



## CITY OF DALLAS

CITY PLAN COMMISSION  
URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE  
Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

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Meeting	Dallas City Hall, 5BN	9:00 a.m.
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### **Members Present:**

Jaynie Schultz (chair), Evan Beattie, Noel Aveton, Mike Johnson, Michael Jung (City Plan Commission Member)

### **Others Present:**

Luis Tamayo (Planning and Urban Design, Strategic Planning), Jared White (Planning and Urban Design, Transportation), Amanda Buckley (Omniplan), Kimberly Cheney

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The meeting was called to order by Jaynie Schultz (Chair) at 9:05am. Chair Schultz introduced Michael Jung to the Committee as the newest member of the Planning Commission. The chair then introduced Amanda Buckley who presented the Greater Casa View Area Plan.

Mrs. Mrs. Buckley presented an overview of the area plan updates:

- Casa View is diversifying and increasing in income. Casa View's 5-year summary indicates that in some areas gross median incomes of \$66,000 have increased to \$90,000; in other areas gross median incomes of \$33,000 have increased to \$68,000.
- The Alliance has gathered public input and the Casa View Shopping Center is considered by citizens to be the most valuable community asset. Shopping center owners hired a master planner.
- Three-phase funding plan proposed for Casa View Shopping Center:
  - Public money
  - Private money
  - "Pie in the sky", funding plan involving a combination of sources
- The plan envisions Gus Thomasson Road as 4 lanes for its entirety (rather than 6 at the Gus Thomason/Ferguson intersection).
- Hike and bike plan: connectivity is a major theme because the Casa View community, it was felt, was disconnected (from the City and within itself). The plan was amended since the previous presentation to the Committee to include

“investigating”, “exploring opportunities” regarding the trail along the Santa Fe Rail Line.

- With regard to transportation issues staff concerns included:
  - Designating one lane for buses and bikes is not best practice and should be reevaluated. The plan could call for separate lane (with buffer) for bicycles.
  - Ferguson is an arterial road and would need extensive traffic analysis before changes could be supported.
- Committee recommendations included:
  - Create a clear statement of what the Alliance wants to accomplish (e.g. ensure that there is bicycle accommodation along Ferguson).
  - As a part of implementation, have the City provide basic counts and volumes for analysis to try to expedite process.
  - Raise funding for a traffic impact analysis
  - Include coordination with Streets, Thoroughfare, and Bicycle departments to accomplish the plan goals.
  - Do a broader study, rather than just Ferguson (a study like this has been done; the parties involved will continue to look for further opportunities to widen the focus area). Recommended to focus on a longer portion of the street within several blocks of the Ferguson/Gus Thomasson intersection, rather than just the intersection itself.
  - Create a more succinct implementation plan / section with clearer language and goals. Include updated target dates in the implementation schedule.
  - Research and use Downtown Dallas Incorporated’s “Quick Wins” as a model for short-term “wins”/successes that are easier to implement.
  - Include a funding discussion after a talk with the area councilperson about the feasibility of TIFs to clarify funding and City commitments.
  - Specify the priority for Gus Thomasson, then Ferguson (possibly as a first phase, then a second phase).
  - Clarify two separate parts of the plan: area plan and implementation plan (place action items/goals in priority order).

Member Lewis made a motion for approval with an amendment on page 54, a request that the shared bike/bus lane happen (dedicated lane) and the aspirational goal for connectivity in the area should be added. The motion was seconded by member Beattie and approved unanimously.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by member Aveton and second by member Beattie. With regard to future meetings, Committee set February 25, 2016 as the next date. Buckner Terrace and Dolphin Heights Area Plans are not ready to present at the next meeting however, desired presentations included Theresa Donnell, Chief Resiliency Officer, and an update on Article 10 changes. The meeting was closed to order at 10:30 am.