

**Community Engagement Meeting
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Question: What can the City do to help you (and your community) better participate in decisions? What is working now? What needs to change?

January 31: Marcy Holmes

- 1. Hawa Gedi**
- 2. Not waste our time with meetings like this.**
- 3. *1. All budgets city, Library Bd., Parks etc. need to be available & clear so that all citizens can read them. And accessible in time for useful citizen input
There has to be clearer accountability – 2. My recent experience with the library bd. Was a fiasco – the library bd flames the city council the mayor blamed the library bd – and no one seems to take responsibility for the closing of libraries.**
- 4. Invite my participation - Educate me on the key elements of the issues -
Make sure “self interest” does not govern the issue but what is best civic practice. Work for the greater good!**
- 5. Is MPHA responsible for indoor lights out for 2 days regardless of calls, or can one also call 311 to city regarding this? Marian Mohamed 2809 St. Mary’s Place, Mpls 55414 612-729-1139.**
- 6. I attend this meeting as a second-class citizen since I represent a business association. Business associations have been muffled by the process since the neighborhood association have the power. What needs to change? Allow the business associations to have an equal voice.**
- 7. 1. More lights in neighborhood S.E. 2. Information regular meeting through SWIM ESIVS inc.**
- 8. Keep the neighborhood organizations!! Continue the close involvement of our counsel person w/neighborhood . Continue funding NRP for citizen help. Cease and desist w/Rybak trying to take the money and run. This whole process looks and feels like Rybak and city manager “take the money and run” operation. Dealing with 80 neighborhoods seems infinitely better than dealing with 500,000 citizens.**
- 9. Greater attempt to convince us (neighborhoods) that the city doesn’t believe/follow pre-destination i.e., decisions are already made, city’s just going thru the motions of community involvement, sorry – “engagement”.**