

2021 Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Work Program Prioritization Summary

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Project Funding and Resources

The Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning (CNP) base budget has approximately \$13,470 in funding available for notices, advertising, postage, equipment, materials, and printing as ongoing funding. Some projects can be stretch over time to stay within the annual allotment for the program or can be funded separately by other divisions, partnerships, or grants. Through the budget process, Staff will seek funds to support City Council priorities.

Projects

The following table outlines projects that have been identified for current or future CNP priorities. This list is not inclusive of projects for which the CNP staff is a team member supporting a project being conducted primarily by another division unless our staff is providing work beyond attending public meetings and reviewing material. For instance, neighborhood plans for La Plaza Vieja and Southside have numerous implementation strategies and staff responsible for that work regularly include CNP staff to ensure that they are involving the community members who participated in the neighborhood plan and to carry forward the project in line with the community's intent.

Project	Within Staffing Capacity	Urgent	State or Legal Requirement	Public Interest	PBB Priorities	Proposed Strategy	Funded	Proposed FY	Priority Tier
A. JW Powell Public Facilities and Infrastructure Plan	Yes	No	No	Medium	Sustainable and Innovative Infrastructure; Safe and Healthy Community	Consultant primary - staff support	Yes	2020-2023	1
B. Thorpe Park Annex	Yes	No	No	High	Livable Community; Inclusive and Engaged Community	Staff primary-consultant support	No	2022	1
C. 2020 Census Count Question Appeal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Low	All PBB Priorities apply	Staff primary-consultant support	Yes	2021	1
D. Regional Plan Update	Yes	Yes	Yes	Medium	All PBB Priorities apply	Staff primary-consultant support	No	2022-2026	1

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E. Southside Historic Inventory Update	Yes	Yes	No	Medium	Livable Community	Grant funded with 50% staff time match	Yes	2020-2021	1
F. Historic Overlays in the Southside	No	Yes	Yes	Low	Livable Community	Staff Primary - no consultant	No	2022-2023	2
G. Pine Knoll Brannen Neighborhood Plan	No	No	No	Medium	All PBB Priorities apply	Delay to future work program	No	2024-2026	2
H. Sunnyside Neighborhood Plan	No	No	No	High	All PBB Priorities apply	Delay to future work program	No	2026-2028	3
I. Update the Townsite and Downtown Historic Overlay Standards and Guidelines	No	No	No	Medium	Livable Community; Inclusive and Engaged Community	Delay to future work program	No	TBD	3
J. Historic Context and Inventory Creation	No	No	No	Low	Livable Community; Inclusive and Engaged Community	Delay to future work program	No	TBD	3
<p>Proposed Strategy Staff primary – no consultant Staff primary – consultant support Consultant primary – staff support</p> <p>Recommended Priority Tier Tier 1 – Urgent Tier 2 – Work will be done as staff and funding are available Tier 3 – Delay to future work program</p>									

Project Descriptions

- A. JW Powell Public Facilities and Infrastructure Plan – This is a specific plan with two phases. Phase 1 is being led by David Pederson of Capital Engineering and Phase 2 will be led by CNP. The project is a specific plan for greenfield development in the southern portion of Flagstaff. The planning effort is being funded by the 2018 Proposition 419 tax and is being led by Peak Engineering and their subconsultants with City staff supporting the effort. More information can be found at www.flagstaff.az.gov/jwpspecificplan.
- B. Thorpe Park Annex – This is a public participation effort for conceptual designs for the former Mogollon Yard. Parks and Recreation is the lead division for this project and CNP is providing public participation, heritage preservation, and design expertise as part of the core team. The project is unfunded and is therefore working within the existing Parks and Recreation program budget; work is proceeding as staff time is available and the prioritization and resources for this project are evolving.
- C. 2020 Census Count Question Appeal – The Count Question appeal is the City’s opportunity to evaluate the count for Flagstaff and to appeal any numbers that we believe are incorrect. The appeal is expected to begin in April 2021 and will likely have a mandatory timeline of 90 or 120 days for the City to respond. Remaining funding from the 2020 Census outreach is being held to provide additional support during this period if needed.
- D. Regional Plan Update – The Flagstaff Regional Plan was ratified in 2014 and, by State law, should be revised and sent back to voters by 2024. The Regional Plan is the City’s General Plan plus an area plan for Coconino County within the Metroplan area. The Regional Plan process requires advanced geospatial, economic, and demographic analyses, extensive public participation, and broad intergovernmental coordination to complete. City and County staff are developing a draft public participation plan and budget alternatives for City and County work sessions in February 2021. City Council and the Board of Supervisors will have an opportunity to provide direction on this project.
- E. Southside Historic Inventory Update – The Southside National Register Historic District was established in 2010 with an inventory that was originally conducted in 1998. The Southside was the heart of the Civil Rights movement in Flagstaff and the City funded an update to its historic context in 2019 to capture the history necessary to support evaluation of the Civil Rights era buildings for inclusion in the district. That work was completed in 2020 and the State Historic Preservation Office has provided a grant to update the inventory and district boundary. This will be the basis for the federal grants related to African American Civil Rights Historic Preservation for which several buildings in the district are eligible.
- F. Historic Overlays in the Southside – The Southside Community Plan called for working with property owners in targeted areas of the neighborhood to create historic overlays that protect resources within the larger historic district. There is currently a limited number of Landmark Overlays on individual properties. This process was recommended as a high priority from the Southside Community Plan.
- G. Pine Knoll Brannen Neighborhood Plan – This project would develop a neighborhood plan for the third of five Title IV neighborhoods in the community. The timing for this work should be before the engineering and design plans for widening Lone Tree Road are completed. There is a line item in the 2018 Proposition 419 for neighborhood planning in existing neighborhoods that may be impacted by major transportation capital projects that may be used for this plan. There has never been a neighborhood plan created for this area and it is not expected to be an eligible historic district though it may have eligible individual buildings in the area.
- H. Sunnyside Neighborhood Plan – This project would develop a neighborhood plan for south Sunnyside, north Sunnyside, and the Fourth Street corridor. There was a neighborhood plan prepared for the area in 2012 that was not approved by the City Council. The Sunnyside area is not expected to be impacted by any major transportation projects in the next ten years. The area is likely to have eligible historic resources and may have enough integrity to establish a historic district. Staff would recommend preparation of a historic context as part of the preparation for this neighborhood plan. This is the largest neighborhood in the City of Flagstaff with over 2,000 properties to be notified. In addition, this area would require translation services to be

accessible to all residents as the largest concentration of Spanish speakers are located in this community. There would be additional funding needed to conduct the required public engagement and to create the data necessary to create a neighborhood plan for this area.

- I. Update the Townsite and Downtown Historic Overlay Standards and Guidelines – The Townsite and Downtown Historic Overlays were adopted more than 15 years ago and property owners in both areas have inquired when a review and update could be completed. The Heritage Preservation Officer has assessed the ordinances and believes that there are several ways that the district’s standards and guidelines could be improved in terms of clarity for property owners and preservation of the historic resources. This work is not urgent but should be planned for in the next 3-5 years.
- J. Historic Context and Inventory Creation – Create historic contexts, themes, and inventories for neighborhoods and commercial corridors developed between 1945 and 1970. There are at least five neighborhoods that merit additional heritage preservation evaluation, including Sunnyside, Coconino Estates, Bow and Arrow, and the neighborhood north of the hospital. Maintaining and updating a Local Register of Historic Places is an obligation of our Certified Local Government agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office. Developing a historic context costs approximately \$15,000 and \$20,000 and an inventory with volunteer assistance costs around \$10,000.