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Date: April 18, 2024  
To: City Council and Planning Commission  
From: Greg Hannan, Community Development Director  
CC: Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager, Nick Sugar, City Planner, Emily Fernandez, Community Project Planner  
Re: 2024 Draft Comprehensive Plan - joint workshop session of April 25, 2024

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is reaching a significant milestone as they near completion of the 2024 draft Comprehensive Plan. This extensive 18 month long effort has been guided by the 18 member Steering Committee appointed by Council, the planning consultant OHM Advisors selected by Council, and City Staff members Nick Sugar and Emily Fernandez. Councilor Sutton attended most meetings as the Council Liaison to the committee.

**Summary of Engagement activities:** Below is a brief summary of the extensive community engagement completed to prepare the plan (further described in Part Two of the plan):

- 27 meetings of the 18 member Steering Committee appointed by City Council
- 7 meetings of subcommittees of the Steering Committee
- Statistically valid survey written by committee with consultant guidance and distributed by consultant ETC Institute (614 responses)
- General community survey (same format as statistically valid version but open to all residents to complete online – 652 responses)
- 8 Stakeholder focus group sessions
- Community workshop with 160+ in attendance
- 6 pop up engagement sessions at community events
- Community Open House to review draft findings with 200+ in attendance
- Lets Talk Hudson online engagement including access to video recordings of all meetings <https://letstalk.hudson.oh.us/comprehensive-plan>
- Frequent updates in City e-news and media to generate awareness of the above activities

**Presentation and Discussion:**

The Comprehensive Plan Chair Rebecca Leiter and Vice Chair Jessie Obert, along with City Staff, will present a brief summary of the plan development effort including:

- Community engagement process completed
- Review of the statistically valid survey
- Review of key findings of the plan including

- Suggested uses for three (3) focus areas: YDC, Downtown, and the Darrow Road Corridor
- Changes to the Future Land Use Map
- Proposal for a feasibility study for a Community and/or Recreational Facility

City Council and the Planning Commission have a joint responsibility to adopt and administer future modifications to the plan as directed by the City Charter and Land Development Code. The joint session will be an opportunity to get oriented to the plan effort prior to commencing the formal adoption process. The session will also provide Council the opportunity to provide any preliminary guidance/comment to the Steering Committee, the Planning Commission and City Staff.

**Tentative Timeline**

The following is a generalized timeline for the formal adoption process indicated within the Land Development Code. Staff anticipates the Planning Commission and City Council may consider additional workshop discussions during the adoption process.

April 17, 2024	Steering Committee reviewed draft – updates requested for May 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting
May 8, 2024	Steering Committee completes final review of the full draft
May 15, 2024	Steering Committee forwards approval recommendation to City Council
June 4, 2024	City Council first reading and referral to Planning Commission
July 8, 2024	Planning Commission review and Public Hearing
August 12, 2024	Planning Commission review and recommendation to City Council
Sept. 17, 2024	City Council Second Reading and Public Hearing
October 1, 2024	City Council Third reading and action