

Purpose and Goals of the South Addition Neighborhood Plan

The Anchorage Land Use Planning Code provides for development of Neighborhood plans to supplement and implement the land use and zoning provisions of the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of neighborhood plans is to give specificity to the goals, objectives, policies, and strategies of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan. (See AMC 21.03.130). The goal of a neighborhood plan is to “protect and promote the positive elements of neighborhood or district character and identity, while promoting the orderly growth, improvement, and future development of the neighborhood, community, or municipality.” (See AMC 21.03.130).

Neighborhood plans are guided by AMC Title 21.01.080 to “allow and facilitate the development of neighborhood or district plans by citizen groups that are approved by the assembly.” The South Addition Neighborhood Plan will be developed through a year-long process of various public meetings, surveys, discussions and focus groups to ascertain the direction South Addition residents and stakeholders would like to see for future land use and development. Residents and stakeholders will share their visions of the quality of life in South Addition and their ideas to maintain the desirable qualities as the area continues to grow.

The resulting Neighborhood Plan will propose a Land Use Implementation Plan with recommendations for South Addition that promotes qualities that residents and users of the area value and also addresses increased residential and commercial development as contemplated in the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan. The Plan will identify specific land-use development strategies that support varied levels of residential and commercial development that are compatible with South Addition’s unique historic neighborhood character and the surrounding areas.

After it is adopted by the Anchorage Assembly the Neighborhood Plan will be used to guide Municipal agencies, such as the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Planning Board, and the Assembly in making land use, transportation, environmental, and public improvement decisions that affect South Addition. (See the 2020 Comprehensive Plan, pgs. 4-5.) It will guide decisions that affect the density and character of residential development, infrastructure needs including drainage, roads, trails, and water and wastewater service, the recreational needs of residents and visitors and protection of environmental quality.

Consistent with the purpose and goals of neighborhood plans, the South Addition Neighborhood Plan will:

1. Consider the qualities that residents and users of the area value about South Addition while accommodating future development.
2. Identify unique neighborhood characteristics of South Addition that are valued by residents and visitors alike, such as the residential scale and street scape as well as the desirable street grid pattern with paved sidewalks and alleys, to help guide planned future growth and development that enhances the valued characteristics of the area.
3. Address density. The Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan allocates a portion of Anchorage's estimated overall growth to be absorbed by South Addition. The scale of new development is central to the impact of growth on the South Addition neighborhood. The Neighborhood Plan will provide guidance as to the character and location of future growth.
4. Identify infrastructure needs for estimated growth and maintenance and recommend priorities.
5. Identify transportation issues and needs, including the quality of road and street systems to reduce congestion, increase safety and support reasonably expected growth while maintaining neighborhood character. Address major transportation corridors in and through South Addition and transportation plans and projects that could impact South Addition. Consider recommendations for adoption into the Anchorage Bowl Long-Range Transportation Plan.
6. Develop public safety strategies and recommendations that support safety in South Addition for pedestrian, bike and automobile transportation.
7. Include South Addition's unique and popular recreation areas and trails, including the Delaney Park Strip, Westchester Lagoon Park, Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, Valley of the Moon Park and Lanie Fleischer Chester Creek Bike Trail. Address the increased use, parking, competing uses and safety these areas and trail access and connectivity.
8. Consider recommendations from the Historic Preservation Plan.

9. Identify ways to maintain the overall integrity and health of the South Addition environment, including mature trees and landscapes, natural vegetation, daylight, water quality, wildlife habitats, and access to open space in addition to maintaining the parks and trails.

10. Incorporate additional issues and goals that are identified in the public process.

Adopted: 7/ 28 /2016 Yea __, Nay __, Abstain __

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