



**ST. FRANCIS PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**ISD #15 DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING
4115 AMBASSADOR BLVD.
APRIL 19, 2017**

7:00 PM

2040 Comprehensive Plan discussion with both the Planning Commission and City Council.

This meeting will:

1. Review the notes from March 15, 2017 meeting
2. Discuss the Tag Line and Vision
3. Review and edit list of stakeholders
4. Review and edit the list of event
5. Organize outreach efforts and flyer distribution

Attached:

Notes, March 15, 2017 meeting
Redevelopment Vision and explanation
List of proposed stakeholders
List of proposed events
Event Flyer for May 24, 2017

St Francis Comprehensive Plan
Notes – Kickoff Meeting with City Council and Planning and Zoning
March 15, 2017

The following are some brief notes from the discussion with the group, primarily concerning community engagement:

Need to get more people out to provide input on the comp plan. We could provide flyers in the library, at events, or at the County Market. Also could leave flyers at day care centers.

The Cub Scouts could help in distributing flyers or surveys in exchange for getting free pizza. The Girl Scouts could help out with distribution as well.

The Manna Market is held every Friday at the Lutheran Church. This could be a good location for engagement.

The Chamber could help with engagement and getting the word out.

Potential events for community engagement: Pioneer Days and National Night Out

The community newsletter will go out the last week in June. We could send information concerning a survey along with other info.

The survey and other information needs to be easy and accessible.

An elderly group meets at the Legion every Thursday.

Idea from the group: Provide a free raffle entry in exchange for doing the survey.

We could have a booth at community events.

Comment: If each member of the board were to spend 10 to 15 minutes in front of a group, this would go a long way toward good community engagement.

Need to see if the Chamber can help with getting information and content to local businesses. Key businesses to provide content to would include Anytime Fitness, the Bowling Alley, others

Need to get people aware of what is going on, before May.

Need to put the powerpoint on the website.

Would be a good idea to have a station for engagement along 47 on Saturdays.

Flyer needs to have information about the May workshop. Make people aware that they can just drop in. Everything needs to be simple, easy, and accessible.

Idea: Conduct a coloring contest on the website to get kids excited about the process, etc.

Make the website flashy and nice.

Need to promote St Francis to the people who are building.

Overall comment: The town needs a vision!

Vision Statement

“St. Francis is an active small town on the Rum River, enjoying a high quality of life that meets the day to day needs of residents, workers, and visitors.”

Vision Statement

*Our commercial districts are vibrant and bustling. Businesses are growing. Residents can buy gifts, groceries, and any number of **day-to-day goods**. Visitors and those passing through make it a point to **stop in St. Francis** on their way.*

ST FRANCIS FORWARD

Vision Statement

*While our proximity to Minneapolis and St. Paul provides our residents access to a diversity of jobs and activities within the region, residents of St. Francis have options for a **variety of jobs locally**.*

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Vision Statement

*A **full range of households** enjoy living in St. Francis. Young families, empty nesters, and senior citizens can gather, learn, celebrate, move safely and conveniently around town, and obtain the services they need.*

