

ROUND TABLE: DEFINING & UNDERSTANDING NEIGHBORHOODS

2 HOURS TOTAL:

- I. PANEL PRESENTATION (5 MINUTE OVERVIEW OF EACH TOPIC) – TOTAL 20 MINUTES - THEN BREAKOUT GROUPS**
 - A. URBAN**
 - 1. WHAT MAKES A BOUNDARY? EG. MISSION STREET, MARKET STREET? A TRAIN LINE?**
 - 2. WHAT CHARACTERIZES DESIRABLE AND LESS DESIRABLE URBAN NBHDS? DENSITY? AGE OF HOUSING? MIX OF PROPERTY TYPES? PROXIMITY TO SERVICES?**
 - 3. WHERE DOES THE TRANSITION OCCUR?**
 - B. SUBURBAN**
 - 1. WHAT MAKES A BOUNDARY IN SUBURBIA? SCHOOL DISTRICT? TOWN/CITY BOUNDARIES? MAJOR ROADWAYS? SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT?**
 - 2. WHAT INCREASES VALUE IN A SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD? SIZE OF LOTS? HOUSING DESIGN? LOCAL AMENITIES? COMMUNITY SERVICES?**
 - 3. WHERE DOES THE TRANSITION OCCUR?**
 - C. RURAL**
 - 1. WHAT MAKES A BOUNDARY IN A RURAL COMMUNITY? LOCAL CONTROLS? PROPERTY TYPES, SAY FARMS VS. RANCHES? LAND USE?**
 - 2. HOW BIG IS A NEIGHBORHOOD WHEN IT IS RURAL? DOES LAND USE CREATE A NBHD OR DO CIVIC BOUNDARIES? MILES APART? COMMUNITY SERVICES &/OR FACILITIES?**
 - 3. HOW DO YOU RECOGNIZE/DESCRIBE REASONABLE NBHD BOUNDARIES?**
 - D. TRANSITIONAL**
 - 1. WHAT DO WE MEAN BY A TRANSITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD? CAN THIS OCCUR IN AN URBAN SETTING? A SUBURBAN SETTING? A RURAL SETTING?**
 - 2. WHAT IDENTIFIES A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IS TRANSITIONAL? FROM WHAT TO WHAT?**
 - 3. IS LAND USE OR DENSITY OF LAND USE IMPORTANT TO THIS DESCRIPTION?**
- II. BREAKOUT GROUPS ON EACH TOPIC IN A MODERATED ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION – approximately 20 to 25 minutes per session so that students can participate in 4 discussions/topics).**
- III. PANEL SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS FROM EACH MAJOR TOPIC – 5 to 10 minutes summary of each Topic’s focus and important points raised during the discussions.**