

Minnetonka prepares to update its comprehensive guide plan

The Metropolitan Council requires every city in the seven-county metro area to have a comprehensive guide plan and state law requires cities to update their plans – which look 20 years into the future – every 10 years. It was 2008 when Minnetonka’s “2030” comprehensive plan was developed, which is why the city is embarking on a process to create the “2040” version of the plan in 2018.

A comprehensive guide plan provides a framework for development, public services and programs. Simply stated, the plan guides decisions and policies regarding land use, transportation, parks, open space and infrastructure. Like other Twin Cities communities, Minnetonka’s plan update will need to be consistent with regional policies outlined by the Metropolitan Council. Accommodating the city’s share of the region’s population and employment growth projections is also a requirement.

Of course, the plan update will also aim to reflect the desires of the community. The city council has already expressed interest in incorporating sustainability and resiliency themes as a result of residents’ stated value of sustainable environmental resources, infrastructure and economic stability.

Steering committee

The city council appointed a group of 15 citizens to serve on a steering committee to guide the preparation of the 2040 plan. The committee first met in June and will continue to meet monthly through 2018. All steering committee meetings are open to the public; visit eminnetonka.com/2040guideplan to find a tentative meeting schedule.

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Throughout the preparation of the plan, broad community input will be sought prior to review and adoption by the city’s planning commission and city council in 2018. Residents can follow updates and progress of the Comprehensive Guide Plan update and sign up for email/text notifications on eminnetonka.com/2040guideplan. For more information or questions, contact the planning division at 952-939-8290.