

Your Voice, Your Vision - Choosing Possible Future's for Tomball

June 10, 2009—Over the past six months, hundreds of residents, property-owners and business owners have been discussing what the future of Tomball should look like. Through a series of public and stakeholder meetings, a community vision has emerged that focuses on heritage preservation, transportation choices, a thriving business environment, strong neighborhoods, a vibrant downtown, and open space conservation.

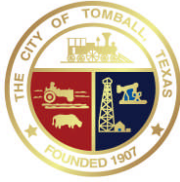
In early May, a week long planning event called “Future Fest” was held, where many exciting ideas were presented to the public such as redevelopment of the Four Corners area and the idea of creating a civic space in the downtown area that opens the backsides of downtown businesses onto a plaza.

The Tomball Comprehensive Plan process has reached a critical juncture where residents must now decide how to apply the vision and determine what type of development they feel is best suited for the community. Residents must decide where future land uses such as employment, commercial, high density residential, estate residential and others should be located and where new roads should be developed or existing roads expanded.

On Wednesday, June 24th at 6:00 PM at the Tomball Community Center, the planning team will present future development alternatives for participants to discuss and provide feedback. One land use alternative called “Trends” will reflect what Tomball will look like if the community continues to make decisions similar to those they have made in the past. Two other alternatives will reflect different growth patterns based on various choices Tomball might make.

“It is critical that all stakeholders voice their opinions about the many choices facing Tomball’s future development. These choices will directly impact our collective quality of life” said Kelly Violette, City Planner. Some of these future choices include how much park land Tomball should preserve and how well the community should be connected by trails.

Ultimately, the Comprehensive Plan will include one preferred development scenario and implementation policies to achieve the City’s vision. Peggy Fiandaca, President of Partners for Strategic Action, Inc., said, “In my almost 30 years of experience in the planning profession, quality communities do not happen by accident or on a project by



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project basis. Great cities are created by citizens coming together to discuss, debate and reach consensus on a plan that leaves the city a better place for future generations to enjoy. But these cities also need a clear roadmap to the future for visionary leaders to implement. That is what the City of Tomball is attempting to do with the development of its first Comprehensive Plan.”

The Alternatives Workshop will include a presentation about the alternatives and their implications. Participants will be able to review graphics, ask questions of the planning professionals and staff, and then provide their input documenting their desired choices. This input will be analyzed and a preferred alternative will be created that will serve as the foundation for developing the Draft Plan.

To expedite event check-in, individuals interested in participating in Alternatives Workshop are encouraged to register online at www.PlanTomball.com or to contact Kelly Violette at 281.290.1491. However, it is not necessary to pre-register.

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