



News Release

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Public Meeting Set to Share Concepts and Direction Report

The zoning code consultant team of Duncan Associates will return next week to present its distilled *Concepts and Direction Report* at a public workshop to be held Wednesday, April 2, at the MCT Center for the Performing Arts at 200 N. Adams St. at North Adams and East Broadway. The Mayor, City Council, Project Advisory Group and the Office of Planning and Grants staff invite Missoulians to learn what the code team has discovered during its research and assessment phase and to share their views about the recommendations included in the *Concepts and Direction Report*.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with an informal reception, followed by a brief update on the project's progress and its original intent. Meeting participants will then join small group discussions that will focus on the report recommendations. All are welcome to attend and participate. Quiet activities for children will be provided. Please enter the building from Main Street. Parking is available for cars and bikes at the east end of the building. Bus numbers 1, 4, 8, and 12 serve the facility from East Broadway and Front Street. People needing special assistance can request it in advance by calling 258-4657. The City of Missoula will provide auxiliary aids and services.

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The City's code consultant team released its Draft *Concepts and Direction Report* in March after six months of intensive public participation and information gathering, two subsequent months of thorough research and analysis and a preview before the project advisory group last month.

The detailed report assesses many aspects of the City's existing regulations in terms of their ability to address evolving land use and development challenges. The recommendations included in the report are grounded in the team's understanding of Missoula's past problems with its zoning and subdivision regulations, its future growth challenges, and the team's own in-depth knowledge of approaches being successfully used in other communities.

To learn more about where the project goes from here, citizens are encouraged to visit the project Web site: www.zoningmissoula.com.