

Old Town Neighborhoods Vision

UNIQUE - LIVABLE - CONNECTED - SUSTAINABLE

UNIQUE

Celebrating and enhancing the qualities that make the neighborhoods unique and which foster “Old Town Charm”

VALUE - Recognizing and protecting historic resources

GOALS

- Support neighborhood-initiated requests for historic district designations
- Develop new design guidelines for historic context
- Consider form-based approaches to support historic preservation

VALUE - Celebrating the eclectic mix and diversity of home sizes, styles, and residents

GOALS

- Identify and support elements contributing to the unique character and design of the neighborhoods
- Provide more housing choices in the neighborhoods to accommodate a full spectrum of residents

VALUE - New construction that is sensitive to the neighborhood character and context

GOALS

- Develop new design guidelines for historic context
- Consider incentives or form-based approaches to support design compatibility

VALUE - Well-maintained landscaping and tree canopies

GOALS

- Encourage well maintained private landscaping visible from the street
- Support best practices for water-wise landscaping and xeric gardens
- Integrate and support urban agriculture and gardens in front yards, common areas, and parkways
- Protect and preserve the historic inventory of mature neighborhood trees



Vision: mix and diversity of residents, home sizes, and styles

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LIVABLE

Neighborhoods designed for friendly interactions and a high quality of life

VALUE - Maintaining the stability of single-family neighborhoods

GOALS

- Anticipate and manage areas where change may occur
- Provide recommendations for areas of potential rezoning to reduce zoning enclaves and enhance consistency
- Develop updated design guidelines to highlight the physical elements that contribute to the continuity of scale, character, form, and materials within the neighborhoods

VALUE - Compatible buffer areas between the neighborhoods and Downtown / CSU

GOALS

- Consider incentives or design standards for development in the transition areas between Downtown & CSU
- Coordinate urban design options in the transition areas with the Downtown Plan update

VALUE - Front porches, urban gardens, and quiet streets which promote friendly interactions, evening strolls, and neighborhood pride

GOALS

- Identify and encourage unique methods to enhance neighborhood identity and pride
- Develop updated design guidelines to highlight the physical elements that contribute to the continuity of scale, character, form, and materials within the neighborhoods



Vision: compatible buffers and transitions into the neighborhoods

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CONNECTED

Neighborhoods integrated into the community with safe and convenient travel options

VALUE - Multiple travel options that take advantage of the historic street grid pattern and short neighborhood blocks

GOALS

- Reduce barriers to using existing bike, pedestrian, and transit amenities within the Old Town Neighborhoods
- Continued safety improvements along neighborhood streets for all users
- Implement recommendations from the Master Street Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, and Pedestrian Plan

VALUE - Easy-to-cross arterial streets that balance functionality as both commuting corridors and neighborhood streets

GOALS

- Enhance the safety, frequency, and timing of arterial street crossings
- Explore intersection improvements to accommodate all travel modes and people of all abilities
- Consider parallel routes along major corridors as an option to accommodate infrastructure for all travel modes

VALUE - Continued enhancement of the neighborhood bicycle and pedestrian networks

GOALS

- Continue work replacing damaged or substandard walkways and installing new sidewalks where gaps exist
- Work towards build-out of the Bicycle Master Plan's low-stress network within the neighborhoods



Vision: safe and convenient travel options to downtown and the rest of the community

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SUSTAINABLE

Neighborhoods with the resources and knowledge to help maintain and improve their economic, social, and environmental vibrancy

VALUE - A variety of housing choices to sustain the capability to live in the neighborhoods for all ages, income levels, and family situations

GOALS

- Explore incentives and programs to implement the Affordable Housing Strategic Plan
- Maintain variety in housing options where they currently exist
- Investigate additional housing types that may be appropriate in the neighborhoods

VALUE - Connected green spaces, urban gardens, and access to nearby natural amenities

GOALS

- Coordinate with the implementation strategy for Nature in the City to ensure access to public open spaces
- Encourage the adoption of urban agriculture, both on private lots and in community gardens
- Explore neighborhood greenways connecting residents to key destinations such as parks, trails, and downtown

VALUE - Environmental stewardship

GOALS

- Support the implementation of the Climate Action Plan by encouraging efficiency improvements in existing buildings, advancing residential and community solar adoption, and improving multimodal transit options

VALUE - Renewed neighborhood infrastructure for the present and future

GOALS

- Coordinate with Utilities and Stormwater to ensure upgrades to key infrastructure systems that will support neighborhood stability, safety, and changing demand



Vision: mature landscaping, connected green spaces, and urban gardens