

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
IN THE ZONE

PROMISE



**HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
IN EASTPOINT**

IMPROVED PUBLIC SAFETY (3 CS')

- **Crime** – in FY14 (from Oct. 1, 2013 to present), violent crime has decreased by **6.9%**, but property crime is up **9.2%** due theft.
- **Canine** – in FY14 (from Oct. 1, 2013 to present) Animal Care Services received **3,459 calls**, resulting in 949 animals impounded and 185 citations issued.
- **Code enforcement** - A total of **5,765 cases** were responded to by inspectors and of those cases, 5,140 were proactive and 671 were reactive (citizen calls). A total **811** vacant structures were secured, 34 demolished, and 3,420 lots/yards mowed. Also 958 graffiti complaints were addressed.



IMPROVED EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS

- Early Childhood education has increased - **29.8%** of kindergarten children at all three EPN schools scored as “very ready” in 4 or more developmental domains verses **14.9%** the year before.
- Student enrollment/attendance in all 6 EPN schools increased by **over 10%**.
- Chronic absenteeism in all 6 EPN schools **declined by 15%**, and student mobility **declined between 3 and 9%** in 4 of the 6 EPN schools.
- 4-year graduation rate at Sam Houston High School has grown from a low of 45% to **over 84%**.
- SAISD opened the **Early College High School** at St. Philip’s College in the fall 2014 with an initial enrollment of 104 freshman students.
- SAISD converting Wheatley Middle School into a **full-service community school**. SAISD received a **\$2.5 million** federal grant for implementation.
- SAISD curriculum and instruction will focus on **STEM** proficiency at school levels.



IMPROVED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

- Celebrated the grand opening of the **\$29.4 million**, 208-unit Park of Sutton Oaks, the first phase of the Choice Neighborhood Initiative
- Received approval from the State TDHCA Board for **\$2 million in tax credit funding** for Wheatley Courts Phase II development
- Demolition is complete at Wheatley Courts. is **50% complete**. Construction of the 417 units is scheduled to begin in April 2015.
- All housing construction contractors are being held to **M/WBE & Section 3 hiring goals**.



IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE AND OVERALL STREET CONDITIONS

- Seven (7) 2012 **Bond capital improvement projects** are either completed or in the planning stages, totally nearly \$30 million.
- Completed design of the **\$6.5 million Menger Creek Drainage** bond project with construction scheduled to begin in spring 2015. Bexar County contributed \$4 million to enhance it into a linear park. County & City staff began negotiations with Union Pacific Railroad to acquire 10-acres (the goonies) for the 2nd phase of the MengerCreek a linear park and to build an Urban Farm.
- Budgeted **\$14 million for street improvements** throughout the EastPoint footprint. Street improvements are scheduled to begin in spring 2015.



PROMOTED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Eleven (11) catalytic economic development projects (to include Alamo Brewery) have been completed or in the approval stages, totaling over **\$200 million** in investment.
- SAGE provided 40 façade improvement grants to Eastside businesses and launched the **\$2 million Grow Eastside Fund**. SAGE has also begun the process to select a consultant to develop an economic development strategy for the Promise Zone
- Café Commerce held one **Who Owns the Ice House** training for area entrepreneurs.



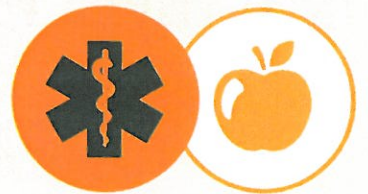
PROMOTED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/JOB CREATION

- Held the **Eastside Job Fair** where over 1,000 job seekers attended & 25 received job offers on site.
- Continued our efforts to **remove barriers** that keep parents from employment such as functional literacy, lack of education, transportation, child care, and criminal past.
- SAHA implemented the **Job-Plus program** to provide employment to Choice residents.
- Pre-K 4 SA developed a strategy to **provide professional development** training to day care providers.



PROMOTED HEALTH & WELLNESS

- SAHA Board approved transferring a **2-acre parcel** to the University Health Systems (UHS) for construction, operation and maintenance of a health clinic.
- Partnered with the Food Bank to distribute **50 pounds of fresh fruits, vegetables and water** to 400 needy Eastside residents.



SECURED PROMISE ZONE DESIGNATION FOR THE EASTSIDE

- In January 2014, the Eastside was designated as a **Promise Zone** which granted the area access to federal grants. Since the designation, the City developed an 8-step process to review and certify 19 federal grant applications, resulting in partners **receiving \$28.78 million** in federal funds to implement the promise zone goals.



IMPROVED CUSTOMER SERVICES AND RESPONSIVENESS

- Created a **one-stop-shop** by co-locating the Choice and Promise Neighborhood staff/offices in one building (Ella Austin Community Center) to ensure coordination and responsiveness.
- Created the **EastPoint Office** at the City to assist with overall coordination and implementation.
- United Way/EPN's annual survey of EastPoint residents revealed that **68%** of the residents knew about EastPoint and the various programs offered; and **80%** said that overall staff and partners were doing an excellent job. The survey also revealed that over **70%** of the residents felt that substance abuse was the #1 issue in the neighborhood.



IMPROVED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- Established a functional three-tier **governance structure**, which includes a Coordinating Council, the Implementation Team, and task forces. The Coordinating Council is currently partnering with Living Cities/SA2020 to improve the structure for sustainability.
- Developed a draft report/scorecard to track major outcomes in EastPoint. The scorecard will be finalized in early 2015.



IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

- Created the EastpointSA.gov website, and a Facebook & Twitter **#eastpointSA**.
- Created the EastPoint Pride – a team of residents recruited by the **MightyGroup** to assist with neighborhood outreach, communications and direct engagement.
- Created **"The Point"** newsletter which is mailed quarterly to every residents in the footprint and created the **"In the Zone"** newsletter to update residents on Promise Zone activities.
- Held several public information events to include **SAGE** business breakfast - **Promise Zone 101's** and **"Neighborhood Coffees"**.
- Deployed **AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers** to help build neighborhood capacity & engagement.



FOUR MAJOR FEDERAL GRANTS/REVITALIZATION INITIATIVES FOR EASTPOINT, TOTALING OVER \$54 MILLION

	Choice Neighborhood Initiative	Eastside Promise Neighborhood Initiative	Byrne Criminal Justice Grants for Public Safety	Promise Zone Designation
FUNDING	\$29.7M	\$23.7M grant	\$920K grant	\$0
AGENCY	San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA)	United Way of San Antonio	SAHA and the United Way	City of San Antonio
GOAL	Redevelop the Wheatley Courts public housing complex and surrounding areas	Improve education achievements from cradle-through college-to-career	Improve public safety	Technical assistance and preference points are given to grant applicants

San Antonio is the only city in the nation to receive these three (3) major federal grants and the Promise Zone designation. EastPoint is a place-based revitalization initiative designed to comprehensively revitalize the Eastside by linking housing improvements with wider public services, such as high performing schools, human services, public safety and employment opportunities. The goal is that these federal initiatives will serve as the catalyst to attract private investments to revitalize the eastside into neighborhoods of choice and opportunity.