

Rochester's Neighborhood Resource Center

RNeighbors

Providing tools to grow GREAT neighborhoods

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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 (MCN) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 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 (15 mins)

Name and Neighborhood Association/Organization you're representing

Share a positive fall neighborhood effort (completed or planned)

- Randy Schubring, Slatterly Park. Sixth Street Bridge opening in the next 2-3 weeks. Neighborhood had involvement in design and planning of the bridge. Vintage light posts and planters included.
- Sue Rain, Washington. Police sergeant assigned to their neighborhood and has helped.
- Lisa Peterson, Washington.
- Bob Sixta, Folwell. Lots of residential remodeling occurring in neighborhood. Traffic off of 6th Street became a challenge. Has been addressed through NA and school. More kids walking to school now. A mini-library opened that looks like a rocket ship and has been popular with neighbors.
- Marilyn Meyer, Cimarron. Community garden raised bed constructed thanks to Project Grant. Community meeting about drive-by shooting led by Councilman Nick Champion was well attended. Three Police officers attended meeting. Case of random crime. Lots of improvement in Cimarron since 2006-2009.
- Nancy Slocumb, Historic SW. Free-flowing discussion in recent neighborhood association meetings have been well received. Heroin house situation resolved.
- Dave Dunn, Planning Department. Resided in Rochester 1 year, lives near Elton Hills. Previously worked in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, on neighborhood planning initiatives.
- Dave Edmonson, Kutzky Park. Kutzky Krawl progressive dinner across 3 different Kutzky households to build social connections. Halloween parade and party for the kids. Project grants completed with new park banners and raised garden beds to use next year. Dealing with drunks in the park. Officer suggesting ordinance to prohibit alcohol in the park unless group obtains permit. Police are concerned that if ordinance is instituted for Kutzky Park that the issues will overflow and have contacted Slatterly NA.
- Dick Denny, Sunnyside. There are no parking signs posted on north side of neighborhood and people are parking there.
- Kelly Dungan, Sunnyside. Crime issues on 11 ½ Street. Many rentals with slum lords (8 out of 13 owed by the same man). SWAT team has been onsite at least once a week for domestic situation. Neighborhood is working with Building Safety and end goal is to pull rental certificates.
- Mike LaPlante, Eastside.



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Planning to Succeed - Comprehensive Plan Update (PowerPoint included)

Guest: Dave Dunn, Rochester-Olmsted Planning Department, Assistant Planning Director

Planning to Succeed (P2S) is a long-range planning effort to update the City's Comprehensive Plan to prepare for anticipated employment and population growth and community change.

The big questions – As a community, how do we...

- Accommodate for a variety of lifestyle choices
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Changing population
- Address our future labor shortage
- Attract world class talent
- Enhance our quality of life for residents

Labor force gap exists
Tight housing market

Comparing 3 scenarios for development

Value to the Community

- Ensures efficient public resources, facilities, and infrastructure
- Promotes a common vision for Rochester based on community values and priorities
- Establishes a framework to prioritize, coordinate, and leverage public and private investments
- Provides a framework for strategic, intentional, decisions
- Like current plans, allows flexibility

Rochester Comprehensive Plan – 25 year plan

Integrated approach

Physical development – in context of projected growth and change

Fiscal Impacts

Not all elements of community dynamics, needs, government services or aspirations are included.

Q/A

Dismissal

Upcoming MCN Meetings

- Tuesday, December 8, 2015 (This meeting date/time is not 100% certain. Once finalized René will email group.)
Two sessions: 4-6 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm
Location: Fire Station #2, Emergency Operations Center, 2185 Wheelock Drive NE.
Topic: Comprehensive Plan Community Workshop
Room capacity is 75 so NAs are encouraged to bring multiple board members.
- Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 5:30-7 pm
Location: Rochester Area Foundation, 12 Elton Hills Drive
Speaker: Aaron S. Reeves, ICMA-CM | City Clerk
Topic: The Neighborhood Meeting Process in Development Review



Attendees

Back row (left to right): René Lafflam, RNeighbors; Kelly Dunagan, Sunnyside; Richard Denny, Sunnyside; Randy Schubring, Slatterly; Mike LaPlante, Eastside; Lisa Peterson, Washington; Dave Edmonson, Kutzky.
Front row: Dave Dunn, Rochester Planning Department; Nancy Slocumb, Historic SW; Marilyn Meyer, Cimarron; Sue Rain, Washington.
Not pictured: Bob Sixta, Folwell.