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Public Meeting Schedule

Phase I

January 12, 2006 Ft. Sam Houston Advisory Board Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

August 15 and October 24, 2006 Government Hill Alliance Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

January 23, 2007 Ft. Sam Houston Advisory Board Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

January 29, 2008 Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

Phase II

May 5, 2010 Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

May 25, 2010 Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

June 29, 2010 Saint Paul's Episcopal Church



INTRODUCTION TO THE LAND USE PLAN

The Land Use Plan identifies the preferred land development pattern for the Government Hill Neighborhood Planning area. The Land Use Plan does not constitute zoning regulations or establish zoning district boundaries. The arrangement of different land use designations is based on existing uses, community discussions and policies from the *City's Master Plan*. The land use classifications are described in the tables on pages 5 through 11.

After City Council approval of the Government Hill Neighborhood Plan Update, the Planning and Development Services Department will consult the Land Use Plan as a guide for developing staff recommendations for individual zoning cases.

The Government Hill Neighborhood Plan Update is being carried out in conjunction with an area-wide comprehensive rezoning. The Update process was broken down into phases in order to facilitate coordination with the comprehensive rezoning process. (See Phasing Map on pg. 16) Phase I was adopted in October, 2008. Staff began analysis for Phase II in Fall 2009.

Community involvement throughout this process revealed a number of factors of importance to residents in the planning area. One factor considered and addressed in the update process was industrial encroachment into existing, established residential areas. This issue was of primary importance in the area south of IH-35 and north of the railyard. Given the established industrial uses in this area, and the potential for conflict with existing low density residential uses, Low Density Mixed Use was introduced to the land use plan to allow a more appropriate transition from predominantly single-family residential use to a blend of residential and compatible commercial uses.

Another concern expressed by residents in the area was the preservation of existing singlefamily residential structures in established single-family areas. Medium density residential uses are located intermittently throughout these residential areas. The continued conversion of single-family structures into multiple unit dwellings is not desirable in these areas. Low Density Residential land use is an appropriate classification for the existing residential core of the area and will promote and protect the existing low density residential uses while recognizing the existence of conforming medium density residential uses.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LAND USE PLAN (Continued)

Expansion of commercial opportunities in the planning area was another issue raised by residents in the public participation process. Mixed Use designations along North New Braunfels Avenue, Spofford Street, Rogers Street, and East Grayson Street allow a variety of well-integrated residential and low intensity commercial uses in this area. The Mixed Use land use classification was also placed on properties along Walters Street in order to capitalize on economic opportunities presented by Fort Sam Houston.

THE LAND USE PLAN AND ZONING

The Land Use Plan does not constitute zoning regulations or establish zoning district boundaries. The table below is meant to serve as a comparative guide to utilize when evaluating for "consistency" between development / rezoning proposals and the goals of the plan. More intense land uses may be allowed in less intense land use categories subject to conditional zoning or a specific use authorization that would facilitate context sensitive design in accordance with the plan's goals and objectives.

Map Disclaimers:

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Land Use Classification	Description
Low Density Residential Light Yellow Permitted Zoning Districts: R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6	Low Density Residential Development includes single-family residential Development on individual lots. Recommended development densities in Low Density Residential areas should not exceed 9 dwelling units per act. The plan acknowledges that have historically existed in the neighborhood can remain; however the conversion of existing single-family homes into medium density uses that is discouraged. Lower-impact community uses that such as schools, religious assemblies, parks and community centers can be Included in this category and should be centrally located for convenient neighborhood access.
Hedium Density Residential Yellow Permitted Zoning Districts: R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6, RM-4, RM-5, RM-6, MF-18	Medium Density Residential includes a variety of detached or attached dwellings, including single-family homes, townhomes and zero lot line configurations, duplexes, triplexes, and four- plexes. Recommended development densities in Medium Den- sity Residential should not exceed 18 dwelling units per acre. This form of development should be located along collectors, or residential roads, and can serve as a buffer between low density residential and more in- tense land uses like com- mercial. This classification includes certain non-residential uses such as schools, religious as- semblies, parks and community centers that are centrally lo-

semblies, parks and community centers that are centrally lo cated for convenient neighborhood access.

Land Use Classification	Description
High Density Residential Lime Green Permitted Zoning Districts: R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6, RM-4, RM-5, RM-6. MF-25, MF-33, MF-40, MF-50	 High Density Residential development includes multi-family developments with more than four units on a single lot, such as apartment complexes, but can also include Low Density and Medium Density residential uses. High Density residential uses generally exceed 18 dwelling units per acre. This form of development should be located along collectors, arterials, or highways. It can function as a compatible transition between Medium and Low Density residential and higher intensity commercial uses. This classification can include certain non-residential uses such as schools, religious assemblies, parks and community centers that are centrally located for convenient neighborhood access. High Density Residential uses should be appropriately buffered from adjacent residential uses through landscaping, screening and lighting controls.

