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The City of Fairmont Begins Comprehensive Plan Update

FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA-October 6, 2016- City Manager Robin Gomez is pleased to announce the City of Fairmont is kicking off its **Comprehensive Plan Update** with 10 public meetings throughout the month of October. The Comprehensive Plan is the City's blueprint for future policy changes. It is a plan developed by our citizens for our citizens which addresses a wide variety of issues including land use, transportation, housing, recreation, historic preservation, and economic development.

The City's current Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2005 and West Virginia State Code requires the Plan to be updated every 10 years. The Comprehensive Planning process provides the community with the opportunity to guide land use and development to meet the future needs of our City especially in terms of public health, safety, and infrastructure. The Comprehensive Plan update will enable the City to refine our vision to maintain and enhance the quality of life for our community.

Because this is a public process and the City wants to involve as many citizens as possible, the Planning Department is hosting 10 public meetings: one in each of the nine council districts and one held during our monthly Planning Commission meeting. The meetings will be held at varying times and days over the course of three weeks in October to provide our residents and businesses flexibility to attend any one (or more) of the 10 meetings. Each meeting will be an open house for 2 hours where neighbors can gather and share their opinions in an informal setting. Planning Department staff will be on hand to collect input, discuss ideas and answer questions. Additionally, residents can provide input via online surveys if they are unable to attend the meetings.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. East Park Elementary, Wednesday, October 12, 2016 4-6pm
(District 1-Councilmember Moran)
2. Mount Zion Baptist Church, Tuesday, October 18, 2016 5-7pm
(District 4- Councilmember Burdick)
3. Public Safety Building, Wednesday, October 19, 2016 7-9pm
(Regular Planning Commission Meeting)



4. Women's Club, Thursday, October 20, 2016, 3-5pm
(District 5- Councilmember Warner)
5. First Baptist Church Sanctuary, Monday, October 24, 2016, 3-5pm
(District 7- Councilmember Mason)
6. West Fairmont Middle School, Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 5-7pm
(District 8- Councilmember Mainella)
7. Army National Guard Armory, Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 8-10am
(District 2- Councilmember Yann)
8. Fairmont State University Nickel, Thursday, October 27, 2016, 11-1pm
(District 6- Councilmember Weber)
9. St. Anthony's Church, Thursday, October 27, 2016, 6-8pm
(District 9- Mayor Straight)
10. Public Safety Building, Saturday, October 29, 2016, 9-11am
(District 3- Councilmember Linger)

Sandra Scaffidi, Director of Planning and Development said, "I am looking forward to meeting with our City residents and listening to their vision for the future of Fairmont. This comprehensive planning process will help guide the City's decisions as we plan for Fairmont's imminent growth and development. I invite all of Fairmont's residents, business owners, landowners, employees, students and other interested parties to take part in this process and be a part of Fairmont's revitalization."

The public is encouraged to share their opinions, concerns and desires for the City of Fairmont. Additional information can be found on the City's website at www.fairmontwv.gov.

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