

COMMUNITY VISIONING SESSION

4.11.2016


Summary Notes



- Most issues fit into one of the following six categories: transportation, community livability, schools, land use and housing, infrastructure, public spaces
- Near universal support for prioritizing safe and complete bike/ped systems.
- Lots of discussion around schools and the quality of schools
- Sustainability is a big theme among residents who participated.
- Lots of support for placemaking and streetscaping components (i.e. downtown, gateways to the city, trees and green plantings).
- Desire for a variety of housing types, styles, and price points
- Many comments related to the Walmart site and other parking-intense sites. People generally wanted to see increase in overall density in St. Anthony (too many seas of parking)
- Desire to see continued innovation in stormwater control and quality improvement

See *Summary of Key Strategies* and *Issues and Opportunities Summary* for transcribed comments.

Issues and Opportunities Chart

 St. Anthony Comp Plan – Visioning Mtg 4.11.16	Issues / Concerns	Opportunities
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus shelters & frequency concern of bus routes • Not as walkable, bikeable as it could be • Not a walkable community, planners give priority to motor vehicles • Street redevelopment does not integrate walk/bike safety in design – bury power lines – Future planning should happen now • Dangerous intersections, Silver Lake Rd is busy (& 37th) • Connection to 694 makes us a main thoroughfare • Bus shelters? • No separate bike lanes for commuters • Bikes/pedestrians are seen as recreational, not transportation • Potentially dangerous intersections (i.e. 29th & SLR, etc) • Lack of pedestrian/bike to key employer sites and commercial sites • Current system oriented to cars – less opportunity for driving as gas supplies dwindle • Lack of bike/ped/transit safety & availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create more bus shelters & more frequent route • Create more bike and walking paths • Bus route for commuting to work, Look to expand bus opportunities • Proximity to Minneapolis and St. Paul • Re-route cars around on 88 • Bridge over Kenzie Terrace @ Stinson • Put sidewalks wherever streets are redone • Complete Grand Rounds • Add sidewalks & upgrade intersections for safety • Connect trails • Redevelop to minimize roads to accommodate pedestrians, bikers, pets, etc • Rethink lighting, garage, street widths • Neighboring cities connections
Land Use & Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship with the city and the developers must improve so the city maintains sufficient investment in the projects as well as the developers • Lack of affordable housing for all types of families • Walmart • Poor maintenance of green space • Long-term affordability • Redevelopment needed at trailer park and several commercial areas • Lack of space for new development • Lack of integration between use areas • Green spaces are primarily <u>water-intensive</u> grass • Parking lots • Beekeeping requires more land than most lots have • Redevelop business parks, make them future forward and attracting clientele • Upkeep of residential • We <u>need</u> to have more desirable, nicer, high end single family homes. Will encourage new residents, improve city demographics, attract more business & increase property tax revenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capture more tax dollars with positive developers similar to Linden Hills • Update zoning ordinances • Lowry Grove, Multi-family, Multi-use → AFFORDABLE • Walmart • Incorporate native plants and eliminate chemicals • Restrict teardowns & preserve what we have • Keep community vibrant w/ new residents • Manage density to maintain quality of services • Creative development of few vacant parcels (i.e. bowling alley) • Redevelopment with economic diversity in mind and blending of land use spaces • Redevelop on Kenzie Terrace • Solve Walmart (YWCA) • More density, less parking lots • Multidwelling housing for seniors to transition out of homes and stay in community

Environmental

- Ordinances are not forward-thinking
- Water quality in lakes
- Tree removal during street renovation
- City position for sustainability/growth opportunities
- Silver Lake water quality
- Clay soil
- Groundwater quality
- Encourage business and homeowners to reduce runoff, reduce water use
- Water quality (drinking & surface) threats
- Silver Lake: too many carp, adjoining lawns
- More pollinators, diverse plantings, native plantings, fruit trees, more trees
- Energy and land use practices are not sustainable
- Not enough green space
- Water quality

- Water-holding facility on Silver Lake
- Ban pesticides
- Plant more trees
- Banning plastic bags
- Silver Lake is a great resource. Maintain and improve it.
- New technology for improvements
- Wealth of resources to conserve natural resources (water, energy, etc)
- Be forward-thinking with technology
- Explore grants, funding sources, volunteers to expand greening the city

