Zoning Assessment Steering Committee
Session 4 | 04/17/23 | 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: 23 people, including MPC and Urban Institute staff.

Get to Know You Activity – Human Bingo
To have members get to know each other, participants interacted in a networking activity to meet and find colleagues who match criteria on a bingo board.

Review of Project and Phase Objectives
MPC reviewed the project’s goals, objectives, project phases and timeline. MPC outlined the committee activities and their relation to the project goals. The activities the committee has participated in are being used to inform the assessment methodology.

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

Using “fist to five” voting on Menti, all present members voted a combined (average) score of 3.6 on the Equitable Development definition. One member that had voted two or lower shared that they gave it that score because “development” was not defined within the definition. Other members suggested incorporating built environment, business, and land use into the definition to provide some context to “development.” Other members shared that to them “development” was not the term that was being defined because it was very broad, what was being defined was the equitable part of it. The group came to consensus on keeping the overall definition of each term brief, but in the final documentation also sharing some context and additional considerations and discussion the group had for each definition.

**Equitable Development**
Development that acknowledges historic and current economic drivers of disinvestment, fosters health, and vibrant places, centers and meets the needs of historically marginalized residents, and reduces racial, ethnic, and class disparities through a process that includes resident engagement and accountability, leading to improved socio-economic outcomes.

People and Process Activity
Participants shared examples where they experienced challenges and successes as part of the zoning and land use process in both their professional and personal life. They wrote these examples on their zoning diagram worksheet and then discussed them with the other committee members at their table. As part of this activity, they reflected on how equity was or was not included in what happened and who was impacted. The activity was documented by table facilitators.

Next Steps
The next meeting is scheduled for May 15 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 review the key themes from the Outcomes and People and Process, Sessions 3 and 4, and then discuss some research takeaways from exploring the zoning categories and how they show up in communities.