

**Name of Group: Infrastructure**

**Meeting Date: 8.30.2021**

**Meeting Time: 6pm-8pm**

**Meeting Location: Zoom**

**Members Present:** Angel Iset Dozier, Tony Sease, Ethel Simonetti, Vanessa Mason Evans, David Morgan, Andy Sanipoli, Bryant Green, Bo Dobrzanski, Wayne Fenton, Sandra Wilbur, Stephanie Brixey, James Davis, Scott Whiteman, Alexander Cahill (members absent: Betty Dennis and Lisa Brach)

Co-facilitators for group: Angel Dozier and Tony Sease

What are your hopes and concerns about working together in this space? What big questions do you still have about this work or these groups?

- Members shared in about their hopes and concerns for this work in the infrastructure space through their lived experiences and their professional experiences. A key theme was that the “creative genius lies with the people at the margins” and our hopes are that these people are an integral part of the infrastructure policy development process, build-out of said infrastructure, and maintenance program.
- It was agreed by the group that a working definition of infrastructure is needed. In addition, the group would either like guidance, or like to develop, the scope of what infrastructure is included in infrastructure policy development (i.e. is green infrastructure included? Benches? Streetlights? Traditional infrastructure like water and sewer?)
- The lack of infrastructure investment in Bragtown and Southeast Durham was brought to light and shared with the group
- The group highlighted the differences between areas where infrastructure is provided by developers and already developed areas where public investment in infrastructure is needed
- Consequently, the idea of equity in infrastructure - both in the siting of new development and in the prioritization of the existing CIP projects, should be explored and broadly explore new mechanisms to explore infrastructure development.
- Equity in infrastructure policies should have “teeth”
- More education on what specific infrastructure is and does. (i.e. what is a lift station)

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

- 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](#)