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SUBJECT: Neighborhood Planning Program Update
DATE: July 26, 2023

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Request for recommendation to Council.

SUMMARY:

Planning and Development Services staff will present an update on the Neighborhood Planning Program (NPP), including the status of implementation of the McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan, progress on the Proctor Neighborhood Plan, and proposed criteria for selecting the location of future neighborhood plans. Staff is requesting a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed criteria and next steps for the program.

Staff will return to this Committee to present the draft Proctor Neighborhood Plan prior to bringing the draft plan to the full City Council later this year. Once selected, staff will also begin the internal coordination for Plan #3 this fall, including meeting with individual Council Members for the selected neighborhood district.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the City Council provided funding for the NPP in response to feedback from the Planning Commission, a desire for more equitable delivery of service, and to provide a grassroots response to neighborhoods' concerns and vision for the future. The goal of the NPP is to implement a neighborhood's short-term goals while building capacity for larger efforts. The program also supports implementation of the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan and Tacoma 2025. In the recently adopted 2023-2024 biennial budget, the NPP was included as a permanent program. The City Council requested staff develop criteria for the selection and prioritization of future neighborhood plan locations.

In March 2023, the City Council adopted the McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan and allocated \$250,000 towards the design of a McKinley Avenue streetscape redesign as part of the McKinley Neighborhood Plan implementation, which is now in progress.

The Proctor Neighborhood Plan launched in September 2022 and is now wrapping up the first phase of outreach, with a draft plan anticipated for review this fall.

ISSUE:

The goal of each neighborhood plan is to create a community-led vision for the neighborhood that addresses the needs of existing residents and property owners, as well as plans for sustainable growth. Staff is requesting a recommendation on criteria for the selection and prioritization of future neighborhood plans.



ALTERNATIVES:

No alternatives are proposed at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no specific fiscal impact associated with this briefing, however neighborhood planning and associated implementation reflects a multi-year and multi-faceted program focused on "on-the-ground" implementation of City policies and community priorities. The neighborhood plans include numerous proposed implementation activities and improvements, which will require the partnership of multiple internal and external groups and significant resources, as outlined in each plan. Several of the proposed actions can be accomplished with existing allocated funding. Some of the proposed actions would require reorienting or reprioritizing existing allocated resources and some of the proposed actions were allocated partial funding in the 2023-2024 biennial budget, such as the McKinley Avenue Complete Street design. Actions will require additional efforts and future funding, which will be dependent on identifying a combination of grants, other partnership funds, and allocating additional City resources at the City Council's discretion.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is requesting a recommendation regarding the proposed criteria and next steps for the program.