

Naperville Comprehensive Master Plan

Outreach Workshop Summary

In June 2019, the City of Naperville hosted community workshops at the 95th Street Library and the Municipal Center in Naperville, as well as an elected and appointed officials round table at the Municipal Center. The workshops were part of public outreach in support of the planning process for the new Naperville comprehensive master plan. The three workshops provided an opportunity for residents, board members, City officials and other stakeholders to offer their input and feedback regarding the City and the plan. The workshops included a review of the planning process to be undertaken, as well as a group exercise designed to gather input regarding issues, opportunities, potential projects and key strengths and assets of the City. Input from these and other workshops and focus groups will help to guide the planning process and will be directly reflected in the vision, goals, recommendations and policies of the final Naperville comprehensive master plan.

Note on summary context: The following is a summary of the thoughts, comments and opinions received in the workshop. Some comments were shared with the entire group, while others were recorded privately on worksheets. The items identified in this summary are not recommendations or observations of the consultant, but rather represent feedback and comments received from those who participated in the workshop.

Community Workshop #1 Municipal Center – Council Chambers June 17, 2019

Community Workshop #1 was held in the Council Chambers at Naperville’s Municipal Center on June 17, 2019, and was attended by 22 individuals. One of the top issues identified at the workshop was traffic congestion. Participants noted heavy traffic during rush hour and downtown traffic during weekends. Another top issue identified at the workshop was the amount of development occurring in Naperville. Residents were concerned about overdevelopment and felt that developers have too much influence in the decision-making process. Participants also noted the lack of open space and the effect that development has on access to open spaces. Projects that participants would like to see undertaken by the City include pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and the implementation of sustainable practices regarding waste, energy and land conservation. Additional projects discussed included addressing downtown parking and ways to alleviate traffic congestion. Strengths and assets of Naperville that were identified by participants included the Riverwalk, downtown and the school system.

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**Community Workshop #2
95th Street Library
June 17, 2019**

Community Workshop #2 was held at the 95th Street Library in Naperville on June 17, 2019, and was attended by 11 individuals. One of the top issues identified at the workshop was the amount of development occurring in Naperville. Participants noted the City's lack of consideration to resident's concerns in favor of developers. Other top issues identified at the workshop were traffic throughout the community; the number of commercial properties currently vacant, particularly along Route 59; and the loss of green space due to development. Projects that residents would like to see undertaken by the City included public transportation and the creation and preservation of open space. Suggested public transportation projects included a downtown light rail and additional City bus routes. Strengths and assets of Naperville that were identified by participants included the schools, small town atmosphere and the downtown and Riverwalk areas.

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**Elected & Appointed Officials Roundtable
Municipal Center – Meeting Rooms
June 24, 2019**

The elected and appointed officials roundtable was held at Naperville's Municipal Center on June 24, 2019. More than 50 individuals attended, including 28 elected and appointed officials. The top issue identified at the workshop was traffic congestion. Participants noted heavy traffic downtown, on north-south arterial roads and in south Naperville, as well as the need for coordination among jurisdictions to alleviate traffic. Affordable housing and the need to address housing for younger families, seniors and empty nesters was another top concern for participants. Additional issues identified at the workshop included parking availability — particularly downtown and Metra parking, bike and pedestrian connectivity, mental health programs and public transportation. Projects that participants would like to see undertaken by the City include affordable housing, completion of the 5th Avenue development, public transportation and parking needs. Strengths and assets of Naperville that were identified by participants included the school system, park system, downtown and Riverwalk areas and Naperville's reputation as a safe community.

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