

TO: All Committee Members

FROM: Nan Fey, Facilitator/Consultant

RE: Comprehensive Plan Update – Draft Goals and Vision Feedback

DATE: February 5, 2018

Starting last year, with the help of your committee(s), the Plan Commission thoroughly reviewed the 2001 Comprehensive Plan, all plans adopted by the City since then as well as current demographic information and trends to prepare for drafting an Update that will involve input from all city committees and interested residents this spring and summer. The goal is for the new Update document to be significantly shorter but more useable, and to be completed by the end of this year. Your input is being requested now as citizen-volunteers so we can incorporate your thoughts and address any concerns you may have before presenting these drafts to the broader community in April.

The state statute that requires comprehensive plans to be updated every 10 years also specifies a number of elements that your committee(s) will be asked to review. It's worth reviewing the 2001 plan (available on the city's website) to see the general format that will be followed in the Update. The attached document provides drafts of the first two portions we've prepared – an Overall Vision Statement and Goals for seven of the required substantive areas plus two new topics the Plan Commission has identified as significant enough to warrant additional goals based on their emerging importance to the community in the past 15 years. On page 2 of this cover memo, you'll find a number of definitions for new terms that are central to the Comp Plan Update.

All city committee members are being asked to review these documents for content and clarity at their regularly scheduled meetings in February; members whose committees are not scheduled to meet this month are being asked to attend any of the other scheduled meetings in order to participate in this discussion.

Please spend some time with these documents in advance of your meeting, noting your questions and comments so they can be collected at the end of your discussion. As you review these statements, please keep in mind:

- they are intentionally *very broad* at this high level of the plan
- they are stated in terms of *values more than actions*; you will be consulted about strategies for achieving these goals later in the process
- definitions of important *new terms* can be found on p. 2 of this memo (over)
- the final “overall goal/vision statement” states *fundamental principles* that are reflected in each of the other more specific goals

Thanks very much for your valuable feedback; it will be reviewed carefully.

The Draft Goals and Vision Statement for the Comp Plan Update incorporate several new topics that are defined below and underlined in attached document. Please note any questions you have about these definitions in the space provided below each.

Accessibility refers to the design of products, devices, services, or environments for people who experience disabilities.

Active Living is a way of life that integrates physical activity into daily routines. The goal is to get at least 30 minutes of activity a day, which can be accomplished in many different ways, from walking or bicycling to the post office to playing or gardening in a neighborhood park.

Equity means valuing every individual, and providing access to the opportunities that will enable them to reach their full potential regardless of their group status; e.g. race, gender, socioeconomic status, religion.

Health includes physical, mental and social well-being.

Resilience refers to a community's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from hazards and threats while minimizing damage to health, safety, security and the local economy.

Sustainability is defined in the City's adopted Sustainability Plan and Green Tier Communities Charter. Generally speaking, it means local governments addressing the needs of the present while not compromising the ability of future generations to address their needs.

Sustainable Development decisions are based on sustainability principles in a framework of interrelated issues that include environmental stewardship, economic growth, public health and social equity.