

District 15 Steering Committee / Land Use and Housing Subcommittee

June 21, 2017, 5-7pm, Founders Room, Derham Hall, St. Catherine University

Members present: Michelle, Kyle, Stacy, Abby

General discussion

Overall purpose of subgroup is to identify a limited set of objectives for each topic area (land use and housing) and then a limited set of strategies for each objective

Meeting purpose: start discussing objectives, identify question for potential “pop up” on W. 7th

Reviewed current D15 plan, elements of citywide plan, and Mac Groveland plan for ideas

Discussed themes from D15 survey that apply to land use and housing

Selected focus areas for objectives

Created workplan for subgroup, scheduled meetings, and set high-level meeting agendas

Themes from survey

Walkability

Family-friendly

Quiet, small-town feel

Maintaining/improving mix of shops and housing

Access to parks and river / more parks and green space

Opportunity to bike

Half pro-density, half anti-density

Central location

Transit (mostly great, but some could use more and some want less)

Limit big box stores, encourage/keep small businesses

Focus areas for objectives

Housing

Diversity of options (3+ bedrooms, all income levels and life stages, culturally-sensitive)

Design standards

Land Use

Mix of and access to businesses (preserve/increase small businesses, lean urbanism, mix of small businesses and those that serve everyday needs (grocery, drug store, etc.))

Green space and recreation (biking, options for all life stages)

Both

Walkability

Density (density bonus)

Survey questions

West 7th Pop-up: If you were to move to Highland Park or to a new location in Highland Park, what kind of housing would you want?

Highland Fest: ask for feedback on pictures of different zoning types

Workplan

1. Use Slack website to identify and discuss specific strategies within focus areas listed above prior to 7/20 meeting
2. Use 7/20 meeting to learn more from guest speakers and discuss/decide on strategies
3. Create draft document and discuss edits online prior to 8/23 meeting
4. Use 8/23 meeting to discuss/incorporate second survey data and create plan for finalizing the document

Immediate action items

1. Abby send meeting notes
2. Kyle create Slack website and gather information/diagram on zoning types
3. Michelle analyze survey responses
4. Stacy schedule room for 7/20 and 8/23 meetings

Homework for next meeting

1. Suggest strategies for consideration on Slack
2. Read and respond to strategies suggested by others on Slack

Next Meetings

Thursday, July 20, 5-7pm, St. Catherine University

Wednesday, August 23, 5-7pm, St. Catherine University