

**Rebuilding Rockport-Fulton Community Workshops**  
**Economic Development Focus Groups - Dec. 11-12**  
**Housing Focus Groups and Planning Sessions Dec. 13-15**  
**Economic Development Planning Sessions Jan. 8-12**

Economic Development Focus Groups are set for Monday, Dec. 11 and Tuesday, Dec. 12. These groups will provide input for development of a Community Economic Development Plan. Information from focus groups will be incorporated into economic development planning sessions to be held January 8-12. A final implementation plan will be presented the week of January 8.

Housing Focus Groups are set for Wednesday, Dec 13, Thursday Dec. 14, and Friday, Dec. 15. These groups will provide input for development of a Community Housing Plan. Information from focus groups will be incorporated into the final implementation plan which will be presented December 15.

The workshops will be held at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the Public Safety Center located at 714 Concho St. in Rockport. Sign up for the session you are interested in by going to the calendar at [www.rockport-fulton.org](http://www.rockport-fulton.org).

Below is a detailed outline of the schedule:

<b>Economic Development - Dec 11 and 12</b>
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The Focus Group facilitator, Allison Larkin, is a sought-after speaker and trainer for economic development best practices. She has spoken at conferences and special training events for the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), British Columbia EDA, Economic Developers of Alberta, California Academy for Economic Development, Mid-America EDC, Nebraska Public Power District, Northwest Economic Development Course, Oregon EDA, Pacific Northwest EDC, Public Service of Oklahoma, South Carolina EDA, Texas Economic Development Council, Team Texas, Washington EDA and Wisconsin EDA. She is being provided to our community "complimentary" as support for the "Rebuild Rockport-Fulton" Recovery effort by the Economic Development Administration and the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). She will return the week of January 8 to finalize an Economic Development implementation plan.

Other organizations and facilitators have agreed to give their support as well such as the Governor's Office of Economic Development, Texas Economic Development Corporation and others.

**Monday, Dec. 11**

**Focus Group #1 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Tourism**

Local attractions, fishing guides, history, arts, heritage district, hotels, rentals, condos, lodges, restaurants and nightlife

**Focus Group #2 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Downtowns**

Downtown Rockport Businesses and Downtown Fulton Businesses

**Tuesday, Dec. 12**

**Focus Group #3 9:00 am – 11:00 am – Local community**

Schools, real estate, government offices, churches, youth groups, parks and recreation

**Focus Group #4 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm - Industry**

Industrial, Specialty Companies, Boat Building/Repair, Oil & Gas, Builders, Construction, Commercial Fishing

**Housing Planning Sessions by Pegasus Consulting Dec. 13-14-15**

Sean Garretson of Pegasus Planning and Development will be facilitating the housing sessions. Mr. Garretson is a nationally-renowned expert in urban planning, workforce housing strategies, economic development and revitalization. He leads a team of urban planners in Austin, TX but consults with communities and regions throughout the US.

**Wednesday, Dec 13** - Workforce housing solutions for employees

**Focus Group #1: 9:00 am – 11:00 am – Recovery leaders, ISD**

**Focus Group #2: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm – Realtors (residential and commercial)**

Discuss future plans and their workforce housing needs

**Focus Group #3: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm – ED Groups**

Chamber/tourism, hotel associations, large hotels

**Thursday, Dec. 14**

**Focus Group #4: 9:00 am – 10:30 am – Developers and Contractors**

**Focus Group #5: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm – Large employers**

**Public Workshop: 1:00-3:00 pm Housing strategies** - workforce housing solutions for their employees

**Friday, Dec. 15**

**Wrap Up Presentation 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

For questions, contact the Chamber at 361-729-6445.

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