



City of Kingston Community Forum  
Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, March 22, 2018

**EVENT DETAILS** - Event Title: *Equitable Development Community Workshop*

*Date: Thursday, March 22nd*

*Time: 6:00-8:00pm*

*Location: City Hall Council Chambers (420 Broadway)*

**EVENT SUMMARY** - *Mayor Steve Noble is pleased to announce a community workshop regarding “equitable development” to be held on Thursday, March 22nd at 6:00pm at City Hall, located at 420 Broadway.*

*This event is a follow up to the successful public workshop held in May 2017 and supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through its Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program. The purpose of the program was to help the community evaluate its priorities to work toward equitable development and support community goals for housing, local businesses, jobs, transportation, and preserving opportunities for residents. In part, the U.S. EPA defines equitable development as “...a range of approaches for creating communities and regions where residents of all incomes, races, and ethnicities participate in and benefit from decisions that shape the places where they live.” Kingston was one of only 25 communities nationwide that received assistance in 2017 through the U.S. EPA Building Blocks program.*

*As part of the May 2017 workshop series, participants were tasked with creating broad goals and proposed actions or initiatives to achieve those goals. The goals identified by the community participants included:*

- Strengthen existing neighborhoods and provide access to economic opportunity*
- Maintain neighborhood culture through economic change*
- Complete sidewalk network and make streets safe for all users*
- Sustain and create affordable housing*
- Communicate effectively among community*

*The purpose of the upcoming Community Workshop is to introduce the concept of Equitable Development to the broader public, review the proposed goals, actions and initiatives from the May 2017 workshop, determine any progress that has been made in achieving those goals or barriers to success, identify missing goals, actions and initiatives, and set next steps.*

*The format of the Community Workshop will include: opening remarks from Mayor Noble; a recap and review of the initial goals and actions proposed by community members at the first workshop; and rotating discussion groups regarding the five major identified goal areas.*