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Land Use Classification	Description
Neighborhood CommercialSalmonPermitted Zoning Districts: C, C-1, O-1,Note: Previously referred to as Local Convenience/ Commercial in original plan	Neighborhood Commercial includes low to moderate intensity, small scale retail, office or service uses serving the neighbor- hood area with low-impact convenience, retail, or service func- tions. Example of uses include convenience store, small insur- ance or doctors office, bakery, small restaurant, bookstore, an- tique shop, copy service, veterinarians office, or small, neighborhood sized grocery stores. Locations for Neighborhood Commercial include the intersec- tions of residential streets, within established commercial areas, along collectors, and within walking distance of residential ar- eas. Neighborhood Commercial can serve as an appropriate buffer between an arterial or collector and Low Density Residential uses. Parking is encouraged in the rear of the buildings, and should be appropriately buffered from adjacent residential uses through landscaping, screening and lighting controls. Pedes- trian amenities are strongly encouraged.

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Land Use Classification Description Mixed Use Mixed Use allows for a concentrated, well structured, and integrated blend of higher density residential, retail, professional services, office, entertainment, and other land uses. The integration of uses should occur within structures, as well as across the Orange site, with commercial uses situated primarily along the higher order roadways, and on the ground floor level of individual structures. Shared parking located near the rear of the facilities, Permitted Zoning Districts: accessory dwelling and live/work units are encouraged. RM-4, RM-5, RM-6, MF-18, MF-25, MF-40, MF-50, NC, Mixed Use is preferred along arterials, preferably in a nodal pat-C-1, C-2, C-2P, IDZ, TOD, tern with proximity to a major transit stop or node. Mixed Use MXD, UD, O-1, O-1.5, FBZD exceeding 40 dwelling units per acre should be located on primary arterials or higher order roadways. When placed along a higher order roadway, the mixed use development should decrease in density with distance from the roadway. Building and architectural design of a mixed use development should stress quality, including open space, landscaping, and a safe, attractive, and pedestrian and bicycle friendly environment.

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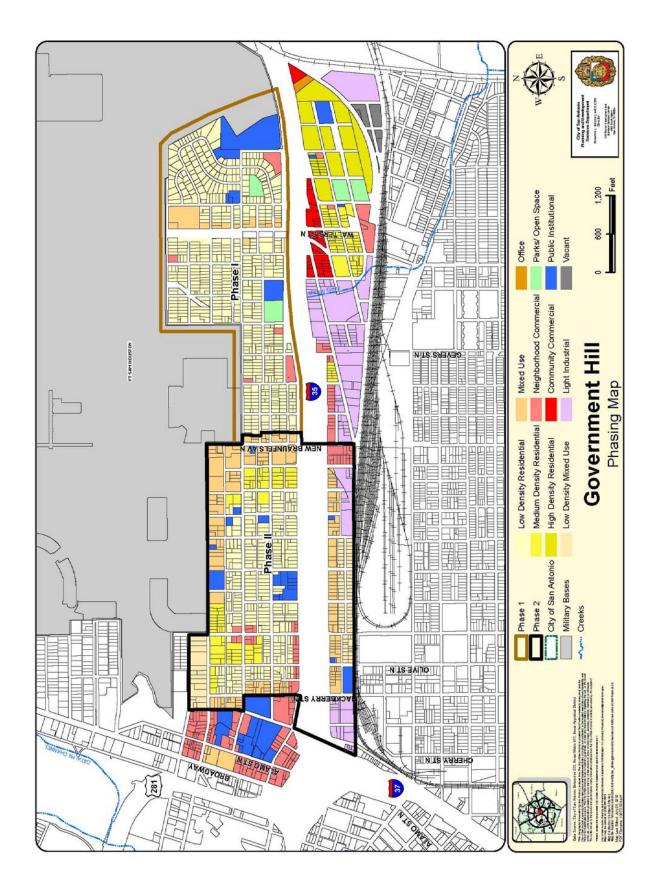
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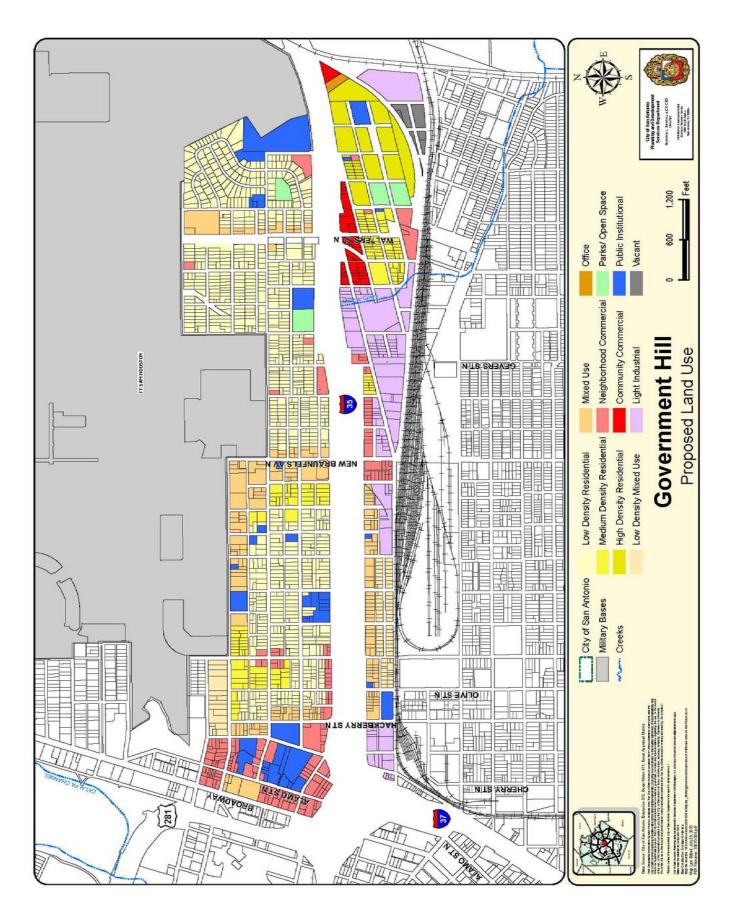
Land Use Classification	Description
Office Grey Permitted Zoning Districts: O-1, O-1.5, O-2	Office use encompasses medium intensity professional, per- sonal business, and non-profit uses that serve the local commu- nity, or house small to medium sized administrative functions for regional or national companies. Examples of offices include at- torney's offices, dentist's or physician's offices, administrative offices of construction or engineering firms, computer training centers, or local non-profit offices. Office uses should be found on, or adjacent to, arterials or higher. Office use is an appropriate buffer between low, medium, and high density residential uses, or between an arterial and low
	density residential. Refuse containers should be located behind the principal struc- ture, and should be screened from adjacent residential uses. Appropriate buffering such as a buffer yard, fences and/or landscaping should form a screen between this category and any residential uses.

