

## INITIAL WORKSHOP SUMMARY

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To engage the public early in the process, the planning team hosted a public information and work session dedicated to understanding current challenges and opportunities experienced by community members and stakeholders. The workshop was held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and hosted at Grand Forks city hall with a virtual meeting platform also provided.

### WORKSHEET PROMPTS

#### The Good, The Bad, and The Future

1. What is one thing you would change about Grand Forks if you could?
2. Use one or two words to describe your ideal vision for Grand Forks in 2050.
3. Now imagine an alternative future – Grand Forks in 2050 is less than ideal. What went wrong? What is your biggest concern for the future?
4. What's your BIG IDEA to improve Grand Forks? Be bold.

#### Community Form and Feeling

1. Imagine your neighborhood or any familiar location in the city. What do you appreciate about the built environment (buildings, streets, sidewalks, parking, landscaping)? What do you dislike? Why?
2. Consider two contrasting growth scenarios for the a developing city:
  - a. Building out – fringe area growth, lower density/spread-out development, auto-oriented, “suburban” character (refer to example photos)
    - i. Your thoughts on advantages of building out
    - ii. Your thoughts on disadvantages of building out
  - b. Building in – infill development, higher density/compact development, walking and biking friendly, “urban character (refer to example photos)
    - i. Your thoughts on advantages of building in
    - ii. Your thoughts on disadvantages of building in
  - c. Where do you think Grand Forks falls on this continuum in 2021? (fill in section of the arrow that applies)
  - d. Where do you see the city in 2050 (fill in section of the arrow that applies)

**Building in**

**Building out**



Examples of what “Building Out” typically looks like:

Single Family Residential



Multi-Family Residential & Retail Commercial



Office and Restaurant



Examples of what “Building In” typically looks like:

Single Family Residential Infill and Redevelopment



Multi-Family Residential & Neighborhood-scale Commercial/Residential Mixed Use



Horizontal and Vertical Mixed Use and Industrial/Commercial Reuse



## Map It!

1. Identify one or two areas with issues or limitations to positive growth/development. What is the challenge? Use a **red pen**
2. Identify one or two areas that seem conducive for growth/development. What type of development are you picturing? Use a **blue pen**

