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“Open House to Show Draft of City’s Comprehensive Plan”



After months in the making, a draft of the new City of Norfolk Comprehensive Plan will soon be available for citizens to view.

An open house will be held November 17, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. At that time participants will be able to view and comment on a draft of the City’s new plan.

Community members have given input and ideas into the City’s new Comprehensive Plan. A draft of the new plan will be unveiled November 17.

“Many decisions related to housing, commercial development, industrial and employment opportunity, roads and utilities are based

on the vision, goals and strategy set by the Comprehensive Plan,” said Valerie Grimes, City of Norfolk Planner.

Community members were first invited to give their input into the plan on March 8, 2016 when the Olsson Associates plan consultant team presented the existing conditions analysis to 45 participants at an open house in the Council Chambers. An online conversation opportunity was also made available through MySidewalk at <http://norfolk.mysidewalk.com> for people to contribute their ideas for the plan.

In May, 2016, focus groups were organized with over 100 people giving input and guidance related to current conditions and growth and development of the City. Another town hall meeting was held on May 25 to give citizens more opportunities to share their vision for Norfolk.

The next town hall meeting was held August 24 with City of Norfolk staff and members of the Olsson Associates plan consultant team on hand to show and explain potential land use alternatives that will be part of the plan.

The November meeting will give people an opportunity to give their input as to what the plan designers have put together so far. Those who would like to review the information presented at previous open houses can go to

[http://www.norfolkne.gov/planningzoning/Norfolk\\_Comp\\_Plan.htm](http://www.norfolkne.gov/planningzoning/Norfolk_Comp_Plan.htm)

“We thank everyone who has participated so far and now we ask that you come and view what we have for the future land use plan and draft report. It’s important to participate in every phase of the process as the plan sets the tone for the future development of the City,” said Grimes.

A final plan will be presented to the Norfolk Planning Commission and Norfolk City Council for approval in early 2017.

For more information about the City’s new Comprehensive Plan, contact Grimes at 402-844-2036 or email her at [vgrimes@ci.norfolk.ne.us](mailto:vgrimes@ci.norfolk.ne.us).