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Community Advisory Committee #2  
December 4, 2023

# Tonight's Agenda

- Agenda and Project Updates
- Discussion: Draft Plan Framework
- Discussion: Draft Guiding Principles
- Presentation/Discussion: Middle Housing
- Next Steps



# Draft Plan Framework

Implementing the Imagine Monroe Vision



# Existing 2015 Plan Organization

- Introduction and Project Background
- Vision
- **Organized around eight broad goals**
  - **Policy Framework (200+policies)**
  - Elements (Land Use, Transportation etc.)
    - **Policies repeated in each element**
  - Implementation

# Proposed 2044 Plan Organization

- Organized by Required and Optional Elements:
  - Introduction and Project Background
  - **Vision and Guiding Principles**
  - Elements (Land Use, Transportation etc.)
    - **Policy Framework (goal/policies/actions)**
  - Implementation

# Imagine Monroe

***Imagine Monroe: A lively center surrounded by nature. A place of beauty and goodwill.***

*Our parks, waterways, and environment are healthy and accessible for everyone to enjoy. Our historic downtown and business districts are thriving and full of locally owned businesses and locally sourced products. We can find everything we need with regional connections and a variety of choices for work, housing, dining, shopping, arts, and activities.*

*Friendly and responsive, we strengthen connections through gathering spaces, events, services, and community-centered infrastructure – creating a safe space for all.*

***In Monroe, everyone feels at home and everyone feels they belong.***

# Guiding Principles

**Guiding Principle #1: Equity Statement.** Equity is the fair and just distribution of opportunities, power, influence, and resources to meet the needs of all people, regardless of life experience, prosperity or background including, but not limited to age, ability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, income, education, culture, race, citizenship, or former incarceration status. Equity is the principle in which institutions proactively adopt policies to take genuine actions to eliminate inequitable adverse impacts, and to facilitate access to resources, opportunities and representation in planning and decision-making processes to currently and historically marginalized and underrepresented people and communities. Equity shall be incorporated into all aspects of land use planning and development to ensure everyone has access to the services, opportunities and activities to meet their essential needs, advance their well-being and contribute toward a high quality of life.

# Guiding Principles

**Guiding Principle #2: Walkable and Active.** Monroe is a community with walkable neighborhoods, parks, and community hubs where people can live and work close to the daily services they need. We support our local businesses Downtown and elsewhere, and desire to create new neighborhood hubs of activity that meet daily needs within walking distance from our homes and businesses.

**Guiding Principle #3: Safe and Accessible.** Monroe is a family-friendly, diverse community where everyone feels welcome and safe. We believe that all residents should have access to safe, dependable, and efficient multimodal transportation options and community services, such as parks, schools, police, and fire services and located in central areas that serve the broad community.



# Guiding Principles

**Guiding Principle #4: Local and Community Driven.** Monroe is a resilient community of local businesses, arts, culture, and outdoor activities. We believe that all residents should have the opportunity to grow and flourish in Monroe. We value the lifestyle Monroe offers and celebrate many cultures. We support our local businesses and are active participants in community events and cultural activities. We take advantage of the outdoor activities in our parks and natural areas and are stewards of the environment.

**Guiding Principle #5: Affordable and Diverse Housing Opportunities.** Monroe is a diverse community with a wide range of incomes and housing needs. Our housing stock is varied, with many options throughout the community to suit income, age, and family size. Housing needs often change over time, and whether you are a young graduate looking for your first apartment, a family wanting a house and yard, or a retiree downsizing there are attainable options in Monroe. Everyone has an affordable place.

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# Proposed Plan Framework

- The **Policy Framework** includes goals, policies, and actions that implement the Vision and Guiding Principles. They are sorted by Comprehensive Plan element to provide clarity on how each part of the Comprehensive Plan is working to implement the Imagine Monroe Vision and Guiding Principles.
- The **Purpose Statement** describes the element and background, as needed.
- **Goals** are statements that help set direction for future policies and actions.
- **Policies** are statements that provide guidance for implementing goals through one or more actions. Each Goal has one or more policies.
- **Actions** are projects, programs, or activities that support implementation of goals and policies and are measurable. Not every policy is supported by an Action. Certain policies reflect direction and expectations.

# 2015 Goals

**Goal 1:** Establish and maintain a safe, secure environment in Monroe for residents, businesses and visitors.

**Goal 2:** Manage Monroe's environment and natural resources, supporting the health, safety, welfare, recreational needs and economic well-being of current and future generations.

**Goal 3:** Grow as a regional center and destination, providing employment opportunities while sustaining a balanced, diverse, resilient economy for Monroe.

**Goal 4:** Provide for and appropriately locate the types, quality, and quantities of development in Monroe to assure land use compatibility, enhance neighborhood character, and facilitate the City's long-term sustainability.

# 2015 Goals

**Goal 5:** Provide for a wide range of housing types for all Monroe residents

**Goal 6:** Provide and promote both utility and transportation infrastructures that coincide with need, growth, and long-term objectives.

**Goal 7:** Provide parks and civic facilities, recreational opportunities, and arts and cultural activities on pace with need, growth and long-term objectives.

**Goal 8:** Establish downtown Monroe as a thriving commercial, civic, and residential area