

Name of Group: Environment

Meeting Date: November 16, 2021

Meeting Time: 6:30PM

Meeting Location: Zoom

Members Present: Carl Kolosna, Leigha Larkins, Pilar Gutierrez, Ariana Vaida, Tobin Freid, Summer Alston, Celeste Burns, Rickie White, Medina Minor, Jennifer Hill Carrington, Mitchell Sava, Idreese Foxworth, Bonita Green

Adopted Group Agreements

- Come to the discussion with an open mind and heart
- Show up and be present in their own commitment/capacity whatever way you are most comfortable (cameras on or off, speaking up or adding things to the chat, everyone is different)
- Be able to see, support and respect one another's point of view, respect and honor our differences, and create an open safe space.
- Understand that we each bring individual experiences and perspectives, don't make assumptions based on the different identities people bring to the space (young people, elders, people of color, etc.)
- Make space for each person to participate, for self-reflection and collective reflection
- Step up and step down when needed.
- Be transparent, share power, and work towards building trust
- Be bold together and think generationally and creatively
- Focus on what's possible, what are the opportunities - as opposed to jumping to the risks and what can't be done
- Respond to and engage with what individuals are saying so they feel heard, write down and consider all ideas, even if they don't all make it into the final plan
- Respect everyone's time and provide the opportunity, tools, and resources to be successful
- Provide meeting notes, agendas, and intended outcomes for people to reflect on outside of the meetings.
- Using accessible language, making sure things are accessible for everyone

Info and Updates from Staff

- Reminder we're working towards making the [Community Goals and Objectives](#) a reality
- In order to move towards policy recommendations that are ready for public engagement next year, each policy working group will need to have an initial policy ideas list by January.
- Once we have a draft policy list, planning staff will work with the list of ideas you've provided to fill those out into more complete policy recommendations in January.
- Then, together in our individual working groups we'll work on revising and finalizing draft policy recommendations in February/March.

- Finally, community-wide engagement on the draft policy recommendations will happen roughly from April through July.
- Any questions about this general timeline?
 - Q: At what point will the “Is this legal? Can we do this?” conversation going to happen?
 - A: For now, let's keep it big picture and dream big. A discussion of limitations and legal hurdle will be had once general policy ideas are formed up. But for now, let's not limit ourselves so we can ensure we have all ideas on the table.

Policy Brainstorming Discussion

- Minneapolis 2040 comprehensive plan as model for Durham
 - <https://minneapolis2040.com/policies/>
 - We want to be drawing directly from goals and objectives, but goals and objectives are interconnected - we can start with one but do not have to; might work to look at individual problems and develop policy solutions and then plug them into the goals since multiple goals/objectives will apply
- Organize policy topics into different pages using the Jamboard
- Organizing topics into a slideshow format may be helpful to better understand gaps
- The intention is to update the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to reflect the policies drafted from the Comprehensive Plan, once the Plan has been adopted.

Next Steps

- Homework for next time: keep plugging away on the policies! Take a look at Minneapolis for inspiration/examples of policies.
- Next meeting will be December 7 at 6:30pm.
- Staff will send follow-up notes to this group for review before posting publicly to the EngageDurham site.
- Any announcements for the group?
 - No announcements
- Any last thoughts or suggestions for how we can improve future meetings? You can also email our team after this meeting if you have thoughts you'd like to share