



Housing Focus Group – First Meeting
Thursday, October 20th, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
Room 303, Duluth City Hall

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Brief overview – Timeline, Process, Initial Outcomes
3. Review preliminary data gathering and identify other potential resources
4. Review implementation strategies that have been completed or partially completed from 2006 Comp Plan to determine if the strategy is still relevant
5. Review research questions for the Imagine Duluth 2035 process
Do other topics need discussion or further research?
6. Discuss any other emerging issues for this section of the Comp Plan Update
7. Wrap-Up & Next Steps

** In addition to the questions listed below, the city has received great feedback from partners who specialize in housing issues within the community about these questions, and will discuss those revisions to the questions below at the Focus Group meeting.*

Housing

Duluth is a city of distinct neighborhoods that provide housing for today's residents. But what about the housing needs of the city's residents in 2035? As Duluth grows and changes over time, the Community Planning Division will be reviewing the following questions with the help of community members to identify housing needs within our city:

- What three qualities make your neighborhood a great place to live?
- What three aspects of your neighborhood would you like to see changed?
- What does a healthy neighborhood look like?
- Are there types of housing missing from Duluth?
- Are you satisfied with the quality and quantity of housing that is affordable to you?
- Is there enough quality housing that is affordable to people of modest means?
- What kinds of housing should be planned for individuals and families moving here?
- How should people who need assistance with daily living tasks be provided with housing?
- How should parking needs of residential uses be accommodated in neighborhoods?
- Do neighborhoods need assistance in managing small conflicts like noise, trash, parking, and snow removal?
- Should there be more incentives to improve existing housing rather than new construction or vice versa?
- Are you concerned about the resiliency of your neighborhood to withstand a natural disaster?
- How and where should/could we densify the community, particularly if we want more convenient locations for mixed uses (corner grocery)?
- Should we consider a "no build" (or urban growth) boundary to limit infrastructure extensions and preserve open space at the periphery of the city?