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PLANNING BOARD SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT *OUR MISSOULA* CITY GROWTH POLICY

The Missoula Consolidated Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the draft *Our Missoula* City Growth Policy on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers at 140 W. Pine St. Board members will consider public comment before making the final Planning Board recommendation to City Council.

After 18 months of work involving hundreds of Missoula residents, the *Our Missoula* City Growth Policy will guide Missoula's development for the next 20 years.

The policy, which is online on the City's website at www.ourmissoula.org, is the fundamental policy document that guides growth and development in Missoula. Driven by a robust public involvement process based on extensive community participation from citizens, community leaders, business interests, agencies and staff, citizen participation flows through the document. The resulting policies empower community members with strategies to reach a shared vision for the future.

The vision for Missoula in 2035, with supporting land use concepts, goals, objectives and implementation strategies, will manage growth while meeting the needs of the community's residents and conserving the qualities and characteristics that Missoulians value. The goals support a vision of a sustainable, livable community with a diversified economy, improved infrastructure and environmental quality and affordable housing options for all.

Public comments are welcome and necessary. Citizens can comment at the Planning Board meeting, online at www.ourmissoula.org, by e-mail to TZavitz@ci.missoula.mt.us or in writing to Development Services, City of Missoula, 435 Ryman St., Missoula, MT 59802.

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