

## Welcome to the Fall 2020 Planning Academy!

### Schedule

**Sept 15: Module #1a:** Introductions & Group Agreement. Planning Department leadership will provide a brief overview of the Department and its functions within City government.

**September 17: Module #1b:** Department of Planning staff will discuss the impact of systemic and institutional racism, but specifically through the lens of land use and urban planning history as it relates to Baltimore City.

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**September 22: Module #2a:** *Time TBD – watch your email.* This session will be a special in-person, outside-only walking tour of the around Pump House area in East Baltimore. We will learn about this development project, its history and the neighborhood that surrounds it.

**September 24: Module #2b:** This session will be a presentation from the Harbor Bank of Maryland Community Development Corporation. Our speaker will provide a broad overview of the real estate finance/development system. We will cover the principles of a pro-forma document and navigating development finance in Baltimore.

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**September 29: Module #3a:** This session will provide a broad overview of the Zoning Code in Baltimore City: how it is used and how it can be navigated. What are the key terms that residents need to know when reading the Zoning Code? What type of development projects trigger opportunities for public input, and how can residents navigate the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA) hearings.

**October 1: Module #3b:** This session will continue the discussion on land use, focusing more broadly on development in Baltimore City. How do developers interact with the Department of Planning?

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**October 6: Module #4a:** This session will offer a broad overview of the budget process in Baltimore. How are investments such as parks, transit, and street improvements planned and funded in Baltimore City? What role does the Planning Department play in this process?

**October 8: Module #4b:** This session will dig into the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget process. This is the portion of the budget process that is managed by the Department of Planning in Baltimore City.

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**October 13: Module #5a:** This session will tackle neighborhood planning in Baltimore. How do neighborhood level plans come together? Why are these plans important to the future of

communities? What is the role of resident planners in this process? This workshop will also cover the Department of Planning's neighborhood planning policy in greater detail.

**October 15: Module #5b:** Equitable Development – what does this look like? Is it possible for a developer to act in the best interests of the community? Who best represents the community? Can physical improvements – new parks, schools, retail or housing – be built in a community without spurring gentrification, and how? This will be a facilitated conversation that delves into these topics.

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**October 20: Module #6a:** Graduation Celebration. This session will bring back alumni of the Planning Academy to talk about their experiences leading community based projects. How can Planning Academy graduates get involved and provide leadership within the City government and within their own community after the course concludes?