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Public input sessions to start

Meetings will be part of making long-range vision for Fort Dodge The group sessions at which Fort Dodge residents can offer their thoughts on the city's future will begin Thursday.

Those sessions will be part of the Envision 2030 process of preparing a long-range plan for the city.

All focus group sessions are open to everyone.

Each session will be two hours long and will emphasize a theme.

The Slater Group, the company assisting the city with the planning process, offers this advice for people at group sessions: "To better understand the visioning process, think about the way you would like to see Fort Dodge at the present time. Then think about it with 20 years added to your life. What type of city will be important to you when you are 20 years older?"

Here is the schedule of focus group sessions.

THURSDAY

- Government and Economic Development, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Best Western Starlite Village Inn & Suites, highways 7 and 169
- Education Organizations, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Best Western Starlite Village Inn & Suites
- Second Ward, 7 to 9 p.m., Holy Rosary Church, 2406 9 1/2 Ave. S.

FRIDAY

- Faith-based Organizations, 10 a.m. to noon, Best Western Starlite Village Inn & Suites
- Arts, Culture and Nonprofit Organizations, 2 to 4 p.m., Best Western Starlite Village Inn & Suites

JAN. 22

- Business and Retail Organizations, 8 to 10 a.m., Best Western Starlite Village Inn & Suites

JAN. 23

- Industry and Agribusiness Organizations, 8 to 10 a.m., Best Western Starlite Village Inn & Suites

- Third Ward, 6 to 8 p.m., Fort Dodge Senior High School, 819 N. 25th St.

JAN. 24

- Young Professionals Organization, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Best Western Starlite Village Inn &

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- Health Care Organizations, 3 to 5 p.m., Best Western Starlite Village Inn & Suites
- Fourth Ward, 6 to 8 p.m., Feelhaver Elementary School, 1300 14th Ave. N.

JAN. 25

- First Ward, 6 to 8 p.m., Citizens Central, 617 Central Ave.