

## **Envision Comanche**

Master Plan Update September 2019

## **Purpose and Vision**

Transform this portion of the 36<sup>th</sup> Street North corridor into a mixed-income community while ensuring a strict one-for-one replacement of all existing apartments at Comanche Park

- Resident-led, community supporting planning process
- Priority in minimizing the disruption to residents' lives
- Highlight, enhance and improve economic and cultural diversity of the 36<sup>th</sup> Street North corridor
- Commitment to create a green, sustainable and financially feasible development
- Commitment to connecting with and leveraging other local initiatives



### **NEIGHBORHOOD MAP**





## PROCESS / TIMELINE





































### **COMMUNITY MEETING 2 VISIONING ACTIVITY**

















### **VISIONING WORD ACTIVITY**



### **KEY TAKEAWAYS AND GENERAL REMARKS**

#### Entry Points, Streets, and Sidewalks

- Multiple access points along East 36th Street North and North Peoria Avenue.
- Align access points with driveways and sites directly across from N Peoria Avenue.

### Parks and Open Spaces

- Multiple, smaller parks and playgrounds are better than one large, centralized park
- Age-specific playgrounds and outdoor spaces such as outdoor adult workout stations.
- Use the adjacent site to the East as a large multi-recreational-use area. Opportunity to create trails and nature paths.

#### Safe

 Little consensus on how to address safety, Ideas included: fencing, gates, and care renders to deter crime and limit outside accessibility.

#### Community Facilities

- Multiple community facilities for different uses
- Daycare centers are the most preferred option.
- Management offices should be located closer to a main entrance. Computer labs should also be in close proximity to management offices.

#### **Housing and Commercial/Mixed-Use Buildings**

- Variety of housing types.
- Single-family housing and townhomes are the most preferred housing type.
- Commercial/mixed use buildings should be placed across the site from E 36th Street North



### HOUSING PRINCIPLES

Design parks and indoor community spaces for specific age groups



Integrate security elements into the design



Multiple access points into redevelopment



Opportunity to create a more neighborhood feel



Design flexible spaces to allow commercial or community services



Explore live/work models



Ensure ADA accessibility



Create trail network to promote healthy lifestyle







### **REFINED HOUSING DIAGRAMS**







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### **NEIGHBORHOOD WORKING GROUP PRINCIPLES**

Improve and establish meaningful parks and open spaces throughout the community



Address pedestrian connectivity and access—especially on 36th Street North



Enhance and support single family communities north and south of 36th Street North

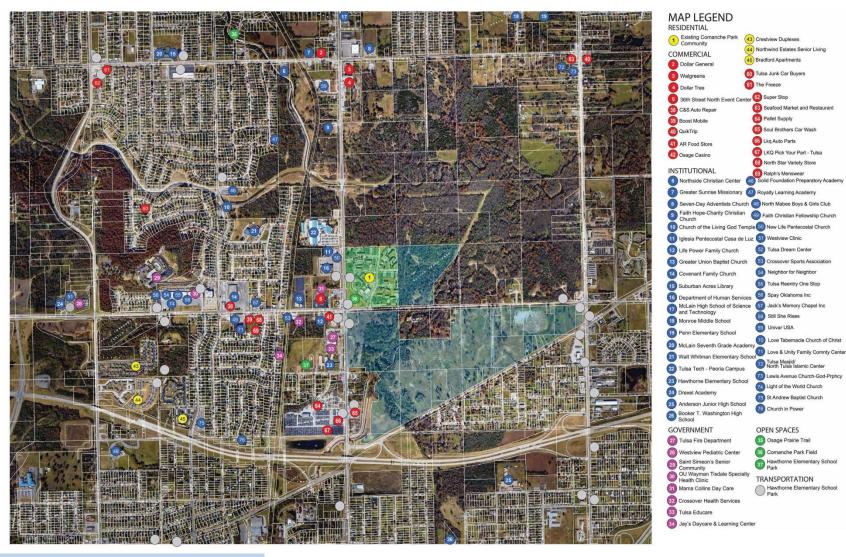


Address commercial activity along 36th
Street North





# ENVISION COMANCHE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSET MAP







## NEIGHBORHOOD WORKING GROUP PROJECT IDEAS:

**CIRCULATION AND OPEN SPACES** 

Enhance wayfinding, signage, and gateways to clearly indicate community boundaries and identity in a distinctly unique manner



Begin a campaign highlighting the North Tulsa community in order to bring additional investment, business, employment and life style opportunities to current residents of the area Collaborate with large employers, to provide living wage stipends to North Tulsa residents who engage in employment trainings or GED courses as a means of disrupting barriers to access



Increase redevelopment and enhancement of existing parks and open spaces

Promote bike-friendly connectivity and access in the neighborhood



Mobilize community groups and local interested parties to clean up/fix up properties

Establish clear, distinct, safe walking paths for students and parents to connect to schools and education centers



Promote pedestrian-friendly connectivity and access in the neighborhood

Acquire and/or convert vacant/blighted parcels along major corridors and throughout the neighborhood





# NEIGHBORHOOD WORKING GROUP PROJECT IDEAS: HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT



Develop "town center" mixed-use property near E. 36th St North and N. Peoria Ave. to catalyze economic development for the corridor.

