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## City of Raytown updates Comprehensive Land Use Plan

*Plan last updated nearly 30 years ago*

**(Raytown, Mo.)** – Last month, the City of Raytown entered into an agreement with the Lakota Group to develop an updated comprehensive land use plan for the City. A comprehensive land use plan guides the Board of Aldermen, the Planning and Zoning Commission, staff, developers, property owners, business owners and residents on the appropriate growth and redevelopment of Raytown. The City’s plan was last updated in 1996.

“The comprehensive plan will serve as a tool for citizens, City staff and the aldermen to focus and respond to immediate and long-term needs of our town,” said Raytown Mayor Michael McDonough.

Over the next 12 months, the Lakota Group will host up to 10 community engagement workshops and listening sessions for the community, stakeholders, and City staff. The workshops will feature a combination of interactive exhibits and discussion formats designed to introduce the planning process and elicit feedback on Raytown’s strengths, challenges, opportunities, and aspirations. The plan is expected to be completed by Spring 2025.

“The plan will provide a foundation for decisions and policies that guide our future,” said Damon Hodges, Raytown City Administrator. “One of the first items I was instructed to update when I started seven years ago, was the comprehensive plan. Thanks to City Staff and the Aldermen for helping the City to make progress.”

Scott Freres, President of the Lakota Group gave his response to his firm being awarded this contract: “Thank you City of Raytown for allowing us to strategically update your land use plan. Our mission of creating plans that build connections between people, their environments and their history aligns perfectly with this project. We look forward to helping Raytown think about its future over the next 20 years.”

The first community engagement workshop is scheduled on May 22 at the Raytown Schools Wellness Center, 10301 E State Route 350, at 6:30 p.m. Public input is welcomed and encouraged.

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