

GREELEY Neighborhood Planning Area

Initial Goals and Objectives

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OVERVIEW

This is an initial draft of goals and objectives for the Greeley Planning Area. This draft is intended for discussion purposes and subject to change. Goals and objectives are the heart of the plan, which generally has a 10-20 year life-span.

Goals: Short, broadly stated targets for the future

Objectives: More specific description of how to attain the goals

This initial draft does not include specific implementation methods. Those will be developed once the goals and objectives have been reviewed and discussed by the steering committee. Implementation measures address what resources are needed to accomplish objectives. Because of the long-term timeframe for plans (10-20 years) and changing nature of funding sources, detailed implementation will be focused on those projects prioritized for the first 1-3 years of the plan.

Implementation:

- **Funding sources**
- **Human resources (who will keep the effort moving forward)**
- **Timeline**

Implementation of goals and objectives is predicated on the following guiding policies:

Guiding Policies:

Policy #1: Identify all grant and existing funding sources possible and use these first.

Policy #2: Consider new or additional taxing only as needed, and tied to specific objectives and outcomes.

Policy #3: Projects will be managed openly, with information available to the public and public involvement encouraged.

Policy #4: Encourage a can-do attitude and positive attitude about the community.

Policy #5: Efforts that focus on a specific area, such as a block or group of blocks, will be the priority rather than addressing single efforts scattered across the Planning Area.

BACKGROUND STATEMENT

(to be inserted – a general overview paragraph of the neighborhood)

INITIAL DRAFT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Note: Numbering of goals and objectives is for purposes of identification and does NOT reflect any particular priority.

INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION (streets, sidewalks, water, sewer, storm sewer, lighting)

Topic Statement: The streets in the neighborhood are very wide and are built to a rural standard. Curbs, gutters, and sidewalks are generally non-existent and create havoc with storm water runoff in much of the Plan Area. The road network is well-connected with easy access to Continental, Farrell, and Grand. The storm sewer system is undersized, silted in, or no longer at the low points to collect water. The potable water system supply has low pressure in some areas. Intersection lighting is inadequate for transportation and general neighborhood safety.

Goal 1: Develop a capital improvements plan for the Greeley Plan Area.

Objective 1: A comprehensive plan to address infrastructure priorities and coordinating water, storm sewer, sidewalk, lighting, with an implementation schedule.

Goal 2: Develop a storm water master plan, setting elevations for improvements such as gutters, drains, storm water retention areas, and sidewalks.

Goal 3: Inventory areas with inadequate water pressure and develop plan to address issues.

Goal 4: Improve quality and quantity of public lighting.

Objective 1: Use the Greeley Neighborhood as a case study in alternative lighting sources.

Objective 2: Improve general neighborhood safety.

Goal 5: Study the road widths and traffic counts to determine the appropriate design cross-section for roads and parking. Also examine condition and priority for upgrading alleyways.

Goal 6: Develop safe routes to school travel plan for pedestrians and non-motorized transportation to nearby schools.

- Objective 1: Prioritize sidewalk installations.
- Objective 2: Improve communication and awareness of safe routes among parents, property owners, the School District and Butte Silver Bow as plan is developed.
- Objective 3: Provides an opportunity to apply for funding for education, enforcement and encouragement of non-motorized transportation.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Topic statement: Clark Park is near to, but outside of the Plan Area, but has abundant amenities for all ages. Race Track Park is just south of the Plan Area, and has opportunity for improvements. The Greeley School playground has served the function of a neighborhood park, but its future is uncertain. Continental Drive and Farrell Street may provide an opportunity to develop as a green belt to help buffer the adjacent industrial uses.

Goal 1: Develop a landscape enhancement plan for Continental Drive and Farrell Street.

Objective 1: Buffer the adjacent industrial uses and reduce noise and dust pollution.

Objective 2: Create an aesthetically pleasing gateway to Uptown Butte.

Goal 2: Develop a trail head in the Greeley Neighborhood to connect to the greater trail network.

Objective 1: Place interpretative signage that tells about the Lady of the Rockies, Columbia Gardens, the Continental Pit, Lost Neighborhoods, Railroads over the Continental Divide and the Concentrator.

Goal 3: Create safe route connections for children to access Clark Park and Race Track Park.

Objective 1: Utilize the existing improvements in centralized parks to reduce maintenance costs.

