

## **Imagine Duluth 2035 – Vision Committee**

Thursday, June 29, 2016, at 4:00 PM  
City Hall, Room 303

### Meeting Summary

**Vision Committee Members:** Ashley Grimm, Barb Russ, Bill Gronseth, Christina Woods, David Ross, David Sarvella, Drew Digby, Ed Hall, Elissa Hansen, Garner Moffat, Gary Eckenberg, Janet Kennedy, Jen Julsrud, Jenny Peterson, John Doberstein, John Schmidt, Kevin Skwira-Brown, Kristi Stokes, Laura Mullen, Lee Stuart, Luke Sydow, Lynne Williams, Pam Kramer, Stephan Witherspoon, Sue Coen, Terry Guggenbuehl, Zack Filipovich

**City Employees:** David Montgomery, Keith Hamre, Adam Fulton, Phil Jents, Ben VanTassel, Steven Robertson

**Visitors:** Cruz Mendoza and Henry Banks

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting began at approximately 4:04 pm.

Mayor Emily Larson and Planning and Construction Services Director Keith Hamre welcomed everyone to the first Imagine Duluth 2035 Vision Committee meeting. Members made individual introductions.

#### **2. Purpose of a Comprehensive Plan**

Keith Hamre gave a power point presentation on the purposes of this committee. He discussed the development of the 2006 comprehensive plan, the 12 guiding principles, and the proposed 2 new principles; health and fairness.

Jen Julsrud stated that she has seen city staff at different events, and asked how many to date have they been to date. Keith responded 6, and they have many more planned over the summer.

Kevin Skwira-Brown asked for more information on the 4 topic areas; why housing, transportation, open space, and economic development. Keith stated that these are areas that especially important to the future of the city that need additional review and attention in the new plan.

#### **3. Role of the Vision Committee**

Keith Hamre discussed how the vision committee would steer the process and be ambassadors for the plan and help advise how staff can outreach in include all voices.

Emily Larson asked that if committee members had suggestions on where else city staff could go for presentations, to please share it with Keith or Adam.

Pam Kramer asked if emerging and advancements in technology would play a role, or be acknowledge, in the new comprehensive plan.

#### **4. Process Timeline**

Ben VanTassel discussed the project timeline, sharing that the rest of the summer the city will be attending neighborhood events, community club meetings, and other organizational meetings. Then after the kickoff event, focus groups and neighborhood engagement meetings will be held throughout the fall and winter. It is estimated that the plan will take approximately 18 months to complete.

#### **5. Imagine Duluth Survey and Outreach**

Steven Robertson discussed the survey. The methods for outreach will include social media, paper surveys, and through the Imagine Duluth website. Vision Committee members were encouraged to share the survey with their co-workers, friends, and family.

#### **Meeting Calendar, Next Steps & Conclusion**

Emily Larson stated that if we are missing someone, either in the survey or someone that should be at this table, let her or staff know.

Keith Hamre stated that in the future, we will email out information about a week before future meetings.

Emily Larson asked that staff send out the committee members an email with the website and survey information, so they can send it to people that they know.  
Meeting concluded at approximately 5:25 pm