loan program



Housing

- Build new housing for purchase and rental for a variety of income levels
 - Using federal community development dollars, HCDD has funded 3 multifamily projects in Near Northside.
 - The Avenue Station: 68 multifamily units, \$5,891,135
 - Residences at Hardy Yards Apartments: 350 units, \$19,200,000.
 - Gale Winds Apartments, 17 units, \$1,650,000.
 - Potential acquisition and development 800 Burnett St. Houston Tx, 77009
- Grow Homeownership
 - The City of Houston partnered with Wells Fargo & Company,
 Neighborworks America and its local network members in February
 of 2019 to administer the \$15,000 down payment assistance
 grants
- Provide workshops for homeowners to ensure their security





Mobility and Infrastructure

- New sidewalks and crossings
 - Evelyn (Robertson to Elysian) Sidewalk: \$150,000
 - Hogan/Lorraine (N Main to Elysian) sidewalk: \$300,000
 - Cohran (James to Noble) Sidewalk: \$30,000
 - Campbell (Cochran to Gano) sidewalk: \$37,500
- Improve sidewalk and ramps to meet ADA standards
- Improve Neighborhood Streetlighting
 - HCDD funded \$1,199,580 of CDGB funds for infrastructure and light of Hernandez Tunnel
- Increase transit ridership and other mobility options
 - Metro constructed a protected bike lane along Cavalcade connecting people to the light rail Red Line. The agency will continue those improvements east to connect to the Hardy and Elysian bike lanes.
 - Metro is planning to construct a protected bike lane on Quitman Street to connect people to the light rail Red Line and the White Oak Bayou bike trail.
- Streetscaping
 - NeighborWorks America Community Leadership Institute funded the Department of Transformation (DOT) in a 3-phase project. DOT repaired sidewalks, redesigned the crosswalk, and created a bike lane in partnership with Bike Houston in and around Elysian street.

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Mobility and Infrastructure

- Improve neighborhood streets
 - The 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan for TIRZ no 21, Near Northside, targeted focused safety and improvements. Surface repairs, adding sidewalks and lighting was restored and warning systems, safety lighting, and safety railing was added and replaced.
- Expand Bike Lanes and Amenities Expand area bike lanes and hike and bike trails
 - Houston's first protected bike lane constructed on Hardy and Elysian Streets:
 - Extends 2.69 miles on Hardy and 2.66 on Elysian from Harrington Street and Kelley
 - Metro is constructing a protected bike lanes on Cavalcade Street and Quitman Streets.
- Hike and Bike Trails
 - Harris County Precinct One office with additional support from Precinct Two, Metro Public Works and Planning and Development enhanced bikeway connections to other neighborhoods and downtown area
- Install bike racks at area businesses and other locations
- Expand B-Cycle
 - BCycle stations were installed at the Burnett Transit Center and Quitman and North Main.











Short (0 - 2 yrs)

(2 - 5 yrs)

Long

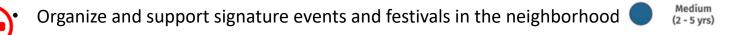
(5+ yrs)

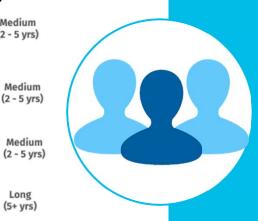


• The Solid Waste Department in partnership with the management district, and Council Member Cisneros collected tires in the area

Protect neighborhood character through minimum lot size restrictions

- Minimum lot size applications are being processed in the area
 - 28 SMLS ordinances with 2,501 lots protected
- Expand area historic districts and landmarks
- Develop a public art plan
- Attract a new cultural center





Expand public art

- The Visit My Neighborhood grant provided up to \$75,000
- Storyteller Javier Fernandez completed an oral history film, Stories of the Northside and poet Outspoken Bean served as an artist in residency (Resident Artist program (RAP).
- Four new mini murals were installed at Quitman @ South, Collingsworth @ Elysian, Boundary @ Fulton, Calvacade @ Hardy
- Houston CARES About Music grant program explicitly named Complete Communities as a priority for grant support. Ultimately, \$653,044 (31.6% of all grants, 24.2 % of all dollars) was distributed to those who reside in or maintain their venue in those neighborhoods.
- 28 musicians were awarded a grant in Near Northside

