



# Master Plan Housing Update Subcommittee

Ypsilanti Planning Commission  
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# Welcome and Introductions

- Liz Dahl MacGregor, standing in for committee chair Heidi Jugenitz
- Bonnie Wessler, City Planner
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# Proposed “rules of engagement”

- Assume positive intent
- Be fully present; place devices on “silent” and tuck them away
- Respect and welcome difference; challenge ideas, not people
- Be open to new ways of doing things
- Engage!

# Motivations...

What drew you to this work?

What motivates you to be here?

# Roles Clarification

# City Council

Council members elected by ward; chaired by a mayor elected by whole city

Council members act as a liaison between the city and the general public. The council has administrative authority over the city. Major areas of authority and responsibility are:

- Legislating for the city
  - Managing financial operations
  - Directing enforcement of city ordinances
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# Planning Commission

Appointed by mayor and  
approved by City Council

The Ypsilanti Planning Commission is as an advisory body to the City Council. It administers compliance with the City Zoning Ordinance and reviews requests for rezoning, special use permits, street or alley vacations, capital improvements, planned unit developments, and site plans. The Planning Commission is also responsible for amending the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

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# Housing Affordability & Access Committee

Subcommittee of the Planning  
Commission

Chartered in December of 2017, the Committee will review and update the City of Ypsilanti's 2013 Master Plan with a focus on preserving and enhancing housing affordability and accessibility in keeping with the guiding values of the Master Plan. The Committee will develop and issue recommendations for specific land use and policy changes for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council.

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# Third Party Facilitator

Bridgeport Consulting

The third party facilitator will serve as “air traffic control” by:

- Helping to set agendas
  - Bringing conflict out in the open so it can be dealt with
  - Holding everyone accountable to the rules of engagement
  - Reminding the group of the balance between the ambitious and the achievable
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# Timeline

