



Thomas Square Growth & Preservation Advisory Committee (GPAC) Overview

Purpose

To provide informed, balanced guidance on development, infrastructure, and long-term planning—helping shape a clear, cohesive vision that supports thoughtful growth while protecting the character of the Streetcar Historic District (Thomas Square, Metropolitan, and Starland areas).

Core Focus Areas

- Long-Term Vision: Support the development of a neighborhood master plan in partnership with local city officials and stakeholders.
- Development Review: Evaluate rezoning requests, special use requests, and major projects that come to the TSNA for support; provide non-binding recommendations to the TSNA (support, support with conditions, or do not support).
- Infrastructure & Mobility: Assess traffic, walkability, and safety needs and identify priority areas for advocacy.
- Parking Strategy: Analyze residential and commercial parking challenges and recommend strategic approaches to address them.
- Policy & Advocacy: Strengthen TSNA's positions with informed, consistent guidance.

Committee Composition

A diverse mix of residents, developers, business owners, real estate professionals, architects, planners, and other subject-matter experts, selected to ensure a balanced range of perspectives. Target size: 8-14 members.

Structure & Operations

- Does not serve as a regulatory or decision-making body, but as a resource to inform TSNA positions and actions.
- Meets monthly (or bi-monthly) as a standing committee
- Led by a Chair appointed by TSNA leadership
- Provides recommendations to the TSNA Board

Guiding Principles

- Balanced and solution-oriented
- Respectful of both property rights and neighborhood character
- Data-informed and forward-thinking
- Transparent and collaborative