

Suggested Mt Ogden Park public process

The Planning Staff presented at a recent meeting held by smart growth Ogden the concept that rather than a community plan process which will get distorted by the main issue of the day that another public process be followed to address the issues at hand with the Mt Ogden Community and the Ogden City residents at large. At issue and which need to be resolved are amendments to the General Plan regarding open space, annexation, economic development and trails. These are not the typical things discussed in a community plan.

A community plan will generally look at housing stock, commercial conditions, trends of the neighborhood population, the public infrastructure, schools, city services, neighborhood amenities, landmarks, parks and recreation and consider directions for the future in all these categories. While a community plan is needed for the Mt Ogden Community staff's concerns is the real issues need to be addressed in a community process because even if a community plan was addressed now, the City would still have to come back and then look at amending the general plan on the issues of open space and trails and annexation. These broader goals of the general plan are what drive the community plan in what is or is not appropriate and this is where the focus should be. This does not mean the Mt. Ogden Community is left out of the public input but that the amendment consideration of the general plan is first considered and the Mt Ogden Community is involved in that.

After the general plan is considered then the community plan could be completed as a second phase of this process.

The steps that would be suggested would be the following regarding the public participation process.

1. Hold a Mt Ogden Community town meeting to review history of area, issues at hand and get general comments on the city land, trail system and annexation issues in the neighborhood in break out groups. (Probably two meetings for input breaking the area in two sections, north and south of 30th Street for management purposes) May 30-31
2. Hold a city town meeting on same topic downtown on June 14.
3. Create a focus group of 12 members plus one city council member and planning commission member for each topic of Mt Ogden Park/ Open space, trails development, annexation. (For lack of a better term equally made up of Smart growth supporters and Lift Ogden supporters and four undecided people.) July
4. Hold a Mt Ogden Community meeting to review recommendations and receive feedback August 9
5. Hold a City wide meeting downtown to review recommendations and receive feedback August 16
6. Planning Commission work session on recommendations August 23
7. Planning Commission public hearing on possible plan amendments September 6
8. City Council review of recommendations on September 19
9. City Council action on recommendations October 3

10. Based on general plan amendments work on other info for Mt Ogden Community Plan. October
11. Hold community meeting to review other issues Nov 15
12. Create focus group for other issues Nov- Dec
13. Hold community meeting to review recommendations Jan 10
14. Planning Commission work session of recommendations for plan Jan 17
15. Planning Commission public hearing on Mt. Ogden Community Plan Feb 7
16. City Council review of community plan Feb 20
17. City Council action on community plan March 6