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Preliminary Outcomes from PLAN Cincinnati Working Groups shared on February 2

Cincinnati, OH – The City of Cincinnati Planning staff will share the preliminary outcomes from a yearlong effort in which Cincinnati residents participated in Working Group discussions identifying growth opportunities for the City. An Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the Planning Department conference room on the 7th floor of Two Centennial Plaza, 805 Central Avenue in downtown Cincinnati.

The Working Groups met for two rounds of meetings in the spring and fall where they discussed the existing state of the City or “where we are now” and developed and refined goals to determine “where we want to go.” During the summer months, Working Group members considered local plans such as GO Cincinnati, Green Cincinnati, the State of the Community Report and Indicators developed by the United Way; and regional plans such as Agenda 360, Hamilton County Community COMPASS, the OKI 2030 Transportation Plan and the OKI Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Working Group members also learned about the inner workings of Cincinnati’s budget and budget process to better understand the role of a city’s comprehensive plan in budgeting. The research and recommendations of previous plans are covered in the 12 Plan Cincinnati elements the scope of which includes all aspects of Cincinnati including Economic Development, Housing, Transportation, Health, Arts and Culture among others.

“Our process is evolving, and we now need to modify our course and advance from 12 separate groups to a more integrated approach,” says City Director of Planning and Buildings Charles Graves. “In the interest of this evolution, we have changed the format of our next meeting to an Open House which allows all Working Group members and the public to review and comment

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on the overall work instead of holding 12 separate meetings focused on a single element."

"PLAN Cincinnati's focus is on what the City will look like in the future. We have reached out across a broad spectrum of Cincinnatians -- from our youngest citizens to our most senior -- to gain insight in developing a comprehensive plan that will energize the growth and development of our City," Graves adds. "We want the work completed thus far to inform further refinement of the goals and action steps needed to complete the Plan."

The Working Group Open House is not limited to those who participated on a Working Group, but is open to anyone wanting to see the progress of Plan Cincinnati or get more involved.

Attendees are free to attend any time during the 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Open House and can spend as much or as little time as they wish reviewing the preliminary work. Planning Staff will be available at all times to answer questions and take comments.

The outcomes from the February Open House will become part of the activities planned for the next annual Neighborhood Summit on Saturday, April 2 at the Cintas Center at Xavier University. Updates about PLAN Cincinnati and the Neighborhood Summit can be found on the Plan Cincinnati website www.plancincinnati.org

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- WHEN:** Wednesday, February 2 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.
Planning staff will be available to answer questions and take comments throughout the Open House.
- WHY:** PLAN Cincinnati's focus is on what the City will look like in the future. This Open House allows the general public to review and comment on the overall work completed thus far in order to inform further refinement of the goals and action steps needed to complete the Plan.

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