

Preservation of Neighborhood Character

Preservation of the Existing Housing Stock

Petition for a demolition stay until effective preservation tools are in place.

Begin an education campaign on preservation efforts and the value/economics of preservation.

	Educate homeowners and prospective investors on the use of the "investment credit" and historic property incentives from the City such as 2% loans, grant forgiveness, etc.
	Do a case study on one property showing the before and after visual conditions, property values, expenses of renovation, and application of incentives
	Develop a mini manual on historic renovation/preservation that includes the case study (see above) and the appropriate contacts, sources, papers, and steps needed during each step of the renovation process when working to complete historic preservation for economic gain.
	Work with the Landmark Commission to begin an Historic Preservation Ambassadors program. Ambassadors could work with new owners of historic properties to help them through the preservation process.

Work to increase pride in the neighborhood.

	Do a walking tour of the neighborhood to encourage pride in ownership and interest in available properties.
	Work to keep the press coverage high on the neighborhood reinvestment efforts
	Work with representatives from the Mayor's office to include a new category for historic preservation projects in the Mayor's Award for Neighborhood Excellence (MANE award).
	Work with the Parks and Recreation Department to create pocket parks and plazas along Division, Center, and Mesquite Streets.

Work through the Landmark Commission, City of Arlington Neighborhood Services Department, and Arlington City Council and administration to acquire appropriate training in the area of historic preservation for City employees. Encourage the hiring of an Historic Preservation Officer who has a background in historic preservation whose full time responsibility is the oversight of historic preservation in Arlington.

Work with the Planning Department to revise local ordinances to require that all new development or expansions, including churches, preserve existing mature trees in parking areas, as well as additional landscaping and screening to create an attractive "green" area not a concrete slab.

Work with DTA on plans for the future construction of the Railroad Park.

Property Maintenance

Institute an effective education campaign throughout the neighborhood to encourage efficient use of the sanitation services offered by the City

Use the neighborhood newsletter to educate residents and merchants about property maintenance requirements, working with Neighborhood Services toward better code compliance and goals for a more attractive neighborhood.

Strictly enforce City codes.

Spread the word on the First Time Homebuyer Program.

Ensure that alley and street conditions are maintained.

Begin a Paint Your House Campaign to help spruce up the neighborhood.

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Encouraging "Sympathetic" Reinvestment in this Neighborhood

The neighborhood needs incentive tools for new improvements and the ability to look at future developments on a case by case basis, or to have a "phase in" option for changes in land use or reinvestments.

	Investigate options such as Public Improvement Districts, Tax Increment Finance Districts, Conservation District, Design Guidelines, etc.
	Any non-conforming or incompatible structures should be required to keep their property well landscaped or have attractive aspects that compensate for the difference in architecture.

Host a roundtable meeting to discuss the vision for the redevelopment of the historic areas in Arlington.

Sense of Community

Continue with the incremental installation of the poles throughout the entire neighborhood to help create an inclusive atmosphere throughout the entire neighborhood and to provide the entire neighborhood with a collective, unified front.

Implement a block captain hierarchy to foster grassroots involvement on the block level.

Create a Neighborhood Directory.

Expand the Neighborhood Phone Tree to include all residents.

Notify all residents of upcoming meetings by posting notices on doors and then later following up with a phone call to remind them.

Have more neighborhood events

Create a neighborhood newsletter.

Members of the committee should walk the neighborhood to increase awareness among the residents.

Get out on the front porches.

Institute a Welcom Wagon system

Try to stay in touch with other associations and organizations.

Preservation of Neighborhood Trees

Replace dead trees in the park, especially near the playground equipment.	
Work to preserve or replace the trees throughout the neighborhood on personal property.	
	Ask the City of Arlington Forester to evaluate the condition of trees throughout the neighborhood and make recommendations for preserving those trees.
	Provide educational brochures for residents describing the appropriate time and way to trim, fertilize, or plant trees.
	Host a neighborhood tree drive.
	Find a nursery that will give discounts to the residents to replace dead trees in their yards to beautify the neighborhood.
	Plant trees for disabled people.
	Organize a neighborhood help committee to help people trim their trees.
Include a list of service providers in the Neighborhood Directory to help people find reputable tree trimmers, garden supply stores, or other services.	

Safety and Crime Prevention

Need to address the homeless shelter issue.	
	Partner with the Division Street Business Association to offer incentives to interested investors to buy and renovate the homeless shelter building into a viable business.
	Find out if the Homeless Shelter is within the zoning restrictions for parking.
Need to address the illegal use of dumpsters/littering.	
	Work with the Police Department to implement a tighter enforcement of liquor laws.
	Work with police department to stop theft of service from the business dumpsters.
Do an overall inventory of the neighborhood using the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) concepts.	
	Eliminate dark areas by forming a task force to focus on increasing the level of lighting in the neighborhood
	Increase lighting around the park
	Add additional street lights (especially in the long blocks).
	Pursue the acquisition of decorative pedestrian lights for the neighborhood that would both increase the amount of light and add an aesthetic value to the neighborhood.
	Investigate an "every other porch every other night" program.
	Remove visual barriers to effective patrol of the neighborhood.
	Get the crimewatch signs installed
	Get to know the officers that patrol the neighborhood.
	Publish their picture and biography in the newsletter
	Stay in regular communication with the officers through e-mail/website
Have officers attend regular neighborhood meetings.	
Revive the Crime Watch groups and organize a Neighborhood Citizens on Patrol Group.	
	Need to have a full time foot or bike patrol in the neighborhood.
	Residents will work with the Police Department to see if bike patrol is available
	Find funding for a private duty officer for the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Traffic and Transportation

Work to decrease traffic speeds on neighborhood streets	
	Work with the Police Department to heighten enforcement of speed limits in the neighborhood.
	Work with the Transportation Department to identify areas where additional stop signs and speed limit signs are needed.
	Work with City officials to secure the use of a "speed trailer" in the neighborhood along Center and Mesquite Streets to help make drivers aware of their speeding in these areas.
	Work with the Police Department to designate the areas around the schools and daycares as "high enforcement" areas to protect the children who attend those facilities.
Work to ensure that neighborhood streets are safe and passable for residential traffic	
	Ensure that cars are parked on the street in the correct manner and on the correct side of the street.
	Eliminate non-working cars in the streets.
Work to ensure that streets and alleys are well maintained	
	The neighborhood will work with the Transportation Department to investigate the repair and maintenance of the curb and alley entrance areas.
	The neighborhood should work to education City personnel and monitor the existing and future projects to make sure that any new construction be of the same character (square curbs).
The residents and merchants from the neighborhood need to keep a long-term eye on the commuter rail lines and plans around that project to ensure that any future plans include the addition of an alternative way to cross the tracks (other than the West St. viaduct), by vehicle and by foot, when there is a train passing during times of heavy rain.	