

COMMUNITY GUIDE: NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION MEETINGS (NIMs)

1. What is a Neighborhood Informational Meeting (NIM)?

NIMs are a means for potential developers to inform neighbors and interested community members of a proposed project in an informal setting. The City of Rochester requires potential developers host a NIM for specific types of Land Development projects. A NIM is not a full review of the project, but rather it is an opportunity for the public to learn about the project and share any thoughts or ideas with the development team.

Please Note: Be kind, considerate, and thoughtful when providing feedback. The more thoughtful and reasonable your feedback is, the more likely the developer will be to incorporate it in their design.

2. Who can attend a Neighborhood Informational Meeting (NIM)?

Anyone interested in learning more about the project is encouraged to attend the NIM.

3. When are Neighborhood Informational Meetings (NIMs) completed?

NIMs are completed early in the development process before a formal Land Development Application has been submitted or approved. NIMs occur before any project construction can occur.

4. How is the City involved with Neighborhood Informational Meetings (NIMs)?

The City requires NIMs for specific application types and outlines a list of required materials the applicant must provide at the meeting, however, the City is NOT involved in planning or hosting the meeting. Since NIMs are early in the development process and held before a Land Development application has been submitted, it is not typical for City teammates to attend NIMs. While the City may not have a representative at the meeting, please note that community members are always welcome to contact the City Team to share their feedback or get their questions answered. Contact our department at communitydevelopment@rochestermn.gov or 507-328-2600.

5. What impact can I have on the development by attending a Neighborhood Information Meeting (NIM)?

The primary objective of the NIM is to inform neighbors and interested community members of the proposed Land Development project in an informal setting. This meeting is not a full review of the project but rather an opportunity to learn about the project and share any thoughts or ideas you might have with the development team. Your feedback may guide the applicant in improving their project, including additions or alterations they had not previously considered. Please note that project approval ultimately comes down to whether or not the proposed project complies with all relevant regulations, codes, and ordinances to comply with private property rights.