



New Town Task Force

Stakeholder Meet and Greet Summary

August 29, 2025



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Overview of discussions and major themes

Summary

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WebEx Calls were held with Task Force and Community members

- Held 25 total conversations.
- Average discussion was 48 minutes in duration.
- Received recommendations of additional 16 Community members to engage throughout the process.
- General themes were identified from the meetings.

Summary

Questions from the meet and greet sessions

- Why did you say yes to the appointment?
- What is your relationship to Columbia?
- Are you familiar with New Town Zoning? HoCo by Design? A Vision for Columbia?
- What are the top three things that you appreciate?
- What are the top three things that give you cause for concern?
- Is anything missing in Columbia?
- What is your vision for Columbia in 20 year, 30 years, 50 years from now?
- What is your expectation for the work of this committee?

Themes

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General Themes from the 25 Sessions

- Columbia is a great place to be.
- Love the concept of diversity and inclusion.
 - Mixed reactions whether this is really occurring or not.
- Green space and open space is highly appreciated.
 - Recognition that Green Space and Open Space should be more clearly defined as two types of space.

Themes

General Themes from the 25 Sessions

- Proximity of amenities is appreciated
 - Mixed reactions regarding ability to easily access all.
 - Desire for increased transit expressed while recognizing that it will be a challenge as well.
- Provide a more clearly defined review process for changes.
 - More clearly define roles and responsibilities of agency/owners
 - Simplify the development/redevelopment process for the 'everyday' user.

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General Themes from the 25 Sessions

- Recognition that what built Columbia to what it is today needs to be discussed for relevancy of implementation for the future.