

Growth Policy Social Working Group to Meet on Thursday



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GREAT FALLS, Montana – Over the next nine months the City of Great Falls will be updating its Growth Policy and public participation is a critical component of the process. At the Community Open House earlier this month, residents were encouraged to sign up for one of the four working groups that will be looking at key elements of the plan: social, environmental, economic and physical. The Social Working Group will be meeting on the following Thursdays, August 30, September 6 and 13, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Rainbow Room of the Civic Center (2 Park Drive South). The meetings are open to the public.

For those who are interested in getting involved in the Growth Policy Update process, the working groups are a great place to provide input and voice their opinions about the future of Great Falls. Residents, business owners and other stakeholders have the opportunity to participate in one of the four working groups that will be meeting over the next six months. The focus of each group is the following:

Social Working Group - this group will focus on population, housing, local services (this includes City provided services as well as not-for-profit services) and health & wellness. This group will be meeting August - September.

Environmental Working Group - this group will focus on issues related to natural resources, open spaces, storm water, conservation and environmental health. This group will be meeting September - October.

Economic Working Group - this group will focus on economic and business development issues including energy, military and other related base issues. This group will be meeting October - November.

Physical Working Group - this group will focus on land use, transportation and infrastructure issues. This group will be meeting November - December.

The City's Growth Policy is an official document, formally adopted by the Commission that helps plan for the community's future. It recommends a set of goals and strategies intended to manage development and promote the best possible future for Great Falls. It looks beyond current issues and looks to potential problems and opportunities. The policy serves as a tool to guide decisions about the physical, social and economic development

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of the community. The document, when adopted, will embody the community's vision for the next ten years and beyond.

For more information about the upcoming Social Working Group Meeting or the Growth Policy Update contact Ida Meehan, Comprehensive Planner, at 455-8428, visit www.greatfallsmt.net or follow us at [facebook.com/imaginegreatfalls](https://www.facebook.com/imaginegreatfalls).

Supporting Documents

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