

Neighborhood Council Vision for the Future

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

Neighborhood Council 2 is a mostly lower middle class neighborhood with a mixture of people who have owned their homes for many years and renters of homes and apartments. There are a lot of older homes with mature trees. It borders significant county property as well as the train yard and flood district. NC 2 also includes the West Bank development and park and the Montana Expo Park.

WHAT ARE WE HERE TO DO?

The stated purpose of neighborhood councils is to advise the City Commission, City Manager, and other City advisory bodies on all governmental issues, affairs, and services which affect neighborhoods.

WE BELIEVE ...

(these are the things that drive our decisions)

- Evil prevails when good people do nothing.
- Informed neighbors are more engaged.
- Engaged neighbors make better decisions.
- We can only fix a problem if we know about it.
- If we don't know the answer we will find the answer.

GOALS FOR 2019-2021

- 1. Create a more active and engaged Neighborhood Council.**
 - a. Increase attendance at meetings.**
 - b. Actively recruit two additional members by September 3rd deadline date.**
 - c. Locate a more appropriate and inviting space for meetings.**
- 2. Explore ways to address sidewalks or lack of sidewalks in our neighborhoods.**
- 3. Address nuisance properties and vehicles.**

Neighborhood Council 2
Visioning meeting
July 10, 2019

In Attendance: Ronald Staley (Chair), Elizabeth McBride, and Shyla Patera, Lanni Klasner (NC Coordinator), Mark Willmarth (Facilitator)

What makes Neighborhood Council 2 unique?

- Mostly lower middle class neighborhoods
- Borders a lot of land that is in the county
- Includes all of the Expo Park which is county property in the city limits
- A number of big box stores are across from the border of NC2
- Includes West Bank Park and the development in that area
- Holman Building
- Train yard and trains
- Sun River
- The Flood District
- Franklin Apartments – high crime area
- Lots of people who rent homes and apartments
- Older homes/neighborhoods with mature trees

What have been your greatest accomplishments in the past year?

- Cleaning up the “Drug House.”
- Hosted a forum on Disaster Preparedness.
- Had the legislative candidates speak at meetings.
- On-going conversations with students who attend meetings from high school government classes on the importance of getting involved in local government.

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What are our priorities for the next 12-18 months?

- Increase attendance at meetings.
- Find two additional council members by September 3rd.
- Sidewalks or lack of sidewalks.
- Dealing with Nuisance properties/vehicles
- Finding a more appropriate and inviting space for our meetings.