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## City Seeks Comprehensive Plan Committee Members

New Braunfels, Texas — The City of New Braunfels is gearing up for the much anticipated update to its Comprehensive Plan – the community-driven, long-range, vision document that guides local decision and policy makers on the future development of the city.

"We are seeking committee members interested in having direct input into how the city grows over the next 15 to 20 years," said Planning and Community Development Director Christopher Looney. "Those who want to share their ideas for future parks, roadways, sidewalks, bicycle trails, building design standards, historic preservation, natural resource protection, affordable housing, or design of residential subdivisions are encouraged to apply."

Extensive public outreach will be the hallmark of this Comprehensive Plan update and will include public meetings, surveys, town halls, interactive online exercises, activities at events, etc. In addition to these public input opportunities, development of the Plan will also include document vetting through nine subcommittees, or Plan Element Advisory Groups. Each advisory group will focus on a specific topic in the plan:

- Growth and Future Land Use
- Urban Design and Cultural, Heritage and Historic Preservation
- Parks and Recreation
- Economic Competitiveness
- Tourism
- Transportation
- Natural Resources and Infrastructure
- Education and Youth
- Facilities, Services and Capital Improvements

The City is inviting residents, citizens, property owners and business owners from all backgrounds and age groups – including youth - who are interested in serving on a committee to apply.

"328 citizens participated on the committees for the 1999 Comprehensive Plan and we would welcome that many and more for this update," Looney stated.

For those who would like to collaborate with their neighbors and fellow residents on a Plan Element Advisory Group for the Comprehensive Plan, more information and the application can be found on the home page of the City's website at <a href="www.nbtexas.org">www.nbtexas.org</a>. Applications are also available at City Hall, 424 South Castell

Avenue, and are due by Friday, September  $30^{\rm th}$ .

For more information about the Comprehensive Plan, email Mr. Looney at <u>clooney@nbtexas.org</u> or call him at (830) 221-4055.

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