

Housing Subcommittee Work Program

NOVEMBER 1, 2018

JOB DESCRIPTION

The housing subcommittee will look closely at conditions and opportunities related to housing in Tuscaloosa, help frame values and goals, and propose recommendations to shape the plan. This topic covers both existing housing, neighborhood conditions, and future needs and development policies. The subcommittee may convene as a group outside of steering committee meetings and will provide updates to the planning team and committee as a whole. The subcommittee's work will involve:

1. Examine the results of the housing study (conditions, policy analysis, needs assessment, potential tools)
2. Focus on two broad categories:
 - workforce and affordability
 - student rentals
3. Consider development characteristics:
 - design (arrangement of buildings and housing types within neighborhoods as well as characteristics of individual buildings)
 - density (in various locations)
 - infrastructure (sewer and water limitations or needs)

GUIDELINES FOR OUTSIDE MEETINGS

- Subcommittees should schedule meetings through city staff. The city will provide meeting space, access to maps, etc.
- City staff will serve as the facilitators for the meeting – agenda preparation, meeting notification, and provide resources
- For each meeting, subcommittees should provide a summary of discussion topics and key outcomes
- All meetings will be open to the public
- Consultant team members may be available via phone or video conference to answer questions

Housing Subcommittee Proposed Meeting Sequence **DRAFT**

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PROPOSED MEETING SEQUENCE

The following is a proposed sequence of three meetings that is provided as a guide. The subcommittee may choose to meet more than three times.

Meeting 1: Understanding the issues and articulating desired outcomes (November 1, 2018). Before you meet, review the first five chapters of the Five-year Affordable Housing Study (which was introduced on 9/26). During the meeting, provide responses to the following questions:

1. What should be the desired outcomes of the plan related to housing and neighborhoods? You can be as specific or as general as you are comfortable, but you do not need to propose specific solutions yet (how this is achieved). Examples could be “a full range of housing types and price points are available within the city,” or “future development preserves sensitive environmental features” or “there is a high level of neighborhood pride.” If these outcomes are described in general terms, you may also consider how you will know that we are successful.
2. What other information will be critical for you to understand in order to make or support specific recommendations?

Meeting 2: Mapping Recommendations (possibly late January or February): This meeting will focus on developing map-based components of the plan. Details will be provided at a future steering committee meeting. This meeting will address the following questions related to where certain policies or recommendations should apply:

1. Where are target areas of the community that can support future workforce and affordable housing?
2. Where are target areas of the community that can support student housing?
3. What forms of housing (types and density) should be encouraged and where?

Meeting 3: Policies, projects, programs (prior to steering committee meeting 7): This meeting will focus on developing specific recommendations for housing and neighborhoods in terms of projects, policies, and programs to achieve the desired outcomes. Examples will be provided at a future steering committee meeting. This work will address these questions:

1. How can we support development of various types of housing that is needed?
2. How can community investment support revitalization and retain neighborhood fabric and families in existing communities?
3. How should student housing regulations be revised to better achieve community goals?