

The City Comp Plan Task Force of MPAC offers the following in response to the city's request for input, specifically to Neighborhood element of the comp plan.

1. Re-establish a strong Neighborhood Services Department with strong leadership and a centralized approach to supporting neighborhoods. Foster collaborative relationships between citizens and the City.
2. Improve the 'view' of Arlington by implementing a plan that encourages people to stay in their homes and remodel them, keeping neighborhoods updated and fresh.
3. We believe diversity within the city is good and it does appear to be happening seamlessly which is also goodness.
4. While there are some examples in Arlington, we need to continue focus on quality built homes at the mid to higher end of the scale, and to consider the needs of the empty nesters who want to stay in Arlington, own their property and have the option for provisioned external upkeep through a service or neighborhood plan, ensuring the City's economic draw through residential quality of life choices.
5. Preserve and reinforce the stability and diversity of the City's neighborhoods while allowing for increased density in order to attract and retain long-term residents and businesses vitality.
6. All neighborhoods should have the following:
 - a. a variety of functional attributes that contribute to a resident's day-to-day living (i.e. residential, commercial, or mixed-uses);
 - b. accommodates multi-modal transportation (i.e. pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers);
 - c. has design and architectural features that are visually interesting;
 - d. encourages human contact and social activities;
 - e. promotes community involvement and maintains a secure environment;
 - f. promotes sustainability and responds to climatic demands; and
 - g. has a memorable character.

The City Comp Plan Task Force of MPAC offers the following in response to the city's request for input, specifically to the Transportation element of the comp plan.

1) Opportunities to improve existing transportation system: First priority should be city-wide street upkeep, and then walk ability within the major venues of the city and the neighborhoods.

2) Thoughts on various modes of transportation: First priority should be to establish inter city transportation, recognizing ~75% of our citizens' work outside of Arlington; next establish public transportation to key venue points within the city from Center Port; and then establish options for major north/south transportation along major routes such as Cooper, Center, Collins and/or 360, leading to key venue points.

3) Public transportation, at some level, will be required to achieve the transportation requirements identified in 2) above, which are first identified to help our commuters and event visitors (area DFW residents); and then to increase the opportunity for public movement within our city along major north/south routes.

The City Comp Plan Task Force of MPAC offers the following in response to the city's request for input, specifically to the Economic Development element of the comp plan.

1. What comes to mind re the city's economic health? The city has an asset mix that does not meet its revenue requirements for providing basic city services or creating an inviting environment for young professionals. This includes both residential and business imbalances.
2. What should city focus be? The city should **pro-actively** seek a sustainable asset mix, including approaching a) high profile manufacturing companies for the I20 corridor and GSW; and b) technology, energy, medical and science related companies for downtown and the many other areas in Arlington with fairly new & attractive, but un-leased buildings. **Sell Arlington** to those companies that would improve its asset mix, by touting location, the municipal airport, the university, entertainment, and the many other known assets of Arlington. Correction of the residential imbalance will follow an increase in higher paying jobs. Arlington has ample service (restaurant, fast food, nail salon, dry cleaning, etc)
3. How to utilize presence of UTA? The city should pro-actively approach businesses that support the major degree programs of UTA: Science, engineering, technology, medical, energy. These are the businesses that provide higher tax revenue to the city as well as higher paying jobs. Additionally, these types of businesses attract ancillary businesses to support them, which further adds to the tax base & job potential.

In summary, the most important points are improving the residential and business asset mix; and a pro-active approach to attracting the right business mix.

The City Comp Plan Task Force of MPAC offers the following in response to the city's request for input, specifically to the Environment element of the comp plan.

1. Provide and encourage the opportunity to recycle to every new multifamily developer project and business.
2. Implement stricter enforcement of litter control along Interstates and other major corridors.
3. Continue to encourage tree planting in all neighborhoods throughout the city as well as City programs to provide trees. A more aggressive and timely action in median plantings in major corridors.
4. Encourage and promote more groups similar to Keep Arlington Beautiful.
5. Continue the twice weekly watering plan in an effort to conserve water supply. Consider adding one additional "free" day so that if a "rain forecast" on a regular watering day does not result in rain, residents have an option to water a different day and not be forced to wait until the next regular watering day.
6. Regulate placement of trash dumpsters at commercial sites and multi-family such that they are behind or otherwise screened from thoroughfare view.
7. Energy: encourage consideration of alternative power sources (solar, link to West Texas wind farms, etc.) within the city through free informational forums, clinic sessions, and information included on City website, etc.
8. Continue to research air quality studies and keep strict regulations in regards to gas lease property.

The City Comp Plan Task Force of MPAC offers the following in response to the city's request for input, specifically to the Land Use element of the comp plan.

1. Redevelopment should occur first near the key venue areas, including sports, retail, and entertainment.
2. City should market and utilize current commercial stock before zoning new strip malls or duplicate commercial buildings.
3. Corridors – New York; Cooper north of Parks Mall to UTA: Division between Cooper and Collins; Division east of Collins should focus on supporting the Entertainment District and UTA services expansion.
4. I -20 Corridor: Corridor needs high profile target industries (Aerospace, Medical, and Technology. Campus type development such as we had with the J & J Company. Since I-20 and I-30 are non resident travel routes they become the impression of Arlington by future residents or businesses and should be given high priority in development opportunities.
5. GSW- Any improvements to sustain and develop Industrial and manufacturing company capabilities. The Alliance area would be a great comparison. Location is its greatest asset and should be marketed vigorously
6. Any undevelopable land in target development areas should be used as Green Space. Arlington should strive to achieve a higher standard than National standard. Any new development should be required to bring Green Space into its design.