

FORUM / ON THE FUTURE

Let your **voice be heard.**

Framework is a process for everyone who cares about our community to share ideas and create a plan to guide Tuscaloosa's growth for years to come.

Forum on the Future is an opportunity to learn about the process and share ideas through a fun, interactive workshop.

Nov.
27

6-8 p.m.

**Tuscaloosa
River Market**

1900 Jack Warner Pkwy

ALL ARE INVITED

To help us accommodate everyone,
register for the event

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COMMON QUESTIONS

1. What can I expect at Forum on the Future? In this two-hour workshop you will learn about Tuscaloosa's challenges and opportunities and engage in small group activities to generate essential insight on community goals, values, principles and more.

2. What is Framework? Framework is a process to define a long-term vision for Tuscaloosa. It will set the direction for the City's growth and development in the coming decades. Framework will create a comprehensive plan and update the City's zoning and land development regulations.

3. What is a comprehensive plan? A comprehensive plan is a strategic guide that expresses the values and aspirations of a community. It is the broadest public policy document a community can create and establishes a long-range vision for development, housing, environment, economic development, transportation and related topics. The comprehensive plan acts as a guidebook for decision-makers and is not a legally binding document.

4. Why does Tuscaloosa need to update the comprehensive plan? The previous plan was drafted in 2009. Since that time the community has experienced many changes, including a global recession, the 2011 tornado and significant population growth. In general, planning represents good stewardship, and there has never been a better time to consider recent events and trends to develop well-supported policies to create the best possible future for Tuscaloosa.

5. What is a zoning code? A zoning code is the adopted law of a city that regulates land use and growth and development to help implement the comprehensive plan. It divides the city into different zoning districts and generally governs the purpose, location and size of development in each district. A zoning code also includes provisions for the development proposal review process and for standards regulating parking, signage, building design and resource protection.

6. How long will the process take? The comprehensive plan process will last about 15 months. Following completion of the comprehensive plan, the zoning code update will take 12 to 15 months.

7. Do I have to be an expert to contribute ideas? Absolutely not! By living, working, attending school or raising a family in Tuscaloosa, you are knowledgeable about the community. Whether you are a new or life-long resident, your perspective is vital to the plan's success.

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