Public Spaces

- Make sure there are adequate parks & public space throughout
- Update the Community Center
- Public Meeting spaces
- Safety & health of parks
- Aging community center
- Community center very active – could it be upgraded
- Private businesses are our public spaces – could there be public park component?
- Rundown areas (i.e. Walmart, Commercial areas at 40th/Stinson etc)
- Lack of development due to lack of big box store
- Use of chemical on public grass
- City Hall is ugly (building)
- Gym in community center is too small
- Space for resident students in public schools

- More mixed-use space
- Replace turf with natives, trees, natural playground equipment
- Update Community Center to meet the needs of the community
- Summer ice rink
- Add anchor store, other retail
- Environmentally friendly/sustainable landscaping
- Dog drinking fountains
- Dog park @ Central park
- Farmers markets
- City Parks

Description	Ranking	Theme
Students planted edible gardens throughout the city	1	Community Livability
Farm to table in the schools	1	Community Livability
Pass city ordinances that allow adoption of new technologies, strategies, use of public/private spaces to build resilient community	1	Community Livability
Create multiple opportunities for work and recreation/leisure across generations (young children --> teens --> adults --> seniors)	1	Community Livability
Set up solar/wind power systems for our public buildings	1	Community Livability
Planted more trees/bushes	1	Community Livability
We reduced our electricity and gas usage by 50% between 2016 and 2025	1	Community Livability
Make natural gardens like St. Anthony Park	2	Community Livability
Officially adopt goals of the 2013 sustainability plan	2	Community Livability
Set and achieve green step cities (Step 5) goals	2	Community Livability
Hired a sustainability farmer to help citizens develop gardens, plant fruit orchards around the city to allow citizens fresh fruits, plant native species around buildings etc so we have pollinators, tap maple trees for making syrup, start a community garden area for those who live in apts or condos	2	Community Livability
We looked at what worked in other cities/countries. Spoke with planning experts.	3	Community Livability
Integrate STAV sustainability goals in the Comp plan	3	Community Livability
Create a brand as the definitive St. Anthony, through creating a distinctive/welcoming environment	3	Community Livability
Developed areas with diverse opportunities	3	Community Livability
City should use 100% renewable energy, starting with electricity	3	Community Livability
Initiated organics collection (local drop off site)	3	Community Livability
Attract diverse businesses (and residents)	3	Community Livability
Embrace technology --> communication	4	Community Livability
Collect food waste for compost	4	Community Livability
Encouraged a diverse population (age, culture, class, etc)	4	Community Livability
Encouraged residents to grow gardens, keep bees/chickens	4	Community Livability
Promote home beautification projects	5	Community Livability
Protect & educate the public about natural resources	5	Community Livability
Increased renewable energy production (municipal, residential)	5	Community Livability
Develop gateways (each access point of the city)	6	Community Livability
Organized collection to save streets/alleyways and protect consumer	6	Community Livability
Free Wi-fi	8	Community Livability
Decreased water use (municipal and residential) and improved stormwater treatment/reclamation	1	Environmental
We stopped using pesticides/herbicides!!	2	Environmental
Improved surface and drinking water quality	2	Environmental
Improved water quality: ensure that it is here and enough for the future (sustainable)	2	Environmental
Eliminated use of chemicals on all public green spaces and increased planting of native plants and trees	2	Environmental
We cleaned Silver Lake into a clear, swimmable lake	2	Environmental
Promote rain gardens & native plantings on every green space	4	Environmental
Made silver lake water cleaner	4	Environmental

