

Guiding Principles Worksheet

Definition of a Guiding Principle: "Guiding Principles" are a broad philosophy that encompass a community's values and guide development choices in all circumstances, irrespective of implementation strategies. They create a culture where everyone understands what is important.

Please use this form to craft "guiding principle" related to the specific topic.

Topic: Design Blends Seamlessly

Value Words: _____

Guiding Principle Title

(Example: Maintain and Expand Walkability):

Ensure that New Development is Harmonious with Existing/Historic Parts of Town

Guiding Principle Description

(Example: Development will be walkable and bikeable with safe, accessible, and pleasurable walking and biking facilities that enable people of all ages and abilities to traverse the development and connect to existing neighborhoods, the downtown, and nearby recreation facilities.)

Development will...

blend seamlessly and be harmonious with existing character of our small urban village, with existing and new development sharing the same underlying principles of space, structure, elements, composition, proportion, ornament, charm, and character, regardless of style...

...that creates/enables/establishes/preserves/etc. ...

strengthens or improves the preexisting character, allowing the community to grow and change in accordance with historic patterns and styles, thereby assuring a continuity of character over time, invoking a sense of beauty and harmony while making the city more sustainable and just.