Objective 2: Increase safety for all citizens for non-motorized transportation.

SCHOOLS

Topic statement: Students attend public schools outside of the Plan area: Emerson Elementary to the southwest, Whittier Elementary to the south, East Middle School just south across Grand, and Butte High School to the west. The Greeley School is a closed elementary school with opportunities for new use.

Goal 1: Encourage the School District and Council of Commissioners to prepare a plan-of-action for the Greeley School area.

Objective 1: Report to the neighborhood the status of both agencies intent for the property in a timely manner.

Objective 2: Encourage reuse of either or both of the land and building so it does not become a detriment to the surrounding properties.

SERVICES

Topic statement: The Greeley Plan Area has minor property crime generally, with the exception of a couple of major events that trouble some citizens. Generally neighbors tend to self-police. Code enforcement has been a delicate balance between private property rights and junk. Residents have expressed some frustration in the perceived disconnect between their needs and Council of Commissioners as a whole.

Goal 1: Develop neighborhood task forces that are governed though by-laws approved by the Community Development office.

Objective 1: Meet on a monthly basis to discuss issues affecting their neighborhood boundary. The results from the meetings should be shared with the Council of Commissioners.

Goal 2: The Council of Commissioners should hold a listening session at least once per year to hear neighborhood concerns.

Objective 1: The exchange of information leaves all parties better informed on neighborhood needs and governmental procedures.

Goal 3: Enforce existing codes or work with BSB staff to recommend changes to them.

Objective 1: Create a flier explaining the most common broken codes in neighborhoods.

Objective 2: Work with staff to develop a code compliance procedure that is fair and reasonable.

Goal 4: Clean up weeds and junk, scattered debris, etc.

Objective 1: Create incentives for neighborhood clean-up.

Goal 4: Foster the development of a neighborhood character that reclaims the identity of the Greeley Neighborhood.

Objective 1: Identify groups of property owners who are interested in property improvements, start with one area at a time. Cluster the properties in the area to be a demonstration of community pride.

HOUSING

Topic statement: The Greeley Plan Area contains mostly single-family homes and mobile homes with a few multi-family complexes. Some mobile homes were constructed prior to 1976 and do not meet today's safety requirements. Stick-built homes are in need of repair as the housing stock ages. In order to attract families to the neighborhood, modern construction details are desirable.

Goal 1: Assist residents in identifying programs and resources to help them preserve and maintain their homes and thereby, continue to enhance their neighborhood.

Objective 1: Collective improvements in the housing stock will lend to appreciation or stabilization of property values.

Goal 2: Create incentives for owners of pre-1976 mobile homes to replace the units with code compliant housing.

LAND USE

Topic statement: Land use is primarily residential. Much of the area is zoned for mobile homes and current land use has mobile homes interspersed with traditional single-family residences. Citizen feedback indicates mixed response as to whether this is acceptable. Continental Drive, Farrell Street, and Grand Avenue are significant border streets to the neighborhood and connectors to the rest of Butte. These streets also lend themselves to business development. Businesses should be compatible with the residential feel and not contribute to the noise or dust pollution already present at the neighborhood. The Continental Pit is a major business that directly influences the neighborhood.

Note: Specific goals to be developed after steering committee review of suggested future land use map at September Steering Committee meeting.

Goal 1: Create an overlay zoning district for Continental Drive and Farrell Street.

Objective 1: Contributes to the buffering of adjacent land uses.

Objective 2: Allows for non-residential uses that also are a positive amenity for the neighborhood.

Goal 2: More traditional single-family residences in the Plan Area.

Objective 1: Limit new or expanded mobile home parks except in designated areas; existing mobiles grandfathered

Goal 3: Through a neighborhood task force, work with Montana Resources to discuss concerns on a quarterly basis.

Objective 1: Open the lines of communication between residents and Montana Resources to inform and educate the needs of both parties.

Objective 2: Model the exchange of ideas similar to a successful set up between Conoco Phillips and the South Side Neighborhood Task Force in Billings, Montana.

Economic Development (businesses)

Topic statement: The Greeley Neighborhood is primarily a residential neighborhood. However, small businesses are scattered throughout the area and most have been there for some time. The border streets of Continental Drive, Farrell Street lend themselves to business development.

Goal 1: Encourage cooperative advertising by businesses already in the area.

Objective: Support neighborhood businesses, attract new businesses.