

RESOLUTION

OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY ADOPTING PLANOKC AS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Statutes, Title 11, Section 47-107 provide that the City may adopt and amend a comprehensive plan with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the municipality and its environs which will best promote, in accordance with present and future needs, health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development; including, among other things, adequate provision for traffic, the promotion of safety from fire and other dangers, adequate provision for light and air, the promotion of healthful and convenient distribution of population, the promotion of good civic design and arrangement, and wise and efficient expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Oklahoma City Planning Department began the process to develop a new comprehensive plan for the city, involving substantial research, analysis and studies, thousands of hours of public engagement, and meaningful dialogue with residents, City departments, public agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department conducted extensive research, data compilation and analysis and referenced plans developed by other City departments and partners to inform the planning process, including the COTPA Fixed Guideway Study, COTPA Transit Service Analysis, Downtown Housing Strategies and Implementation Plan, and Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Study; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oklahoma City utilized multiple consultants to conduct in-depth studies, surveys and analyses that included a Housing Market Preference and Demand Study, Housing Survey, Community Appearance Survey, Retail Plan, Employment Needs Assessment and Action Plan, Parks Master Plan, Parks Survey, Growth Scenarios Analysis, Health Impact Assessment, Business Survey, and Citizen Survey; and

WHEREAS, these consultants were funded through several grants and partnerships including a \$500,000 Community Challenge Planning Grant from HUD, a \$128,807 Community Transformation Grant from the Centers for Disease Control in partnership with City-County Health Department, a \$100,000 award from the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration, and shared a \$164,808 fifty-fifty partnership with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Planning Department initiated an extensive and robust planning process that involved four phases of public engagement; and

WHEREAS, the first phase initiated a public awareness and outreach process that involved establishing a website and mailing list, informing the public through radio, newspaper, television, newsletters and utility bill inserts about the opportunity to participate in the creation of a new comprehensive plan, holding a Community Kick-Off event at City Hall, meeting with approximately 50 groups and reaching over 1,300 people through a "Presentation Circuit," and establishing City Staff Working Groups, eight Citizen Stakeholder Groups for each plan element, and a Healthy Communities Oversight Group to ensure all plan policies advanced the goal of creating a healthy community, economy and environment; and

WHEREAS, the second and third phases identified issues that our community will face in the coming decades and set goals and a vision for our community's future by engaging residents, business and community leaders, and community groups in discussions through a Joint Planning Commission / City Council Workshop, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Retreat, Special Meeting with School Districts and City Managers, Stakeholder Group meetings, Neighborhood Workshop, Community Update and Open House, and through multiple statistical and non-statistical surveys including a Meeting in a Box, Vision Survey, Issue Importance Survey, Housing Survey, CrowdGauge Survey, Mindmixer Survey, Community Appearance Survey, Parks Survey, Business Survey, and Citizen Survey; and

WHEREAS, the final phase included holding Growth Scenarios Workshops in several locations around the city along with an online option to gain public opinion about how our city should grow; developing policies, strategies and actions supported by the findings of surveys, studies and public opinion gained in earlier phases; and utilizing focus groups to refine policies and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor appointed a diverse 27-member Citizen Advisory Team with representatives from each of the plan's eight topic areas, public schools, public health sector, development sector, Planning Commission, City Council, and public at large to provide advice at key stages in the planning process and respond to the work done by planners and the stakeholder groups; and

WHEREAS, the resulting 406 page plan document covers a wide spectrum of topics that shape our community, such as land use, transportation, environmental and natural resources, neighborhoods/housing, preservation and culture, parks and recreation, economic development, and public services; and

WHEREAS, the plan expresses seven "Big Ideas" that reflect the community's vision, summarize repeating concerns, themes and desires of the community and describe the focus of **planokc** as follows:

- Develop a transportation system that works for everyone;
- Increase housing choice and diversity for all lifestyles;
- Build an urban environment that facilitates health and wellness;

- Develop great places that attract people and catalyze development and innovation;
- Ensure stable, safe, attractive and vibrant neighborhoods;
- Develop efficiently to achieve fiscal sustainability and improve our quality of life; and
- Preserve natural character and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the plan creates a framework of hundreds of goals, initiatives, strategies, policies and actions for the City and community to implement through a layered approach of creating partnerships, establishing programs, facilitating education and awareness, improving communication, and enhancing regulations, processes and procedures; and

WHEREAS the plan is organized so that different audiences who use the plan, such as citizens, City Council, Planning Commission, City Departments, and developers, can easily find the information they need, such as: a Development Guide Chapter, primarily used by developers and decision-makers in City government, that contains the future land use map and policies that guide the location and character of development across the city's diverse 621 square miles; "Element Chapters" that delve into the plan's eight different topic areas, each outlining how the City and its partners intend to accomplish specific goals; and a Policies and Implementation chapter that organizes all actions in the plan so that actions can be implemented by identified parties within certain timeframes; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department intends to evaluate and update this new comprehensive plan on a regular basis so it remains current and relevant, and serves as an effective tool to those who use it; and

WHEREAS, a **planokc** website, which includes an interactive and searchable structure that will help people navigate the comprehensive plan and keep informed about progress toward its implementation, will be activated upon adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of The City of Oklahoma City does hereby adopt **planokc** as the comprehensive plan of the City of Oklahoma City and refer the adopted Plan to the City Council to receive for concurrent adoption.

SIGNED by the Chair of the Oklahoma City Planning Commission on this 9th day of July, 2015.


Chair


Secretary

APPROVED as to form and legality this 9th day of July, 2015.



ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR