

Name of Group: Environment

Meeting Date: 8.30.2021

Meeting Time: 6pm-8pm

Meeting Location: Zoom

Members Present: Jennifer Hill Carrigan, Tobin Freid, Idrees Foxworth, Rickie White, Bonita Green, Celeste Burns, Medina Minor, Mitch Sava, Summer Alston, Nate Baker, Leigha Larkins, Carl Kolosna (Absent: Tom Dawson and Kelly Warnock)

Co-facilitators for group: Rickie White and Medina Minor

What are your hopes and concerns about working together in this space?

- Concerned that we will come up with these great policies and the city/county won't have the funding/personnel to implement them
- We hope we can walk the talk. Give ourselves grace and understand that we didn't get into this situation overnight and we won't get out of it overnight
- Concern: You start to feel beaten down - when is something actually going to happen? Environmental issues run through all of the other policy working groups. Afraid that we're going to make these priorities and they won't be understood or that the policies will not be a priority for other groups.
- Hope this topic can be a hub to the wheel (the spokes are the other groups)
- Concern: Opportunistic folks pit affordable housing against environmental sustainability
- Worried that we could silo ourselves too much and then be ignored
- Concerned that the state legislature will override City policy
- Hope we can be aspirational and bold. Fear is that we proactively confine ourselves to our current world, particularly where we intersect with climate change. The IPCC report could be a jumping off point for bold climate action
- Hope that this is a meaningful process. It's not our role to limit ourselves. Concerned that this could be a one-off effort - hope we can sustain this work
- Hope we can create a bold and meaningful plan that we can be proud of and other communities can look to.
- Hope we can address GHG/emissions - it's everyone's responsibility
- Hope to build relationships with the group!
- Hope we can create a fair and equitable future for all, across cultural, generational, economic, and ethnic lines

What big questions do you still have about this work or these groups?

- Interested to see the integration of ideas of the other policy groups. Everything is a series of trade-offs. What is the community going to be willing to trade off? We can't do everything so what does the community really want?
- What does our final product actually look like?

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

- Environment Goal: By 2050, Durham will be a carbon-neutral, biodiverse community that balances preservation and restoration of the natural environment with sustainable and harmonious development. Durham will prioritize the health and well-being of residents by correcting environmental racism, connecting people to nature, and ensuring access to healthy food and prioritize the health of the environment, as it has a direct impact on the health of residents.
 - [Equitable Access to Green Space](#)
 - [Healthy and Clean Air, Water, and Land](#)
 - [Harmonious and Respectful Development](#)
 - [Resilient, Carbon-Neutral, Biodiverse, and Generationally-Oriented Communities](#)
 - [Healthy Food Access](#)
- Public Spaces and Recreation Goal: By 2050, Durham residents will be able to enjoy public spaces that are physically accessible and equitably distributed throughout the community. Recreational opportunities will be affordable, culturally relevant, and designed by and for residents.
 - [Equitable, Safe, and Well-Maintained Public Spaces](#)
 - [Affordable and Intentional Activities and Events](#)
 - [Welcoming, Inclusive, and Celebratory Publics Spaces and Events](#)

All other Goals and Objectives as you are able ([here](#) is a link to the full Community Goals and Objectives document), review for ideas relevant to environment.