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Derby Releases Public Engagement Report

DERBY – In March 2015, the City of Derby held several public meetings throughout the community to give residents the opportunity to express their opinions on issues such as housing, transportation, recreation, city services, and commercial development.

An online survey was also conducted.

The goal of this outreach was to identify the city's priority issues, assets, and challenges to ensure its planning initiatives reflect the vision of Derby residents.

"In addition to identifying areas that need improvement, residents also provided a lot of great ideas on how to capitalize on Derby's assets," said Mayor Anita Dugatto.

The input from these public meetings was compiled into a comprehensive report that is now available for review on the Planning and Zoning web page under the Government Information tab on Derby's municipal website, www.derbyct.gov.

The public engagement report will inform the update of Derby's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), a process that it is currently underway. The updated POCD will serve as an advisory document for Derby's Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as other city boards and commissions.

"The input from our residents is also driving initiatives – big and small – to improve the quality of life of our citizens," Dugatto said.

"For example, we learned from the sessions that some residents were unaware of Derby's Single Stream Recycling program. In response to that, we improved the contents of our Public Works web page and distributed recycling flyers at the City Hall booth on Derby Day," Dugatto said.

"Derby Public Works has also been working diligently in cooperation with the Board of Aldermen to act on some of the larger concerns. Recent improvements to city parks, recreational areas, and city roads are among their accomplishments," Dugatto said.