Allocate funding and establish ongoing mentorship programs to serve North Tulsa business owners as a means of disrupting systemic barriers to access.

Establish or support an active
Community Development
Corporation (CDC) to galvanize
people, partners, policies, and
projects to park and sustain
projects within the Neighborhood
from a housing standpoint (can
be also linked to economic
development, arts, etc.)

Mobilize community groups and local interested parties to clean up / fix up at a grassroots level



Mitigate areas of land that are otherwise undeveloped due to flood plain elevations



Establish a Rehabilitation Loan Fund, allowing individuals residing in North Tulsa neighborhoods to refurbish vacant/dilapidated properties. Individuals residing in North Tulsa zip codes for 5+ years will be given priority

Begin a campaign highlighting the North Tulsa community in order to bring investment, business, employment and lifestyle opportunities to current residents of the area



Explore and develop antidisplacement policies, including community land trusts, and inclusionary zoning policies to expand development while intentionally combating gentrification





### PEOPLE WORKING GROUP PRINCIPLES



### **Employment and Self-Sufficiency**

- » Establish a clear pathway to employment
- » Expand awareness of and access to existing employment and employment readiness resources
- » Identify and/or attract new providers/resources to address reoccurring barriers to employment

### Cradle to Grave Education

- » Ensure all kids have access to quality, comprehensive early learning programs
- » Establish a holistic parental engagement and support system
- » Utilize in-school and out-of-school programming to improve K-12 achievement levels
- » Broaden awareness and access to adult learning opportunities

### **Health & Wellness**

- » Address food insecurity and the access to healthy and fresh food options
- » Expand primary and preventive care options
- » Establish a comprehensive communication plan to expand awareness of existing community resources

### **Crime Prevention**

- » Law enformcent on-site / reduction in crime
- » Safe parks and play areas for children
- » Implementation of Neighborhood Watch and other crime prevention programs
- » Improved streets
- » Apply Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- » Better lighting
- » All first responders review/involvement with new neighborhood layout/design
- » Fully functioning cameras







### PEOPLE WORKING GROUP PROJECT IDEAS

**# 1** Take buildi

Take a face-to-face approach to building awareness of programs, services, and processes



- Example program: GED program
- Utilize resident ambassadors
- Establish a Comanche Park Facebook Page to help build awareness

#2

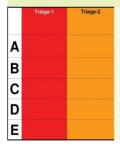
Bring programs and services to Comanche Park and time them appropriately



- Create flexible spaces for them to operate
- Consider residents who have non-traditional job hours
- Schedule the mobile food truck to correspond with food stamp schedule

#3

Provide "triage" services for community events related to healthcare, education, and employment



 "the process of determining the most important people or things from amongst a large number that require attention"

#4

Provide on-site spaces for fresh food, healthcare, childcare, education, and employment services



- Jobs/resources fair
- Childcare Services
   Open House
- Provide childcare training, licensing, and free space to operate day services at Comanche Park with resident staffing

#5

Provide school buses for transporting Comanche Park children to Tulsa Public Schools



- New bus route to Walt Whitman effective Fall 2019
- Create a suitable pick up/ drop off location that is also weather protected



Incentivize school attendance



- Educate families on attendance and create a data-informed incentive program for them
- Youth services partnering with universities to get college students to mentor students





### PEOPLE WORKING GROUP PROJECT IDEAS

#7

Establish a "Parents Working with Parents" support group



- Parent-driven, topic-based classes
- Example topics could involve coping, what to do with crying babies, food access, etc.
- Pass out fliers and make them available to law enforcement too

#8

Adjust camera positions, maintain them, and give Tulsa Sheriff's Department access to them



- Reduce blindspots and areas of vulnerability
- Cameras at access points

#9

Require Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) to partner with Comanche Park



MOUs are a formal document describing the broad outlines of an agreement that two or more parties have reached through negotiations. It is not a legally binding document but signals the intention of all parties to move forward with a contract.

#10 Purchase new "No Loitering and No Trespassing" signs



- Include the TIPS hotline number on signs
- Position signs in easy to see places

#11

Build on and promote successes, such as ManUp



- Mentors participate in job/ resource fairs
- Utilize newsletters and the Comanche Park Facebook Page to help build awareness



Hold "Talk with a Cop"
other social events/activities
with law enforcement



- Create positive interactions and allow residents to meet personally with local law enforcement officers
- Use them to explain and describe to residents what law enforcement officers do, how, and why





# Planning Next Steps

- Targeting final draft for November 2019 for conceptual approval by THA Board of Commissioners
- Upon final approval of Master Plan, will immediately proceed with zoning, environmental testing and platting process
- Finalize Implementation Partners via MOUs (specifically People and Neighborhood) by December 2020
- Initiate process to solidify timing and financing for Phase I project by January 2020
  - Intend to utilize 4% and/or 9% LIHTC
  - Finalize equity raising plan via foundation partners
  - Anticipate need for substantial public improvements funds for new streets, utility replacements and stormwater management





## **Upcoming Dates**

### September

- Resident ONLY Meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>, 12pm, Comanche Resource Center
- People Work Group Meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2pm, Comanche Resource Center
- Community Advisory Group September 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am, Comanche Resource Center *(review of initial Market Study findings)*





## **Questions or Comments?**

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