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“Citizens invited to provide input into new Comprehensive Plan”



The City of Norfolk is offering lots of opportunities for citizens to give input into the new comprehensive plan.

A second town hall meeting will be held at the City Administration Building Council Chambers at 309 N. 5th Street on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6:30p.m. The first town hall meeting was March 8, 2016.

There will also be focus groups that citizens can participate in and an online forum.

“The comprehensive plan sets the tone for the future development of the city. Many decisions related to housing, commercial development, industrial and employment opportunity, roads and utilities, parks and open space, land use, and other elements of the community are based in the vision, goals, and implementation strategy set by the comprehensive plan,” said Valerie Grimes, City of Norfolk Planner.

During the town hall meeting, participants will be informed regarding key findings of the existing conditions analysis provided by plan consultant Olsson Associates. Participants will be asked to provide their thoughts and perspectives regarding their desired future vision of the community.

The consultant team is seeking further citizen participation in the plan through focus groups that will meet on May 24 and May 25, 2016 at the City Administration Building. There will be one focus group for each of the following topics: Infrastructure/Government; Neighborhood Development/Housing; Community Visioning; Health/Recreation Opportunities/Culture/Entertainment; and Economic Development/Commerce/Downtown. Any citizen who would like to participate in one or more of these focus groups needs to email vgrimes@ci.norfolk.ne.us or call her at 402-844-2036 by May 10, 2016.

Citizens are also encouraged to participate in the planning process through MySidewalk (<http://norfolk.mysidewalk.com/>), an online conversation opportunity regarding the course of future growth and development.

Grimes said that for the planning process and the resulting plan to be effective, it is important that residents and business owners in the community participate in opportunities such as the town hall meetings, the focus groups and/or the online activity. By doing so, she said the resulting plan will reflect a future direction that elected officials, business and community leaders, and citizens can cooperatively work toward accomplishing.

“Norfolk’s quality of place is dependent upon the involvement and commitment of its citizenry in setting the course for future development. We encourage people to become involved as much as they can in this process,” said Grimes.

Questions regarding this event and the project may be directed to Grimes.