



Meeting Summary: Station Area Working Group Round 2 - Payne Avenue & Arcade Street

Meeting Number: 2
Date: 2/28/2024 6pm-8pm
Location: Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, 1115 Greenbrier St, St. Paul, MN 55106

Attendance

- 14 participants
 - 5 staff
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Agenda

- Welcome + Dinner
 - Intro + Agenda
 - Review Goals, Themes, Glossary
 - Review Draft Actions
 - Brainstorm Physical Improvements
 - Brainstorm Programs/Policy
 - Closing Comments
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Feedback by Goal

Make Vibrant Public Places

- Preference for the Arcade St. station to be located on Arcade St. by Seeger Square; see this proposed adjustment as supporting a more vibrant public space and overlapping with other goals by shortening access distances, improving perception of safety, and better encouraging new businesses and affordable housing development in Seeger Square area.
- Support multifunctional public spaces, like Heritage Park, with adequate lighting and eco-friendly considerations.
- Suggest implementing programs that foster arts, culture, and heritage, including public art projects and the preservation of local landmarks.
- Enhance tree stewardship and public space maintenance for a cleaner, greener environment.

Connect People and Places

- Consider roundabouts, improved snow removal, and bike-activated crossings to enhance accessibility.
- Highlight the need for better signage and crossings.
- Advocate for deep analysis on walkability and rolling access, with a call for more robust snow removal practices and pothole repair.
- Push for the introduction of innovative traffic calming measures and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes.
- Ensure equitable access to stations and integrate services like warming stations.

Prioritize Safety and Security

- Emphasize the need for safety measures against actual and potential crimes, including more accessible emergency services.
- Propose the development of public art, green spaces, and safe biking infrastructure to enrich community engagement and safety.
- Consider providing emergency assistance buttons in key locations in the neighborhood.

Create Neighborhoods for Living

- Emphasize inclusivity in all goals to ensure they cater to the unhoused and vulnerable populations.
- Prioritize anti-displacement and affordability in development themes.
- Focus on implementing programs and community support initiatives that address homelessness, fair housing, food assistance, BIPOC communities, youth, and environmental sustainability.

Build Businesses and Community Services

- Address food desert issues on Payne.
- Highlight the importance of supporting local businesses and promoting economic activities through infrastructure improvements around Arcade St. and Payne Ave.
- Encourage partnerships for community facilities (e.g., with the YMCA for outdoor gyms) and the creation of jobs and affordable housing near transit nodes.