



**City of Newport  
Planning Commission Workshop Minutes  
January 12, 2017**

**1. ROLL CALL -**

Commissioners present – Anthony Mahmood, Kevin Haley, Marvin Taylor, David Tweeten, Saengmany Ratsabout

Commissioners absent –

Also present – Deb Hill, City Administrator; Renee Eisenbeisz, Asst. to the City Administrator; Sherri Buss, TKDA Planner; Bill Sumner, Council Liaison, Kevin Chapdelaine, Councilmember; Roz Johnson, Councilmember

**2. COMP PLAN DISCUSSION**

Sherri Buss, TKDA Planner, presented on this item as outlined in the January 12, 2016 Planning Commission Workshop packet. The Planning Commission discussed the following:

- **Process for updating** - The Planning Commission will gather public input and meet quite a bit in 2017 to update the 2040 Comp Plan. The City Engineer, Heritage Preservation Commission, and Park Board will also be reviewing and updating the Comp Plan.
- **Public input** - The Planning Commission will have an open house in late February/early March to gather public input. The City will also have other opportunities such as surveys, notecards, etc. for individuals to provide input. The City will also reach out to specific groups such as citizen groups, business, students, churches to gather input.
- **Urban vs. Suburban Designation** - Request that the Met Council consider Newport as both urban and suburban.
- **Housing Options** - The Planning Commission would like to look at different housing options such as tiny homes, single-family, multi-family, etc.
- **Community Assets** - The Planning Commission believes the existing assets in the Comp Plan are still relevant and added the school district.
- **Guiding Principles** - The Planning Commission will review the Guiding Principles for a future meeting.

The Planning Commission will continue to discuss this throughout the year.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Haley, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Eisenbeisz  
Asst. to the City Administrator