

City of Duluth Strategic Planning Work Session

February 1, 2019

City Hall Community Room 8:30 a.m. (Start Time)

AGENDA

PARTICIPANTS:

Mayor: Nancy Harris

City Council: Marsha Bomar, Kirkland Carden, Billy Jones, Kelly Kelkenberg, Greg Whitlock

City Staff: James Riker, Teresa Lynn, Bill Aiken, Olivia Askew, Charles Barrett, Randy Belcher, Amanda Leiba, Chris McGahee, Kristin McGregor, Margie Pozin, Dan Robinson, Jason Rogers, Talore Ruedt, Ken Sakmar, Audrey Turner, Alisa Williams

Facilitator: Rob Froehbrodt

The meeting began at 8:30.

Welcome and Agenda Review: Mayor Harris welcomed the participants and reviewed the Aspirational Agenda for the City.

Mr. Bill Aiken, Planning & Development Director, provided a presentation on an analysis of Citywide Housing. He explained the various definitions around Affordable/Workforce Housing.

Mr. Aiken presented information and led a discussion on the potential for redevelopment in three areas:

- Hall Circle Neighborhood
- Hill Neighborhood
- Pinecrest Neighborhood

Mr. Aiken led a discussion on Infill development and showed an example of an Infill Development project. He informed Council that the City has work to do on an Infill Development Ordinance if Council wants to consider this as an option.

Mr. Ken Sakmar, Finance Manager, provided a detailed update on the City's Tax Allocation Districts.

Ms. Alisa Williams, Public Information & Marketing Director, and her team, provided a detailed report on the City's 2018 events and the plans for 2019.

Mr. Chris McGahee, Economic Development Director, explained the approach taken with a survey about the Food Truck Friday events in Duluth. Ms. Williams then reviewed the results and Council discussed several options for the events.

Mr. James Riker, City Manager presented updates on the new library project. He also presented a list of potential items for the Duluth Fall Festival team to consider funding for the City.

During the Council's Open Topics session, Mr. McGahee presented an update on the City's current economic development activities.

Also during the session, Mr. Kirkland Carden, City Councilman, presented an overview of the "Complete Count" initiative related to the 2020 census count.

The meeting concluded at 3:45.