Description	Ranking	Theme
Add "anchor", high demand businesses and remodel old sites/buildings	1	Land Use & Housing
Create policy to allow for continual turnover of housing stock to keep schools and parks viable.	1	Land Use & Housing
We rebuilt Lowry Grove shops below and housing above. A true village downtown, fountain or ice rink centerpiece. Take down Bremer Bank, and put it in the Lowry Grove Square.	1	Land Use & Housing
Build projects targeting multi-generational/diverse demographics	1	Land Use & Housing
Raze business park, build flexible business structures (south end)	2	Land Use & Housing
Improve housing needs for all family types	2	Land Use & Housing
Developed a YCWA at Walmart site	2	Land Use & Housing
Redevelop south end shopping center (major Hennepin County library, theme restaurant establishment)	3	Land Use & Housing
Allow for home improvements/redevelopment to continue to attract new families as residents. "Freshen up". There is demand for high priced homes in the city. People don't move here because they can't find a "nice enough" home. More high end homes would be needed.	3	Land Use & Housing
Allow people to age in place by allowing communal living in non-institutionalized setting. Programs for healthy active seniors.	3	Land Use & Housing
Super cute historical society building in the oldest housing standing in Village. We created an interactive "farm".	3	Land Use & Housing
Encouraged thoughtful, right-sized sustainable growth	3	Land Use & Housing
Walmart was converted into a Rec center with commerce inside. Healthy family restaurant at Wendy's space	4	Land Use & Housing
Redevelop aging retail/obsolete retail and commercial to keep community vital	4	Land Use & Housing
We kept housing affordable with small cit lots and small houses	4	Land Use & Housing
Add mixed use housing (?) manufactured home park	5	Land Use & Housing
Incorporate affordable housing into development plans	5	Land Use & Housing
Encouraged mixed use development where appropriate	6	Land Use & Housing
Increased density along transit routes	7	Land Use & Housing
More public spaces with green spaces with mixed use	1	Public Spaces
We maintained the public spaces so they were accessible year-round to people of all ages & ability levels	2	Public Spaces
We upgraded public spaces in high density population areas so folks have access to parks/green space	3	Public Spaces
Create a modern, multi-use community center with indoor play, exercise, ice rinks, multisport indoor recreation, etc. Possibly at Walmart site to draw customers to other businesses.	3	Public Spaces
Transformed our parks into "natural playgrounds" (like Tamarack Nature Center)	3	Public Spaces
Re-invest in parks: sustainability and modern play	4	Public Spaces
Transition turf in public spaces to native plants	5	Public Spaces
Make Silver Lake a destination for fishing contests and water safety training	7	Public Spaces
Ensure schools are stable	1	School System
Committed to keeping highest-quality schools	1	School System
The schools received funding for expansion	2	School System
Schools --> have space for kids & embrace technology	2	School System
Expand W.P. & modernise M.S./H.S.	2	School System
Actively invested in and maintained our schools ensuring that they evolved with changes in technology and the world	3	School System
We kept schools great with referenda and good city planning	3	School System
Adequate funding for strong schools	4	School System
Maintain the excellence of the neighborhood schools	4	School System

Description	Ranking	Theme
We repaired/replaced infrastructure (sidewalks, roads, etc) that are in poor condition/decaying	1	Transportation & Infrastructure
We implemented an award winning walk/bike plan to insure folks have access to economic, education, health etc connections throughout the area	1	Transportation & Infrastructure
Made the city more walkable/bikeable	1	Transportation & Infrastructure
Remained committed to walkability through trails, sidewalks, lighting and safety of the area	1	Transportation & Infrastructure
Developed a bike and pedestrian plan	1	Transportation & Infrastructure
Focused on safety of residents thru bike paths, sidewalks, roadways w/ lights to control traffic	1	Transportation & Infrastructure
Implement biking and walking infrastructure to support safe walking and biking	1	Transportation & Infrastructure
Utilize complete streets/active living guidelines in future development	1	Transportation & Infrastructure
Improve & connect biking & walking routes	1	Transportation & Infrastructure
Prioritize pedestrian, transit and bicycle transportation as high as motor vehicle traffic thru the city	2	Transportation & Infrastructure
Provide safe routes to all our schools and businesses	2	Transportation & Infrastructure
Complete walking/biking community by adding bike paths/sidewalks and pedestrian-friendly intersections	2	Transportation & Infrastructure
Become a connection hub to Mpls & St. Paul encouraging many transportation modes	2	Transportation & Infrastructure
Upgraded infrastructure (water, utilities, lighting, roads) to avoid falling behind	2	Transportation & Infrastructure
Paid attention to maintaining community infrastructure (roads, housing stock, public spaces)	2	Transportation & Infrastructure
More bike paths were built to connect St. Anthony to surrounding communities	3	Transportation & Infrastructure
Built sidewalks on key routes	3	Transportation & Infrastructure
Eliminate traffic injuries and fatalities	3	Transportation & Infrastructure
Planted boulevard trees around the city so we can walk and bike in shade	3	Transportation & Infrastructure
Designated bike route, connected to others (e.g. Diagonal and Minneapolis)	3	Transportation & Infrastructure
Covered rail tracks along 37th	4	Transportation & Infrastructure
Designated bike lanes on strategic routes	4	Transportation & Infrastructure
Meet federal and state laws on transit	4	Transportation & Infrastructure
Bury power lines	5	Transportation & Infrastructure
Rebuilt streets for long-range use	5	Transportation & Infrastructure
Build a bike/walk transportation network within city	5	Transportation & Infrastructure
Improve walk/bike community; routes	6	Transportation & Infrastructure
Implemented policies that favor walking/biking/transit over cars	6	Transportation & Infrastructure
Connect and reinforce regional bike trail systems	6	Transportation & Infrastructure