

RESOLUTION NO. 041104-25

WHEREAS, in September 1994 the Austin City Council appointed the Citizens' Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Committee was charged with assessing Austin's planning and development process; and

WHEREAS, in January 1995 the Committee issued a report with 12 recommendations to produce a sustainable and livable city with a viable tax base; and

WHEREAS, one of the Committee's recommendations states that "the comprehensive planning and development system should begin with integrative community plans created through neighborhood participation"; and

WHEREAS, one of the Committee's recommendations states that "mobility/transportation planning should be fully integrated into and compatible with land use planning and the development process"; and

WHEREAS, one of the Committee's recommendations states that "the planning and development process should encourage quality, transit oriented mixed use development"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin created a neighborhood planning program in response to the Committee's report; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin reaffirms its commitment to neighborhood planning; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

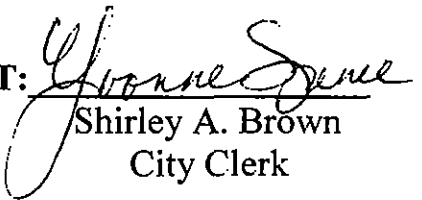
That the City Council directs the City Manager to direct staff to propose changes to insure that:

- Transportation planning is an integrated part of neighborhood planning;
- Neighborhood planning identifies the full array of community assets such as health, housing, educational and social services toward development of a community driven implementation process to coordinate and optimizes public, private, and individual actions and resources related to the neighborhood plan;
- The Land Development Code is developed to allow neighborhoods to utilize zoning categories that permit commercial development, but do not allow uses or development intensity which are typically undesirable near residential areas;
- A mediation process is created and utilized for use by citizens in the neighborhood planning process;
- A refinement of the "MU" zoning category is crafted to allow for true mixed use development, as well as varying levels of density for the residential uses, and a more accurate designation of use;
- Design standards approved in neighborhood plans be more than advisory and that overlays or zoning categories or other tools and incentives be

created that allow for the preservation of the character of unique neighborhoods; and

- Other planning tools that more easily allow specific tailoring of use to area and area needs be pursued and that a report on the progress of these changes be brought to Council by January 2005.

ADOPTED: November 4, 2004

ATTEST: 
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk