

Community Relations Commission

Meeting Agenda

Historic Southside Neighborhood

Walkabout

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025, 4 until 6 p.m.

Begin and end at Restör Church, 406 S. 5th St.



Attendees and invitees

- **CRC MEMBERS:** E-man Monge, Lori Copsey, Angie Wentz, Tim Swartzentruber and John Dolezal. City support: Gina Leichty (Mayor), Phil Lederach (City Council Liaison), Michael Wanbaugh (Director of Administrative Affairs/Interim Community Relations Director), Amanda Guzman (Communications Manager) and Theresa Cummings (CDGB administrator).

About the Walkabout

You are invited to join a walkabout through the Historic Southside neighborhood, which will serve as September's Community Relations Commission meeting. The walkabout offers a valuable opportunity to:

- Observe ongoing and completed improvement efforts
- Learn about initiatives in planning and development
- Engage with residents, community partners, and City personnel actively involved in neighborhood transformation

The walk will cover approximately two miles and feature guided stops and brief presentations at key sites across the Historic Southside neighborhood and slightly beyond.

Historic Southside Neighborhood Walking Tour outline

- 1. Restör Church, 406 S. 5th St. (Tour will begin and end here)**
 - a. Greeting from Historic Southside Neighborhood President Megan Hessel
 - b. *Lead Pastor Gene Troyer and Executive Pastor Chris Mullet:* Being a strong neighbor. How [Restör Church](#) works to connect with the community both inside and outside the walls of the church.
- 2. Chandler Innovation Academy, 419 S. 8th St.**
 - a. *Goshen Fire Department and Goshen Community Schools:* A look at the innovative Career and Technical Education initiatives and partnerships that include Fire/EMT training as well as a Certified Nursing Assistant Pathway program and other expanding CTE offerings at the school.
- 3. 9th/10th Street Corridor**
 - a. *City of Goshen: Rossa Deegan, Planning Department*
 - Planning and Zoning enforcement efforts
 - b. *City of Goshen: Dustin Sailor, Director of Public Works*
 - Quiet Zone update
 - 10th Street infrastructure upgrades

4. Ariel Cycleworks Development

- a. *Becky Hutsell, City of Goshen Redevelopment Director and Dan Boecher, Director of Projects Development for AP Development, LLC*
 - Update on progress of [\\$30 million project to create 135 market-rate apartments](#) on former Western Rubber site at Plymouth and 10th streets.

5. Plymouth Avenue Reconstruction Project

- a. *City of Goshen: Dustin Sailor, Director of Public Works*
 - [Overview and timeline of infrastructure project currently underway.](#)

6. Goshen Public Library

- a. *Ann-Margaret Rice, Library Director and Grace Thomas, Community Engagement Manager*
 - Highlighting the services the [Goshen Public Library](#) offers the community.

Estimated Route of Walking Tour: [2025 Goshen Historic Southside Neighborhood Walking Tour - Google My Maps](#)