

2017-0009 Manchester and Chateau Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan

Questions and Answers

1. In sections 4.2.3 and 4.2.5 of the Scope Detail Tasks, in reference to “Public Health and Public Safety”: How should this element be addressed? Should the plan address community policing, the delivery of public health care to the community, walkability and increased health outcomes, or another category of health and safety? Please clarify.

Answer: The Public Health and Public Safety element will have direction provided through the community engagement process, but is anticipated to assess efforts around public safety, criminal justice, and public health in the community and include goals and policies to address such findings. Some of these issues may include, but are not limited to, complex issues of crime, environmental exposures, mental health, substance use and homelessness.

2. On page 8, the RFP indicates that the plan is “intended to be formally adopted by the City Planning Commission and incorporated in the City’s Comprehensive Plan.” Since the City does not have a current Comprehensive Plan (with the exception of the Cultural Heritage and Historic Preservation Plan and Open Space, Parks, and Recreation Plan) , how will the Neighborhood Plan fit into a larger strategy of planning for the city?

Answer: Once adopted, the Neighborhood Plan will have the effect of the Master Plan (per Pennsylvania’s 2nd Class City Code). Each Neighborhood Plan will define their area’s portion of the Land Use plan for the City. The Plan will inform public investments via the Capital Budget as well as be applied by Boards and Commissions in the decision-making process. Development will have to conform to the Neighborhood Plan. Additional elements (Public Art, Mobility, and Housing) of the Comprehensive Plan are underway. We anticipate the Neighborhood Plan will be aligned with the outcomes of those comprehensive planning efforts at their stage of development when the Neighborhood Plan is being developed.