

## Proposed Procedural Improvements

1. Provide qualified planners to help neighborhoods develop plans and to understand and respond to issues that arise in planning areas.
2. Develop processes for implementation of neighborhood plans.
3. Develop processes for periodically updating neighborhood plans.
4. Develop a consistent body of code related to neighborhood planning that is enforceable and sustainable across city departments as well as Boards and Commissions.
5. Develop a real historic preservation program for the city.
6. Green building program should promote preservation and offer education of buildings and historic building components like windows. Building code should respect preservation.
7. Planning staff should work with neighborhoods to achieve zoning solutions rather than come up with conflicting recommendations.
8. The interested party system is greatly flawed. Appeal rights should be available to those most affected without any requirement for further qualification.
9. Examine infrastructure limitations when increasing density.
10. Encourage recycling and reuse of building materials when old structures are demolished rather than sending whole houses to the landfill.
11. Make Central Austin Neighborhood Policy Action Committee (CANPAC) more accountable and responsive to member neighborhoods. Its bylaws appear to allow its leadership to reject a neighborhood's choice for a representative. CANPAC does not communicate well with member neighborhoods.
12. When a neighborhood comes up with a good idea that is different from how things have traditionally been done, city staff should examine whether an ordinance could be developed to enable the idea rather than shooting it down.
13. NP process should influence the city budget priorities and capital improvement projects.
14. NP contact team should have a voice in how the city budget is spent in the planning area; city budget process should be changed to give contact teams a seat at the budget planning process so we get some tax dollars behind the great ideas coming out of this process.
15. City needs to develop metrics or other data to assess the possible impact to quality of life factors from land use changes.
16. To choose the design standards neighbors were asked which photos and sketches we liked best. Should show all photos or all sketches so it is easier to compare for people who haven't thought about design before.
17. Plan action items should all be specific and measurable so community can tell whether anything happens as a result of the plan.
18. Except in special circumstances, a property owner should not be able to sit out the whole planning process and then, after approval of the plan, call everyone back to amend the plan to suit that owner.
19. Summaries of meetings and workshops should be posted to the city website promptly so there is continuity of information available for neighbors to make decisions on the next meeting topic.
20. Once the Neighborhood Planning Team is chosen for a planning area that team should be given the opportunity of attending a seminar educating them on zoning ordinances, building codes and the overall plan the city has in terms of density.

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21. There should be more explanation of zoning, building codes, and the city's overall plan at the front end of the process.
22. A procedural manual should be developed to guide planners in developing a NP consistent with adjacent areas.
23. Residents should be given time to fully read the first draft of the NP before surveys are distributed; a follow-up survey should be sent out after neighborhood-driven plans are made to the NP and there should be some analysis of who participates in the surveys to make sure the respondents are representative of the neighborhood.
24. Neighborhood Plans should be placed first on PC agendas once it becomes time to discuss zoning matters.