

Rochester's Neighborhood Resource Center

RNeighbors

Providing tools to grow GREAT neighborhoods

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Minnesota's
Neighborhood
Resource
Center**

Vision

RNeighbors works toward a future in Rochester when community life is rooted in neighborhood networks that nurture citizen involvement for positive community change.

Mission

RNeighbors empowers citizen leaders to create sustainable neighborhood networks that promote a vibrant, healthy and livable community.

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Mayor's Council on Neighborhoods Meeting Summary

Tuesday, October 22, 2014, 5:30-7 pm • Rochester Area Foundation Board Room

Mission of the Mayor's Council on Neighborhoods

To strengthen connections between neighborhood leaders and give neighborhoods a collective voice.

Welcome

Introductions

Host: Jeff Ellerbusch, Olmsted Planning Department

Brief overview/questions about this joint community engagement effort organized by Destination Medical Center (DMC) and Rochester-Olmsted Planning, created to share perspectives on the current draft DMC Development Plan and the initial stages of the City of Rochester's Comprehensive Plan (Planning 2 Succeed, or P2S).

DMC and Comprehensive Plan Public Engagement Toolkit

(Feedback listed on Project Areas is only a small portion of comments made by participants)

1. Keeping Rochester Competitive
2. What is DMC
3. What's Happening
4. Planning Schedule
5. Development Plan Overview
6. Development District
 - a. **Project Area – The Center**
 - i. Development away from Peace Plaza is a good thing
 - ii. Unique and dramatic – positive
 - iii. More winter concept/utility
 - iv. Desire for art integration
 - v. Desire for sustainability and green technology
 - vi. More than just retail
 - vii. Keep local businesses involved
 - viii. Handicap accessibility
 - ix. Awareness of light pollution

Initiative Partners



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b. Project Area – Discovery Square

- i. First floor should engage pedestrians/inclusive
- ii. Fear for historic buildings
- iii. Like green space
- iv. Getting rid of surface parking is good
- v. Bike lanes throughout downtown
- vi. How will this be used by local residents
- vii. Mass transit
- viii. Less geometrical
- ix. Like keeping businesses in Rochester

c. Project Area – Waterfront

- i. Concern regarding the library location
- ii. Indoor market is good (with indoor/outdoor capabilities)

- iii. Feasibility of some design features
- iv. Confirm desire to engage water
- v. Performing arts center in this area
- vi. Retail/restaurants
- vii. Less pavement
- viii. More water activities

d. Project Area – Central Station

- i. Civic center shouldn't stop here
- ii. Makes sense to put it near the rail tracks for future development
- iii. Good concept/idea, good location

e. Project Area – St. Marys Place

- i. Good use of transportation
- ii. Bringing together downtown areas
- iii. Major green space
- iv. Engages/supports KPN

The group completed the DMC portion of the Toolkit but did not get to the City Comprehensive Plan section. Although not included in this meeting summary, all feedback written down by scribes from each small group was turned in with each Toolkit.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 5:30-7 pm

Dismissal



Attendees

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