

Roles and Responsibilities of Working Group Members

- Attend Working Group Meetings and stay for the entire time.
- Read written materials sent in advance of meeting.
- Be available for between-meeting conversations with the Collaborative Policy Specialist and Staff, as needed.
- Work in good faith and collaboratively with other Working Group members, especially those with a different perspective.
- Share information and develop shared understanding of the issues with other Working Group Members
- Actively participate in the Working Group Meetings.
- Adhere to the Working Group's Ground Rules.
- Attend Community Workshops related to the Charge of the Working Group

Final Product of the Working Group

The goal of the Working Group is to reach consensus on housing policy recommendations to the City Manager and submit a written report / memo to the City Manager on those recommendations.

If the group cannot come to consensus, the Committee will deliver a written report / memo to the City Manager that explains the varying perspectives of the Group, including points of consensus, points of emerging consensus and areas of disagreement

What is Consensus?

The Working Group will strive for consensus (agreement among all members). Seeking consensus is a fundamental principle of the Working Group.

In reaching consensus, some Working Group Members may strongly endorse an overall or particular proposal while others may accept it as "workable." Others may be only able to "live with it." Still others may choose to "stand aside" by verbally noting a disagreement, yet allowing the group to reach a consensus without them if the decision does not affect them or compromise their interests. Any of these actions still constitutes consensus.

The "Gradients of Agreement" (to be explained at the meeting) is a useful tool for determining whether consensus has been reached.