

Possible recommendations for voting on 10/29/07

These recommendations try to respond to some of the comments by community members.

Note that there are likely MORE recommendations from the input.

Please bring ideas for additional recommendations or modifications based on all of the community input..

1) **New recommendation:** Design and implement tools that City staff and departments utilize to communicate upcoming projects early in the process to support early involvement of residents.

2) **Existing Recommendation:** “Require organizations that receive resources to engage the community in order to encourage openness to alternative viewpoints by incorporating the “Minneapolis Core Principles of Community Engagement” in their work.

Modified Recommendation: “Require organizations that receive resources to engage the community in order to encourage openness to alternative viewpoints by annually adopting the “Minneapolis Core Principles of Community Engagement.” Create a report that formally reports back to the City’s Community Engagement on their implementation of the Principles annually.

3) **Additional Recommendation:** The City should create a formal system of coordinating Community Engagement activities within and between City Departments so that there is a coordinated effort.
[Comment on implementation: The creation of this system could be directed by the Community Engagement Coordinator.]

4) **Existing Recommendation:** “Identify or create locations around the city for meetings, etc.”

Modified Recommendation: “Identify or create locations around the city for meetings, etc. This should include City Council meetings, boards and commissions.”

5) **Existing Recommendation:** “Require City board and commissions to implement community engagement strategies in their work, providing them with sufficient resources and training. Strategies should include annual evaluation and accountability reports.”

Modified Recommendation: “Require City board and commissions to implement community engagement strategies in their work, providing them with sufficient resources and training. Strategies should include annual evaluation and accountability reports. City boards, commissions and departments should work together – through community engagement work plans – to ensure community engagement activities are properly coordinated with efforts that are cross-jurisdictional.”

- 6) **Existing Recommendation:** “Find consistent ways to use existing communities and groups to gather and disseminate information.”

Modified Recommendation: “Find consistent and diverse ways to use existing communities and groups to gather and disseminate information. Multiple methods should be employed for each activity.

[Comment on implementation: Methods could include flyers, ads in community newspapers, existing neighborhood/community groups, etc.]

- 7) **Existing Recommendation:** “Create well-defined points of interaction between the City and community organizations from the beginning of each process to its ends, including evaluation.”

Modified Recommendation: “Create well-defined points of interaction (clear processes, contacts within departments, and timing, etc) between the City and community organizations from the beginning of each process to its ends, including evaluation.”