

Steering Committee Agenda

2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

Medina City Hall

Thursday, November 19

8:00 a.m.



- 8:00 Vision and Over-Arching Goals**
- 8:45 Revised Schedule**
- 8:55 Steering Committee Summaries**
- 9:00 Adjourn**

For more information regarding the 2040 Medina Comprehensive Plan

See the Project Website at:

<http://medinamn.us/2040compplan/>

Medina Visions

“Medina will remain a distinctive community by promoting its rural character and protecting the natural environment. Medina will evolve in a deliberate fashion that will create vibrant neighborhoods and cultivate retail, recreational and other opportunities for the community to gather and grow.”



“Medina is ONE community. Medina will maintain its unique heritage through promoting its rural character and protecting the natural environment. Medina will develop in a deliberate fashion that will craft well designed neighborhoods; create retail and other destinations for the community to gather; and care for its residents through all stages of their life.”

“The City of Medina envisions one cohesive community that is primarily rural while also offering diverse neighborhoods with a variety of housing and business choices. Medina seeks to preserve the attractiveness of our lakes and marshes, hills, fields and woods, our small-town center, our historical and recreational amenities and our stable tax base. The city will work to preserve the present quality of life for all citizens and to ensure that development will not outrun school, transportation, water supply and wastewater infrastructure.”

Once the Steering Committee arrives at a Vision, the Steering Committee can begin working on Over-Arching Goals if time allows.

Over-Arching Goals

1. Provide housing options for all stages of a person’s life.
2. Provide retail opportunities that fulfill residents’ weekly needs.
3. Foster settings that allow citizens to gather in both the public and commercial forums.
4. Enhance the public’s interaction with the natural environment through connecting parks and other public open spaces.
5. The rate of development must balance the regional housing market with the resources available for public investments in services and infrastructure.
6. Maintain the rural character and rural density of properties outside of the ultimate sewer service area.

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Meeting Schedule



Saturday, September 19, 2015	Celebration Days Kick-Off
Thursday, October 29, 2015	Steering Committee Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2015	Community Visioning Meeting
Thursday, November 12, 2015	Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2015	Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2015	Joint City Council/Planning Commission Workshop
Thursday, January 7, 2016	Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2016	Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2016	Draft Land Use Community Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2016	Joint City Council/Planning Commission Workshop
Thursday, May 19, 2016	Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2016	Parks Commission Meeting
July 2016	Steering Committee Meeting
August 2016	Planning Commission Public Hearing
August 2016	City Council Preliminary Adoption
September 2016 – February 2017	Neighboring Community Review
March 2017 – June 2017	Metropolitan Council Review and Adoption
August 2018	City Council Adoption

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1. Steering Committee Chair Martin called the meeting to order.
2. Senior Planner Zweber led the Steering Committee through signing up for My Sidewalk. The Steering Committee stated that they should share the conversation with their friends and neighbors, but that the Steering Committee meeting should not lead the My Sidewalk conversation.
3. The Steering Committee discussed the public participation plan. The Steering Committee stated that the meetings and public input should be conscience of the City publication deadlines, such as the City Newsletter.
4. The Steering Committee reviewed the meeting schedule. The Steering Committee stated that the next community meeting should consider the spring break schedules for the various school districts.
5. The Steering Committee discussed the lack of attendance. Some Steering Committee members stated that they tried to recruit attendees with no avail. The Steering Committee members discussed that the lack of an opportunity to discuss the input by the entire group and that no consensus was reached. Senior Planner Zweber stated that it was purposeful to not talk as a whole because the intent was to get each individual views. Senior Planner stated an example he heard of a small group telling an individual that his idea was not shared by the group.
6. The Steering Committee discussed topics to be included within the Vision and other issues that need to be addressed within the Comprehensive Plan. A Vision was not completed.
7. The Steering Committee discussed that another meeting will be needed to arrive at a Vision. The Steering Committee agreed to meeting on Thursday, November 19 at 8 a.m. Senior Planner Zweber and City Planner Finke would work on a Vision and email it to the Steering Committee by the end of the day on Tuesday.
8. The Steering Committee was adjourned at 9 a.m.

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Thursday, October 29, 2015



1. Councilmember and Steering Committee Chair Kathleen Martin welcomed the Steering Committee.
2. Each of the seven Steering Committee members introduced themselves.
3. Communications and public outreach was discussed.
 - a. Is an additional public meeting required or is the next public meeting too late in the process? *The schedule has been revised to have the next public meeting for late March 2016 right after the draft land use plan has been reviewed by the Steering Committee meeting.*
 - b. Should a survey be conducted? Chair Martin stated that paper surveys are expensive to mail to each resident and the responses can be anticipated based on how the questions are written. Eric Zweber stated that WSB uses My Sidewalk as an electronic platform to engage with the public continually in addition to the meetings. The Committee requested that instructions for My Sidewalk be provided at the Visioning Meeting.
 - c. The Public Participation Plan that demonstrates the various methods and timing of communication shall be provided at the November 12 Steering Committee meeting.
4. The Steering Committee meeting stated how they would describe Medina.
 - a. Medina is predominately rural residential with swathes of suburban and sprinkled with commercial.
 - b. Medina is a pretty place that feels nice to be here but that it is divided by the MN Hwy 55 corridor.
 - c. Medina is horse country with an exotic and western feel. Medina has a beautiful rural setting and the community enjoys the outdoors, but there is a worry the Medina is becoming Plymouth west. There is a different feel north of MN Hwy 55 and east of Hunter Dr. Medina does not have a Downtown or a place to gather and he feels that Hamel could be so much more.

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- d. Medina is a small rural community where you know your neighbors. You can let your kids play outside in Medina unlike Southern California. Medina is a cute, cool place plentiful with wildlife, but it is also a tale of two cities: those who live on the rural residential acreages and those who live in the new suburban neighborhoods near MN Hwy 55.
 - e. Medina is predominately rural on the edge of suburbanization. Medina is pretty and he and his family enjoy taking drives around Medina. Medina is split by MN Hwy 55.
 - f. Medina is a former exurb that is struggling with suburbanization.
5. Eric Zweber reviewed the existing Comprehensive Plan Vision. The existing Vision is three paragraphs long. Mr. Zweber stated that the goal for the Vision of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan would be to two or three sentences, but that the Steering Committee can also work on separate over-arching goals to describe how to implement the Vision.
 6. Dusty Finke described the recent developments and the community meetings that were conducted in the summer of 2014. He stated that there is some urgency to the creating the 2040 Comprehensive Plan due to the feedback from the 2014 meetings that growth was occurring too fast.
 7. It was discussed that the Steering Committee members should participate in the Community Visioning meeting on November 9, but that the Steering Committee is not leading the meeting. The members are encouraged to listen to what the residents are discussing and report back at the November 12 Steering Committee meeting.
 8. The Steering Committee was adjourned at 9 a.m.