

Welcome to the first meeting of the Annexation Task Force!

- 1) This taskforce was formed to offer suggestions to the City Administration and City Council on how to **improve** the annexation process in Sioux Falls.
- 2) This Task Force will **NOT** address specific properties or subdivisions in and around Sioux Falls. It has never been the intention of the Task Force to consider specific properties or subdivisions for annexation. Once again, our goal is to improve the process and to provide guidelines that are fair and equitable to all.
- 3) Furthermore, if you have an existing pre-annexation agreement, the work this Task Force performs will not alter your existing agreement. It will have no impact of any kind.
- 4) The taskforce includes three City Council members as well as four citizen members of the community who have been a part of the annexation process in one form or another.
- 5) While three out of seven members of the Task Force are City Council members, this is a committee of equals. Each individual serving on the Task Force has an equal and valued role in helping us reach our stated goal.
- 6) The taskforce will consider issues such as:
 - Incentives intended to mitigate the financial costs to families and properties associated with annexation.
 - What criteria should be used to identify properties for city-initiated annexation and how will they be prioritized?
 - We'll consider basic infrastructure standards for existing subdivisions annexed into the City.
 - To date, we have identified several topics for discussion. These topics will be discussed over several meetings. Additional topics and meetings may be added by the Task Force as it deems appropriate.
- 7) Taskforce meetings will be open and transparent:
 - As time permits we will have public input at each meeting.
 - The City of Sioux Falls website, (www.siouxfalls.org) will include news releases, meeting packets, meeting audio recordings, and contact information for comments. There is a link on the main page as well as in other areas of the website.

- The Task Force meetings may be relocated depending on attendance levels.
 - A future open house or future open houses will be scheduled in the evenings to better accommodate the schedules of those who work during the day.
- 8) Once again, this Task Force will **NOT** address or propose annexations of specific properties or subdivisions in and around Sioux Falls. Only the full City Council has the authority to address annexations.
 - 9) This Task Force will simply bring recommendations to the full City Council on how to **improve** the overall process of annexations.
 - 10) It will be up to the City Council to adopt its recommendations. More open discussion and public input will take place again at that time.
 - 11) In conclusion, the goal of this Task Force is to identify a process that not only assists the City in the planning and the coordination of services but it is important we identify a process that is agreeable, fair and beneficial to all.
 - 12) No doubt we'll face challenges ahead, but rest assured, we will take as much time as needed to ensure we produce an effective and fair process.