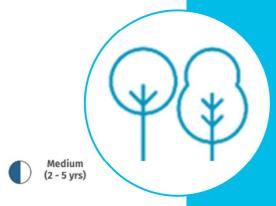


Parks and Community Amenities

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- Transform vacant lots and leftover spaces into public plazas and green spaces
 - In 2019, City Council approved an ordinance authorizing the Fulton Butterfly Pocket Park Development, construction, and maintenance between the City of Houston and the Greater Northside Management District.
 - Landscaping, planting, and installation of art pieces, including the monarch butterfly sculpture completed in Spring 2020, and trees planted were by Trees for Houston.
- Create an open space corridor adjacent to Little White Oak Bayou, connecting Woodland and Moody Park
 - A connection under the reconstructed I45 is included in the City's request for an improved design of the highway and key for mitigating the impacts on adjacent neighborhoods
- Castillo Park Improvements
 - Under the leadership of Houston Parks Board and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department park improvements included:
 - New Picnic tables, benches and barbeque grills
 - fencing and drinking fountains improvements.
- Moody Park Improvements
- Irvington Park Improvements











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Parks and Community Amenities

60%

- Earl Henderson Park
 - Earl Henderson was apart of a 5 Park Challenge to quickly make improvements at local parks. HPARD is replacing the swing set, concrete slab repair, park benches, replace BBQ pit, lighting replacements and renovate the pavilion.
 - B-Cycle station will be added



Address the challenge of loitering, homeless needs and panhandling

- Boarding house regulations
 - City Council passed the new Boarding Home, Lodging Facility, and Alternate Housing/Correctional Facility ordinances on March 22, 2018
 - As of April 1, 2019, there were 198 locations in the pipeline to obtain one or more of the designated permits
 - 127 Boarding Homes
 - 32 Lodging Facilities
 - 36 Alternate Housing Facilities
 - 3 Correctional Facilities
 - 13 various facility types are in plan review for the Certificate of Occupancy due to renovations/construction
- Understand and address human trafficking
 - Mayor's Office of Human Trafficking And Domestic Violence: The Houston Human Trafficking website is a resource for individuals to learn about human trafficking and find out what they can do to end modern day slavery in Houston. The website's goal is to increase victim identification and protect our residents by raising awareness about human trafficking.

Medium (2 - 5 yrs)

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Safety

Increase police patrol

Develop strong partnerships between neighborhood initiatives, such as Safe Walk Home, and area law enforcement to expand neighborhood

safety initiatives

• HPD requested more information about the program

 Increase participation in the Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program

- March Is March on Crime Month
- PIP Meetings are now virtual via Microsoft Teams
- Continue and expand pet spay and neuter programs
 - In 2020, BARC hosted bimonthly Healthy Pets Healthy Streets
 - Pet owners received a voucher for a spay/neuter surgery, a rabies vaccine, microchip and a city license at no cost.
- Expand educational campaigns for healthy pets
 - Administration of Regulatory Affairs is willing to work with the community to help with outreach about BARC programming
- Utilize the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)















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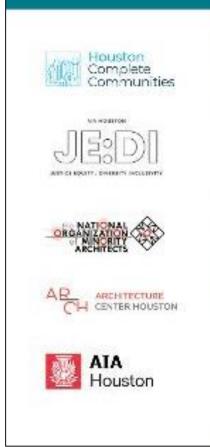
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2020 Visions

Designing for Impact: building hubs and corridors in the Complete Communities





- Tuesday, April 6 Deadline for Workshop Registration
- Go to https://aiahouston.org/v/site-page/Houston-2020-Visions/Designing-for-Impact/bs/
- Saturday, April 10, 10 am Community Engagement Workshop
- Saturday, April 24, 10 am Community Presentation







Let Your Voice Be Heard!

- Go to https://www.letstalkhouston.org/nearnorthside
- Take two quick surveys:
 - Areas of Interest
 - Scheduling next meeting in April (Deadline is Tuesday, March 30th)



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