

## MEETING SUMMARY | Steering Committee Meeting 4

November 16, 2018

The following is a summary of the fourth meeting of the steering committee for Tuscaloosa's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update process, which was held on November 7. Attached to this summary is the meeting attendance sheet, agenda, and presentation slides.

### Outcomes at-a-glance

1. There will be no meeting on November 28. The next steering committee meeting will be January 16, 2019.
2. Steering committee members should find opportunities to spread the word about Framework and the Nov. 27 Forum on the Future (City staff has extra flyers and posters)

### 1. Welcome

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No notes

### 2. Process Updates

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During the process update, Jamie Greene of the consultant team provided an overview of the work that is underway, where we are in the overall process, and what is coming up. Key takeaways were:

- **Steering Committee Meeting Change: Next meeting January 16.** Since the November 7 meeting was added to the schedule, staff and the consultant team recommend canceling the meeting scheduled on November 28 following the Forum on the Future and reconvening on January 16 as scheduled.
- **Steering Committee members needed to assist with outreach.** Committee members were reminded to spread the word about the upcoming Forum on the Future to personal networks:
  - Distribute prepared printed material (flyers and posters about the Forum on the Future were provided)
  - Share emails, social media posts
  - Speak with people about Framework at community events

## Subcommittee Reports

Representatives from the two subcommittees (housing and lakes) provided a brief update on the outcomes of their first meetings held the prior week. Summaries of each of these meetings are posted on the Framework website. The subcommittees will meet again in late January and early February.

### 3. Comprehensive Planning 101

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Jamie Greene and Michael Curtis from the consultant team provided a presentation on comprehensive planning that covered:

- Why this process is unique for Tuscaloosa;
- How the plan is expected to be used;
- The difference between the plan and zoning; and
- Examples of the level of detail expected to be in the plan.

The presentation covered a description of the team's character-based approach to land use planning and an initial list of existing neighborhood types in Tuscaloosa today. Based on this explanation, the committee shared the following comments:

- Consider distinguishing between some 1950s-1960 neighborhoods that are "early suburban," because they are distinct from later suburban neighborhoods
- Consider the term "Neighborhoods in Transition" for University Area Neighborhood or others facing significant change
- Consider including a middle intensity residential apart from just low and high density
- Consider a "mixed neighborhood" for areas with a mix of housing types
- There needs to be an annexation plan where properties don't necessarily receive R-1 zoning by default
- Consider open space, particularly within University Area Neighborhood

### 4. Prepare for Forum on the Future

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The team introduced the proposed format and activities for the Forum on the Future. One of these activities would involve a testing of initial themes that have been drafted based on input received to date. Seven draft themes were shared using a smart phone polling tool. The committee supported the idea of using the smart phone polling as an optional way to participate. Based on committee comments, the activity was refined in the following ways:

- Add a theme about Environmental stewardship

# FRAME/WORK

Creating a dynamic guide for Tuscaloosa

- Add a theme about Infrastructure (maintenance and utilities) that is distinct from the "complete transportation" theme
- Remove or clarify bullet about educational resources
- Avoid use of the term "testing;" use "evaluate" or some other term
- Ask participants to rate each theme two ways: How important is this for the future?; and How well is this being addressed today?