

Imagine Duluth 2035 – Vision Committee

Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 4:00 PM
City Hall, Room 303

Meeting Summary

Vision Committee Members Present: Alicia Cyr, Angie Miller, Barb Russ, Bill Gronseth, Carl Crawford, Charles Obije, David Ross, David Sarvella, Drew Digby, Elissa Hansen, Eric Torch, Garner Moffat, Gary Eckenberg, Janet Kennedy, Jenny Peterson, Jill Knutson-Kaske, John Scott, Kevin Skwira-Brown, Luke Sydow, Russ Salgy, Sue Coen, Susanna Pelayo Woodward, Terry Guggenbuehl, Tom Hansen, Zack Filipovich

City Employees: Keith Hamre, Adam Fulton, Ben VanTassel, Steven Robertson

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting began at approximately 4:00 pm with introductions.

2. Imagine Duluth Kick Off Event

Keith Hamre discussed the comprehensive plan kickoff event that will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at Denfeld School. He added that there will be name badges for vision committee members, and asked members to pay attention to comments they hear as they walk around and interact with the public.

3. Maps and Data Gathering Preview

Adam Fulton and Ben VanTassel presented preliminary map information to the vision committee. The maps will be printed out on large sheets of paper for the comprehensive plan kick off, and will be posted on the imagineduluth.com website.

4. Focus Group Meetings

Keith Hamre discussed the process for the four focus groups: economic development, transportation, open space, and housing. Each focus group will be led by two city staff, and will be open to the public. The first round of meetings will be early/mid November, and the second round will be early January, followed by one or two more rounds in early 2017.

John Scott asked about the composition of members of the focus group, stating that he hopes that there are business leaders on the focus groups and not just members from non-profit organizations. Janet Kennedy asked about including more non-professionals in the membership of the focus groups.

5. Preliminary Survey Results

Steven Robertson discussed the preliminary survey results.

Janet Kennedy asked if we knew what neighborhoods people were living in; Steven replied no, the only optional demographic questions we asked were age, race, and gender, not neighborhood of residence. Janet Kennedy asked if people who live outside of Duluth can take the survey. Adam Fulton replied that people that live, work, or visit Duluth are welcome to take the survey; it is not just limited to full time residents of the city. Susanna Pelayo Woodward asked about the role of education facilities in the focus groups. Russ Salgy asked about youth development and involvement.

6. Timeline and Next Steps

Keith Hamre reminded everyone to attend the kickoff event next week, if possible. A third vision committee meeting will be set for early to mid-December. Adam Fulton will email out a link to the website, minutes, and a reminder of upcoming focus group dates.

7. Conclusion

Meeting concluded at approximately 5:38 pm