

Listening Session Comments:

DUC, March 26th

Civic Involvement

- Goal 2: add renters
- Goal 1: engage UWSP student body
- Obj. 1: Target residents of all income levels

Waste and Recycling

- Discourage excess packaging in stores and restaurants
- Encourage stores to use more recycled products
- Products exchange? Paint, etc.
- Goal 1: add “improve and enhance” to recycling program
- Goal 1: Recycle as much as possible – not just city program
- Goal 1: Add “informed and educated”
- Goal 5: are we using drain oil for city heating
- Goal 1: Make people feel empowered and like they can make a difference
- Make trash disposal costs dependant on amount (lbs, # bags)
- Offer recycling brochure in Hmong and Spanish
- Connection between UWSP and City solid waste programs

Transportation

- Bicycle safety awareness, education
- Increase/facilitate/improve pedestrian mobility by providing better access
- Goal 4: add “year-round”
- Goal 1: Obj. 1: include construction vehicles and equipment
- Action 1: replace hybrid with fuel efficient

Food and agriculture

- Space for commercial food production in urban areas
- Goal 1: Standards/policies regarding community garden practices – use of chemicals

Water/Wastewater

- Incentives for residents to switch to more energy/.water efficient appliances
- Investigate alternative water-saving strategies
- Look at water use/treatment systems
- Change practices regarding lawn watering
- Well head protection area

Green Building and Energy

- There are some goals out of recommendations – maintain consistency through document

- City owned buildings incorporate green building/energy practices to the greatest extend possible.
- Incentives for individuals – recommendations are for city
- Where do we go from here? Process to move forward/longevity – annual collaboration

Land Use and Development

- 3rd bullet – to make within walking distance (remove minimize)
- Need for Green Space
- Revisit ordinances about height limitation
- Regularly review our land use plans as they relate to our sustainability goals

Parks and Tourism

- Should have buffers along waterways

Library, March 26th

General

- Advisory committee can add action items
- Understand and debate four principles
- Publicize the April Task force meeting
- Train City Staff
- How would it impact me personally?
- Include industry

Civic Involvement

- Botanical Gardens

Waste and Recycling

- Downtown recycling

Transportation

- Rail Service
- Parking Regulation zoning change

Food and agriculture

- Farmer's market improve

Water/Wastewater

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Green Building and Energy

- Recommendation 2: Energy costs in city Buildings
- Create benchmark for energy modeling

- Incentives for renewable energy

Land Use and Development

- Goal 2: ...minimize distances between homes...include “other activities”
- Incentives to developers to infill
- Transfer of Development Rights program
- Density Bonus
- Include County land use patterns as well: incentives
- Tax base sharing
- Deal with vacant buildings (e.g. Colorado Springs ordinance)
- Use comprehensive plan
- Economic development strategy
- Start community development fund

Parks and Tourism

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Washington School, April 2nd

General

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Civic Involvement

- Include all incomes

Waste and Recycling

- Goal 3: Include schools

Transportation

- Tax incentives to businesses to install bike racks
- Encourage businesses to work with employees regarding alternative transit
- Develop regional transit authority
- Long term planning to link Stevens Point with surrounding communities

Food and agriculture

- Establish a year-round farmer’s market
- Standardize Farmer’s market listings of food
- Establish a food policy council

Water/Wastewater

- Re-examine water rate structure
- Establish a lawn watering ordinance (only manual watering between 10am-4pm)
 - Encourage native landscaping

- Address business water use
- Include other uses/problems
 - Irrigation
- The City should lead by example
- How are the Schools treating their lawns?

Green Building and Energy

- Address the location of new buildings
 - Redevelopment vs. new

Land Use and Development

- Goal F: Develop a strong interface between stakeholders and major players
 - i.e. City and UWSP

Parks and Tourism

- Discuss in-town transportation for visitors who may not have a vehicle

Mc Kinley School, April 2nd

General

- Ensure city employees and officials are involved in eco-municipality plan development and have training in TNS.

Civic Involvement

Waste and Recycling

- Recycle all types of plastic
- List of things dangerous to put in trash
- Clean Sweep Pharmaceuticals pickup, other options to transport items
- Provide neighborhoods organizing to help for people recycle
 - Elderly, disabled
- Find way to recycle glass
- Recycling required for apartments?
- Bring back bubblers, avoid plastic bottles
- Ban Plastic Bags

Transportation

- Do a lot to get people out of their cars
- Add bike lanes and have roads with only 1 car lane. Expand Patch St. (example)
- Get rid of a lot of street parking for safer biking and better visibility
- Education about how drivers can drive safely with bikers
- Enforcing road rules for bikers
- Bike Traffic lights @ busy intersections
- Create bike lanes next to side walk

- Washburn – at door pickup for elderly/disabled
- Smaller busses.
- Biofuels for busses.
- Public Relations improvement for bus system.
- Make bus schedules more available.
 - Post at Jr. Highs
 - Included bus education in driver's education.
 - Using busses in place of taxicab parents

Food and agriculture

- Bus tour of Farm Atlas
- Provide incentives for restaurants and other businesses with prepared foods to carry local foods. Ex. Logo City map of these businesses
- Promote greenhouses on south side of homes/garages. Do this in Schools
- Put community gardens near elementary schools and use them in classes. Neighbors care for them in summers. Winter vegetables.

Water/Wastewater

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Green Building and Energy

- Public education for house hold energy efficiency
- Consider basics like windows on the south side for city buildings and private buildings
- Co-housing – start it here, make sure city regulations allow and support it.
- Orientation of homes for solar use and street layout for facilitate this. Trees for shading/wind block.

Land Use and Development

- 2nd recommendation: maintain green space
- 2nd recommendation: need to clarify what meant by compact and contiguous
- Use of pervious pavers for infiltration
- Mention redesign of downtown; Main St. rework to make downtown a great place to be
- Design for walk/pedestrian/bike
- Nothing to do at new Holiday Inn except get in your car. Add sidewalks, trees, access to soccer area.
- Increase walk-ability/bike around grocery stores.

Parks and Tourism

- Support nature treks and other assets.
- This supports TNS objective 4.