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Groups to Engage/Methods	Stakeholder Category	Individual In-person Meetings	Project Website	Community Open Houses	Attend Regularly scheduled Meetings	Email Blasts	Community Events and Intercepts	Other Events	Responsible St. Francis entities for Engagement
General Residency	Local		x	x		x	x		
Schools	Regional		x	x		x	X		
Youth	Local		x	x		X	X		
Seniors	Local		x	x		X	x		
Businesses	Local		x	x		X	x		
St Francis Chamber of Commerce	Local		x	x		X			
Anoka Co Chamber of Commerce	Local		x			X			
HOAs / Neighborhood Groups	Local		x	x		X	X		
Under-represented populations	Local		X	x		X	X		
Lions Club	Local		X	x		X			
American Legion	Local		X	x		X			
St Francis Women of Today	Local		X	x		X			
Drug Task Force	Local		X	x		X			
Student Councils - National Honor Society	Local		X	x		X			
Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts	Local		X	x		X			
Civics and social studies classes in Middle School & High School	Local		X	x		X			
Congregations	Local		X	x		X			
Leaders of churches, synagogues, mosques, etc.	local		X	x		X			
Food pantries and social services	Local		X	x		X			
City Council	Local		X	x		X			
Planning & Zoning	Local		X	x		X			
Met Council	Regional	X	X			X			
Metro Transit	Regional	X	X			X			
DNR	Regional	X	X			X			
Upper Rum River Watershed Mgmt District	Regional	X	X			X			
City departments (Public Works, Fire, Police, Parks)	Local	X							
Adjacent or Nearby Cities	Local		X			X			
Anoka County	Local		X			X			
Minnesota Dept of Transportation	Regional		X			X			
St Francis School District 15	Local		X			X			
Administrators	Local		X	x		X			
School Board	Local		X	x		X			
Principals / teachers	Local		X	x		X			
PTO's	Local		X	x		X	X		
Students	Local		X	x		X	X		
Large Property Owners	Local		X	x		X			
Developers and Brokers	Regional		X	x		X			
Athletics Booster clubs	Local		X	X		X			
Local ag groups? (4H, Grange, FFA)	Local		X	X		X			
Outdoor enthusiast groups ? (snomobilers, kayakers, hunters, hikers, etc.)	Regional		X	X		X			
Youth Sports Teams / Clubs	Local		X	x		X	X		
Adult Leagues	Local		X	x		X	X		

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(re)Development & Comprehensive Plans for the City of St. Francis, MN

St. Francis Forward: Community Workshop

Wednesday, May 24th

6:30 – 8:30 PM

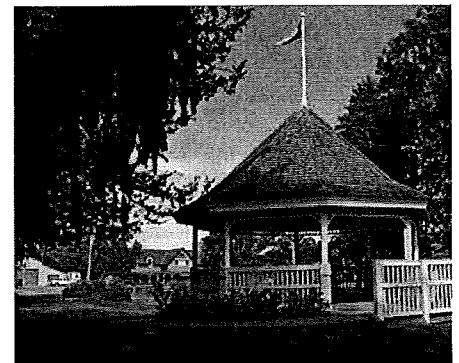
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This is your opportunity to provide your input on the Vision for the St. Francis Forward Redevelopment Plan, and for the community's overall Comprehensive Plan!

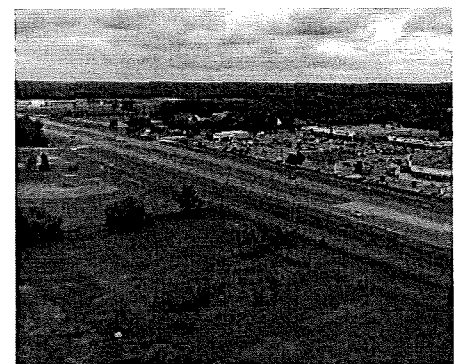
St. Francis Forward Redevelopment Plan:

Over the last several months, the City has worked with community members and stakeholders to create a Redevelopment Plan for key corridors in St. Francis, including Bridge Street and Highway 47. Drawing from this input, the consultant team will present a final version of the Redevelopment Plan for community input. The final version of the Redevelopment Plan will outline ideas for the future land uses and amenities along Bridge Street and Highway 47, and ideas for how to implement the plan over time. At the Community Workshop on May 24th, you will have the opportunity to review the plan and offer any and all input concerning the plan and its implementation strategies.



St. Francis Comprehensive Plan:

As the Redevelopment Plan for the central part of St. Francis (including Bridge Street and Highway 47) is nearing its end, the City is beginning the update to St. Francis' Comprehensive Plan. This document guides future planning for land uses, parks and open spaces, community facilities, and infrastructure for the entire City of St. Francis, through 2040. A key element of the Comprehensive Plan effort will involve defining a new "Vision" for St. Francis, to guide the community for the next 25 years. At the Community Workshop, you will have the opportunity to review existing planning information for St. Francis and to provide input on an overall Vision and set of Guiding Principles for St. Francis.



We welcome everyone to attend! To learn more about these two planning efforts, please visit the City's webpage at stfrancismn.org.