In this activity, participants will come together for a facilitated discussion on:

(1) their mission — i.e. sharing a succinct statement that speaks to what they’re focused on;
(2) 1-2 actions they are currently involved with that are helping advance their mission; and
(3) the review and self selection of 1-2 recommendations they can help champion.

Directions:
Welcome everyone and pass out the Imagine Dubuque Executive Summary. Ask the group (by a show of hands), who is familiar or has heard of Imagine Dubuque. Request a volunteer to share their understanding of the project. Then, read the following:

“Imagine Dubuque is our City’s Comprehensive Plan. It was developed over a year long process beginning in Fall of 2016 that included extensive community engagement and resulted in over 12,500 ideas being shared by our residents and community. Those ideas were inventoried and the topics most represented were used to develop the plan’s recommendations. The executive summary before you provides a quick look at these recommendations and key elements.

Now what? Over the next 20 minutes, we are going to discuss how we can come together to make these recommendations a reality. What we can DO — as individuals, organizations, and community leaders to further these projects. The City alone cannot achieve this plan; it’s on US to come together and impact our future. Before we begin our discussion, first a few ground rules (read ground rules listed at right).”

Ask the group to divide up into groups of 5 people. Next, pass out the Recommendation Selection Guides. Each group should then spend 20 minutes running through the questions, getting to know one another, while jotting down answers on the backside of the worksheet.

After 20 minutes, circle back and ask each group to briefly highlight their mission and the 1-2 recommendations they selected to champion. Each group should spend 2-3 minutes summarizing what they can help lead. To conclude: thank folks, collect handouts, let them know their input will be entered into a City database for future follow-up. Encourage them to register via the website www.imaginedubuque.com for updates.