

PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY NEEDS AND

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

September 22, 2022 5:30 PM Virtual Meeting

The City of Duluth receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist persons with low and moderate incomes (up to \$61,450 for a family of four) and neighborhoods where a majority of low and moderate-income people reside. To gather input, the City of Duluth is asking people to complete a community needs survey, which can be accessed at: https://duluthmn.gov/planning-development/community-development-funding/annual-funding-process/. The closing date for this survey will be September 15, 2020; information will be compiled for the September 22 meeting.

A public hearing will be held to learn about the results of this survey as well as the existing and emerging needs members of the community are experiencing. Needs that are identified will help to inform funding priorities to be included in the City of Duluth 2021 Annual Action Plan. Funding categories include:: 1) economic development (including job training) initiatives; 2) affordable housing development and services; 3) public facility improvements (such as community centers, parks, child care centers, senior centers, infrastructure improvements) in eligible neighborhoods (Morgan Park, West Duluth, Lincoln Park, Central Hillside and East Hillside/Endion neighborhoods); and 4) public services, such as access to affordable health care services and food programs.

This hearing is an essential part of preparation of the 2021 Annual Action Plan and all residents are encouraged to attend. A Virtual Public Hearing will be held via Webex on September 22, 2020 at 5:30 PM by the Community Development Committee.

The Community Development Committee will be holding its Meeting by other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021 in response to the COVID-19 emergency. Some members of the Committee will be participating through video conference. Due to the COVID-19 emergency and the closure of City facilities, public comment will not be taken in person. However, members of the public can monitor the meeting and provide public comment on agenda items through WebEx Events. Visit <u>https://duluthmn.gov/live-meeting</u> to access the meeting. The public is also encouraged to submit written comment to Ben VanTassel prior to the meeting. Please include "Community Needs" in the subject line, and include your name and address and the agenda item you are speaking to. Please note that all public comment is considered Public Data. If you have any questions, please contact Ben VanTassel, Manager, Planning and Development Division.

Ben VanTassel can be reached at: 218-730-5580, <u>bvantassel@duluthmn.gov</u> or 411 W. First Street, Room 160, Duluth, MN 55802. If you have special needs, such as an interpreter, please contact the Planning and Development Division at 730-5580 so that your needs can be accommodated. For hearing impaired persons please call the City's TTY/Information Assistance at 730-5000 or the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.