

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THRU: OLSON, RON, CITY MANAGER
FROM: JOHNSON, GREGORY, AT LARGE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Good afternoon, Mayor and City Council.

I was moved by the comments of fellow city councilmembers and the city manager during yesterday's city council workshop meeting regarding quality neighborhood designs and housing market diversity.

My core goal as a city Councilmember is to help ensure Killeen continues to be the "Place" where people want to work, play and grow their families.

I request that a discussion item be placed on the 02MAY workshop meeting agenda to discuss the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Quality Neighborhood Development.

The purpose of this ad hoc committee would be to work with our community partners to improve residential design standards and promote quality neighborhood development, while improving the overall image and attractiveness of our great city through ordinance.

I recommend that the ad hoc committee if approved, be made up of seven members - Chair, two city councilmembers, one planning and zoning commissioner, two developer/ home builder representatives (high/low) and one citizen (consumer) representative. The ad hoc committee would meet once or twice a month in the city hall main conference room and be supported by the planning and development department staff.

The City Council would task this ad hoc committee with collaborating with the developer community and bringing back recommendations of ordinance improvements as it relates to improving residential design standards and promoting quality neighborhood development.

Chapter 6 of our city's comprehensive plan discusses building neighborhoods and not just subdivisions. I think that statement is core to ensuring Killeen is that "Place."

Respectfully,

Gregory Johnson,
Killeen City Councilmember, At Large