Land Use Classification	Description
Light Industrial	<text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text>

Land Use Classification	Description
Public / Institutional	Public / Institutional uses include public, quasi-public, and insti- tutional uses that facilitate the containment or delivery of local, state, or national governmental or non-profit services. Examples include post offices, libraries, schools, fire stations, museums, churches, community gathering facilities, etc.
Permitted Zoning Districts: Varies Note: Previously referred to as Institutional in original plan	The location for these services include where they currently re- side, as well as where they meet the future needs of the com- munity.
Parks / Open Space Green	Parks include existing city, private, county or national recreational lands or open spaces that are available for active use, passive en- joyment or environmental protection, including walking and biking trails and drainage areas.
Permitted Zoning Districts: Varies, residential zoning districts preferred	Open Space includes large, or linear, unimproved land where con- servation is promoted and development is not encouraged due to presence of topographic constraints or institutional uses on the site.
	Examples include City pocket, regional, or linear parks, as well as private parks associated with subdivisions and neighborhood associations.
<i>Note: Previously referred to as Recreational/Open Space in original plan</i>	Parks should be located for convenient, yet safe, neighborhood and community access and should be adequately sized to provide sufficient facilities for the neighborhood or community it serves.

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Phased Area Wide Rezoning and Plan Update

The Land Use Plan update corresponds with an area-wide rezoning of the neighborhood. The update is being undertaken in phases in conjunction with the rezoning initiative. The City Council Communication Requests are referenced herein.

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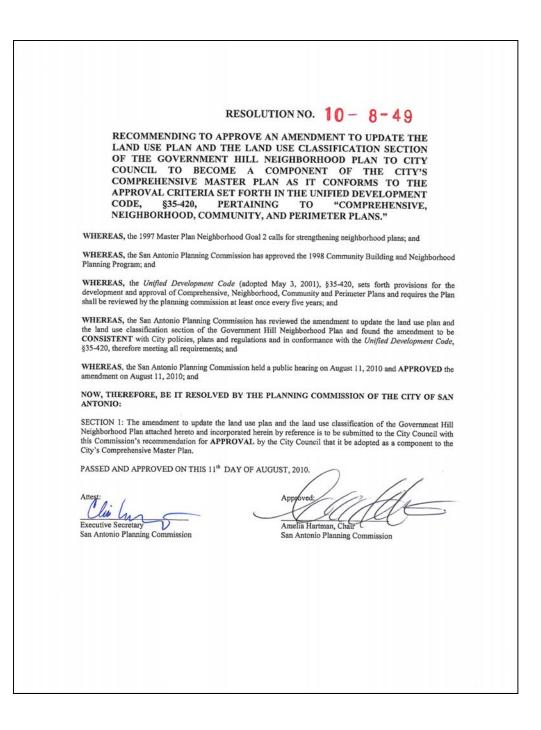
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Planning Commission Resolutions:

