



Legislation Text

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Irondale Infrastructure and Neighborhood Plan

Summary and Background Information:

Commerce City kicked off a neighborhood plan for the Irondale neighborhood in the fall of 2017 and previously had a study session with Council on November 13, 2017 to seek input for the Plan. The Irondale Plan is being created based on prior Council direction. Irondale is centrally located in Commerce City with the boundaries of E. 80th Avenue on the south, E. 88th Avenue on the north, the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad on the east, and the Union Pacific Railroad on the west. The City's vision for this Plan is to create achievable goals and implementation strategies for the overall improvement of Irondale.

The City has contracted with Ayres Associates to complete the plan and they are following a three-phased approach. The phases are:

- ☐ Discover
 - A look at existing conditions and challenges
- ☐ Explore + Assess
 - Working with the community and stakeholders, review and weigh the options to determine the best fit for Irondale
- ☐ Implementation
 - Putting together the steps to bring the vision forward through district action items.

The plan is currently in the Explore + Assess phase and the consultant is actively soliciting feedback from a number of groups including city staff, a technical advisory committee comprised of agency stakeholders like SACWSD and SACFPD, neighborhood residents and business owners, and Planning Commission. City Council's insights are an important part of this second phase and the consultant is seeking direction from Council, on potential scenarios for the future development of Irondale, during the study session. These scenarios are based on information collected through prior meetings and independent research. A neighborhood meeting to review the scenarios with Irondale community members is scheduled for January 30th from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at Tradicion Bar and Grill. The plan is slated to be completed in May of 2018 and subsequent phases of the plan will include further interaction with Council.

Staff Responsible (Department Head): Chris Cramer, Director of Community Development

Staff Member Presenting : Jenny Axmacher, City Planner

Financial Impact : TBD

Funding Source : TBD

Staff Recommendation : No approvals are needed at this stage of the planning process.

Suggested Motion : N/A