



## **Background**

On September 19, 2018, City Council a Public Participation Plan for the City of Hancock. This plan was a requirement of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC) Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program.

### **Public Participation Objectives**

The purpose for establishing this Public Participation Plan is to have a clear set of policies, procedures, and methods to apply across a wide range of city initiatives to ensure the public has appropriate venues and timing for feedback. This is meant to be a "living document" that is updated periodically to respond to changes in staffing, noticing, and community needs.

Public participation goals for the city include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ❖ Foster a culture within Hancock's local government which prioritizes public participation in city planning and development activities.
- ❖ Provide diverse opportunities for stakeholders to participate and provide public input.
- ❖ Conduct all aspects of public participation transparently, while making sure stakeholders can freely access the process if they are interested.
- ❖ Evaluate each project individually and determine scope, stakeholders, limitations, body of approval, community impact during each decision-making process, resources, and the level of appropriate public participation.
- ❖ Track and analyze results of public participation to feasible extent and share the results of such activities with the broader public.
- ❖ Develop and maintain staff expertise in all aspects of public participation.
- ❖ Continuously encourage and support improvement in the city's approach to public participation

### **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Annual Status Report**

As a component of the Public Participation Plan evaluation, the city will report annually on the plans implementation and will provide the following information:

- Community placemaking project - Memorial/ Upper Montezuma Park
- Community placemaking project - revitalization of Hancock Tori and Farmers Market
- Community outreach - Newspaper and radio advertising
- DDA Bi-annual Report
- Farmers Market -Educational Events
- Planning Commission Annual report
- Branding Survey (logo)
- 5-Year Recreation Plan -Survey and Public hearing
- Budget Public Hearing for city of Hancock