

## Chaparral

### Step 1 – Define your vision

When residents were asked for their vision of what would make Chaparral a better place to live, work and play, **safe, active, beautiful, family friendly and connected** were the key words that came up most often. In a follow-up online survey, Chaparral residents chose the following vision statement for their community:

*Chaparral values being a safe, active, naturally beautiful, well connected and family-friendly neighbourhood.*

A report of what was heard during this vision phase is available [here](#).

### Step 2 – Come up with ideas

Chaparral residents attended a Creative Ideation workshop on August 14, 2017, where residents and City staff provided further insight into the neighbourhood and generated ideas on how to improve the community using the vision statement as a guide.

Through this workshop, The City learned more about residents' perspective on Chaparral, including:

- There is a desire to explore all parts of the community
- People can feel disconnected from other parts of the community, as well as from centres of activity
- Greenspace, including Chaparral Valley Square, could be used as a connecting space
- The state of the boulevards, and the impact of Stoney Trail, may be impacting community pride

Workshop participants developed nine possible initiatives and came up with experiments that could be used to test if the initiatives would be successful. The report is available [here](#).

### Step 3 – Prioritize initiatives

Building on the outcomes of Steps 1 and 2, an online survey was developed which presented Chaparral residents with 11 different neighbourhood initiatives to consider. Respondents were asked to evaluate each initiative as to the impact (from *very positive* to *very negative*) they felt this initiative would have in their neighbourhood. 135 submissions were received through the Chaparral survey. The report of what was heard is available [here](#).

### Approved initiatives

In March 2018, The City announced the following seven improvement projects for Chaparral, in addition to one which is already underway. Implementation of these initiatives is slated to get underway as early as Spring 2018.

- 194 Avenue beautification
- Youth programming
- Bootcamp fitness program
- Active stencils on pathways
- Paint the pavement
- Wayfinding
- Gathering space in the valley

