

## **Zoning Assessment Steering Committee**

Session 3 | 03/13/23 | 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

### **Meeting Minutes**

Attendance: 28 people, including MPC and Urban Institute staff.

### **Welcome and Speed Networking Activity**

To have members get to know each other, participants interacted in a speed networking activity to quickly share their responses to short prompts in rotating order.

### **Group Agreements and Degrees of Agreement**

MPC reminded the steering committee that the group agreements and “fist to five” voting tool will remain in place during the session.

### **Reviewing and Finalizing the Definitions**

In advance of the meeting, MPC staff converted the flipchart definitions and stickies onto Microsoft Whiteboard. MPC shared the Whiteboard and drafted updated definitions based on the feedback for voting.

Using “fist to five” voting, all present members voted 3 or higher on the Sustainability definition, agreeing to move forward with the revised definition with some changes.

### Sustainability

An inclusive, systemic approach that improves and integrates environment, climate, health, social equity, and economic vitality in order to create thriving, healthy, diverse, and resilient communities and natural ecosystems for this generation and generations to come.

During the discussion around the Public Health definition, some expressed concern with how Public Health was defined appeared to be more of a mission statement rather than a definition. Others shared that the way public health is defined is changing and expanding to include the structures, systems and social conditions that influence public health. At the end, the group agreed to simplify the Public Health definition and to include Health Equity as a sub-definition. Members did not vote on Public Health, but there was enough consensus that the definition was on the right track to use it as a guide for the Outcomes Activity.

### Health Equity

The collective structural and social conditions within which individuals’ wellbeing (physical, mental, and social) can thrive and where social categories cannot predict health outcomes.

### Public Health (state of being and the system that gives rise to it)

The physical, mental, and social wellbeing of individuals and neighborhoods and populations. All of these are shaped by social and physical structures, conditions and processes.

The definitions for Equitable Development and Environmentally Sustainable Development will be voted on at future meetings.

### **Outcomes Activity**

Participants were asked to complete the Outcomes Worksheet by identifying built environment outcomes they would like to see achieved in Chicago, along with how those outcomes relate to the definitions of equity, sustainability and public health. To complete the worksheet, members were asked to think about the following prompts:

- In an ideal Chicago neighborhood, you would find \_\_\_\_\_.
- I like my neighborhood because I can \_\_\_\_\_.
- I live in the neighborhood I live in because \_\_\_\_\_.

Afterwards the participants reconvened with the other members at their tables to discuss the structures and processes that could impact the outcomes they wrote down. Flip charts were used to document their group responses. The questions included:

- Is the outcome something that can be impacted by zoning, either code or process?
- Can the outcome be impacted by a change that is needed in a different type of policy, standard or regulation?
- What strategies or additional information need to be considered?

### **Next Steps**

The next meeting will be held on April 17 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm at the Metropolitan Planning Council (with an optional happy half hour from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm). We will focus on the People and Process of zoning.