

**2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
STEERING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP ONE
Monday, February 27, 2017**

TOPIC IDENTIFICATION

Interested in the future of Ramsey	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
Rural Character	IIIIIIII
Community Center/Youth Athletics	IIIIII
Highways and Roads	IIIIII
Parks (dog park, small neighborhood parks)	IIII
Schools	IIII
Natural Resources/Climate Resilience	IIII
The COR	IIII
Housing issues	II
Destinations	I
Forward Thinking	I
Is this a plan for Agenda21?	I
Goals in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan never materialized	I
Rum River Hills Golf Course Redevelopment	I
Our parcel shrunk without our permission	I
Civic engagement	I
Shops and retail	I
National Self Storage compatibility	I
Harvest Estates	I
Property rights	I
Property pride – standards for code enforcement	I

RURAL CHARACTER

- Maintain open areas
- Keep property taxes low for multi acre property owners – towns don't have to be all high density
- Keep well and septic available to low density areas
- Natural buffers (visual) – transitions from density areas
- Don't add street lights
 - Shrouds for existing lights
- Maintain area for local source farms

- Communities need to provide more for themselves
 - Provide tax breaks
- Biology and Nature workshops
 - Bioblitz
- Shade tree education and protection
- Education and incentives for gardening and micro farming
 - Local food producers
- Promote land use for livestock – small scale
- Maintain natural corridors for wildlife movement
- Keep and develop wildlife areas
- Timed lights in community areas
- Non-GMO zones

PARKS

- Repair – i.e. boardwalks at Itasca Park
- Plant more shrubs and native grass
- No spray on plantings
- Add public art – parks and COR
- Community flower beds/parks
- Recreation Center
- Windbreak at dog park
- Playgrounds within neighborhoods, not just by parks
- Embrace the rivers – as an asset – use as a source of tourism
- Finish Central Park – lights, parking, state tourney
- More canoe rentals

TRANSPORTATION AND ROADS

- Centralize business area around COR versus sprawl
- Safe, pedestrian /bicycling friendly existing roads
- Slow down speed limits in residential areas – 40 max
 - Varlolite Street
 - Green Valley Road (63)
- Highway 10 Congestion (Park & Rides?) - Light rail is great
- Highway 10 stoplights by Quik Trip and Sunfish Lake Blvd – why?
 - Please put an overpass in – my journey takes 10-20 minutes longer
- Sustainability versus growth

SCHOOLS

- Ramsey Middle School(s)

- Ramsey High School
- Modular – make expandable – future proof
- Multi-Use
- Activities keep families in the area

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

- Would like to see plans for another senior building in the area
- We need more public awareness/teaching of the laws concerning bike trails that cross streets. Both kids and adults ride right across the streets without looking assuming the driver will stop. I read on MN Law that they only have right of way if they get off their bike and walk it across as then they are considered a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Drivers need to know which is correct also. Public info would be appreciated. Thanks.
- Please leave Rivlyn Avenue as a residential street. Do not bow to pressure from Lano, Dahlheimer, etc., to make it a frontage road. Please keep it residential! Thanks
- Stop sign at Iodine and 144th – daycares on corner – speeding cars