

Name of Group: Neighborhoods

Meeting Date: 8.30.2021

Meeting Time: 6pm-8pm

Meeting Location: Zoom

Members Present: Tara Parrish, Becky Winders, Dian Wilson, Erin Durkin, Jess Brandes, Marissa Mortiboy, Ashley Robbins, Felipe Blue, Dionne Hines, Chanetha McCabe, Lisa Miller, Keagan Sacripanti, Michael Stock (members absent: Karen Lado, Laura Biediger)

Co-facilitators for group: Ashley Robbins and Tara Parrish

What are your hopes and concerns about working together in this space?

- Asking folks to share time, try not to use all this space since we finally have a chance to speak and be heard, let everyone contribute
- Establishing a common understanding/groundedness on gentrification, homeownership
- Policies in the context of long-term timelines, limited City-County capacity for action (vs. state, etc.) and whether Durham will just say its hands are tied or will work to get things done
- New people brought into the process of City-County initiatives and public involvement
- Focusing on affordable housing, stable housing
- Aligning work between Planning, Health, other partners and institutions
- Focus on policies that can be done and that will actually help residents with what they need
- Expand the language we use so that it's not all restrictive imagination controlling language and legal formal text
- Think big, thinking long-term and immediate, and communicating in a palatable way
- Durham maintaining programs and policies currently in place for homeowners, ensuring successful implementation
- Ensuring voices are heard throughout a community
- Recommendations grounded in data, feedback
- Planning learning from people who are living the issue

What big questions do you still have about this work or these groups?

- Policies in the context of long-term timelines, limited City-County capacity for action (vs. state, etc.) and whether Durham will just say its hands are tied or will work to get things done?
- How much of the focus is on what Planning does or can do, rather than other actors?
- Can the planning staff contribute to going beyond the way we usually do work, can we help with this to work towards outcomes, how will we handle those?

- Identifying the appropriate measures for proposed policies
- Clarifying the scope of the working group
 - Crossover with other PWG's goals and objectives
- Do we respond to specific information?
- What lenses do we use to examine our recommendations?
- How do we develop policies that lead to implementation?

Specific Community Goals and Objectives for this group to review before the next meeting:

- Sense of Place Goal: By 2050, the history and culture of Durham will be more fully and equitably told, acknowledged, and celebrated. Residents can remain rooted in their neighborhoods and connected to their communities and those histories. Neighbors will benefit from the stability and resiliency of living in diverse, multigenerational, and interdependent communities.
 - [Honoring and Celebrating Culture and Communities](#)
 - [Multi-Generational, Diverse, Resilient, and Inclusive Neighborhoods](#)
 - [Rooted and Connected Communities](#)
- Housing and Neighborhoods Goal: By 2050, Durham residents will have access to safe, affordable, healthy, and physically accessible homes in neighborhoods that are connected to the resources they need to thrive.
 - [Complete Neighborhoods: Resources for Thriving Lives](#)
 - [Creative and Varied Housing Solutions](#)
 - [Accessible Housing and Neighborhoods: Designing for Everyone](#)
 - [Affordable Housing](#)
 - [Healthy, Dignified, and Welcoming Neighborhoods](#)
 - [Safe and Protected Neighborhoods](#)

All other Goals and Objectives as you are able ([here](#) is a link to the full Community Goals and Objectives document), review for ideas relevant to housing and neighborhoods in particular.