Phase I



Planning Commission Resolutions Phase II



City Council Ordinance: Phase I

SG: 10-16-08 Item No. P-1 Master Plan Amendment Government Hill Neighborhood Plan

AN ORDINANCE 2008-10-16-0954

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ADOPTING THE GOVERNMENT HILL NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN UPDATE AS A COMPONENT OF THE MASTER PLAN OF THE CITY FOR AN AREA COVERING APPROXIMATELY ONE SQUARE MILE GENERALLY BOUND BY FORT SAM HOUSTON TO THE NORTH AND EAST, IH-35 TO THE SOUTH AND NORTH NEW BRAUNFELS TO THE WEST SUPERSEDING THE GOVERNMENT HILL NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 20, 2001.

WHEREAS, the Government Hill Neighborhood Plan was first adopted by City Council on September 20, 2001 as a component of the City Master Plan adopted May 29, 1997; and

WHEREAS, according to §35-420 of the *Unified Development Code*, the Plan shall be reviewed by Planning Commission at least once every five years, and

WHEREAS, the Government Hill Neighborhood Plan Update Phase I area includes approximately 1 square mile and is generally bound by Fort Sam Houston to the north and east, I.H-35 to the south, and N. New Braunfels Avenue to the west; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio Planning Commission reviewed Government Hill Neighborhood Plan Update Phase I on August 27, 2008 and found the plan to be consistent with City policies, plans and regulations and in conformance with the *Unified Development Code*, §35-420, therefore meeting all requirements; and

WHEREAS, in a public hearing held on August 27, 2008, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council amend the Government Hill Neighborhood Plan to update the land use element as an addendum to the Master Plan adopted May 29, 1997; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The Government Hill Neighborhood Plan is hereby amended to update the land use element by superseding the Land Use Element in Government Hill Neighborhood Plan adopted September 20, 2001, as a component of the Master Plan of the City, as it conforms to the approval criteria set forth in the *Unified Development Code*, §35-420, pertaining to "comprehensive, neighborhood, community, and perimeter plans." A copy of plan update is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Attachment I.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect October 26th, 2008.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 16th day of October 2008.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM: _	for City Attorney

City Council Ordinances Phase II

SG/cla 11/04/2010 # P-1 Master Plan Update U9009 Government Hill Neighborhood Plan

AN ORDINANCE 2.010 - 11 - 04 - 0970

UPDATING THE LAND USE PLAN AND AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE LAND USE SECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT HILL NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AS A COMPONENT OF THE CITY'S MASTER FOR THE AREA GENERALLY BOUNDED BY FORT SAM HOUSTON AND EAST JOSEPHINE STREET TO THE NORTH, FORT SAM HOUSTON AND A RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE EAST, A RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND DUVAL STREET TO THE SOUTH, AND IH-37 SOUTH AND BROADWAY STREET TO THE WEST.

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WHEREAS, the Government Hill Neighborhood Plan was adopted on September 20, 2001 by City Council as a component of the City Master Plan adopted May 29, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Development Code requires consistency between zoning and the Master Plan and Section 213.003 of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE allows amendment of the Master Plan following a public hearing and review by the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on August 11, 2010 by the Planning Commission allowing all interested citizens to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio City Council has considered the effect of this amendment to the Master Plan of the City and has determined that it conforms to the approval criteria set forth in the Unified Development Code §35-420, Comprehensive, Neighborhood, Community, and Perimeter Plans; NOW THEREFORE;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The Government Hill Neighborhood Plan, a component of the Master Plan of the City, is hereby amended by updating the Land Use Plan and amending the text of the Land Use Classification section of the Government Hill Neighborhood Plan for the area generally bounded by Fort Sam Houston and East Josephine Street to the north, Fort Sam Houston and a railroad right-of-way to the east, a railroad right-of-way and Duval Street to the south, and IH-37 South and Broadway Street to the west. All portions of land mentioned are depicted in **Attachments "I"** and "**II"** attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect November 14, 2010.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 4th day of November 2010.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM: Michael D. Bernard, City Attorney fe

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