



Meeting Window #2

SENSE OF PLACE(S)

June 26, 2008

1) Presentation

- Planning Process Status
- Introduction to Sense of Place(s)
- Instructions for Break Out Groups

2) Break Out Groups

3) Report Out

4) Adjourn

Planning Process

Meeting Window	Title	Purpose	Topics	Timeframe
1	The Big Picture Where Have We Been, Where We Are, Where Are We Heading?	Kick Off P.R. Education	<p>Education on existing plans and past plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -recommendations -accomplishments <p>Description of planning process</p> <p>Reaffirm vision of DT Advisory Report</p> <p>Education on general data and trends</p> <p>Validate issues and goals already identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -what's missing -prioritize 	APR - MAY 2008
2	What Are the Possibilities?	Concepts	<p>ID broad approaches to deal with issues identified</p> <p>Evaluate positives/negatives and tradeoffs of each</p>	JUN - AUG 2008
3	Charting a Course	Alternatives	<p>Focus/Refine alternatives</p> <p>Begin to develop recommendations</p>	SEP - NOV 2008
4	Getting Down to Action	Recommendations	<p>Finalize recommendations</p> <p>Develop implementation strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -what's missing -prioritize -prioritize 	DEC - FEB 2009
5	Pulling it All Together	Plan Document Overview P.R.	<p>Tie up loose ends</p> <p>Draft Plan (public hearing draft) for introductions to Common Council</p>	MAR - APR 2009

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Current Meeting Window

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Sense of Place(s) Goals:

- Engaging retail experiences should be maintained, enhanced and expanded; the Capitol Square should be a retail destination.
- The design of downtown transportation system should contribute to the character of its surroundings.
- Downtown should consist of strong neighborhoods, relatively high density compact development & a mixture of interconnected uses & activities.
- State Street & established neighborhoods will be preserved & enhanced with complementary & selective infill.
- Downtown will balance the preservation of historic character & resources with opportunities for new growth & development.
- Downtown should be attractive & exceptionally well-designed with engaging streetscapes, buildings, historic buildings & sites.
- Downtown's skyline should provide tremendous visual interest from all directions and angles.
- Important views of the lakes & Capitol should be identified, protected and/or enhanced.
- Public spaces should be designed as high quality urban gathering places with appropriate materials & features.

Sense of Place(s) New Ideas:

- Support and maintain public art in a variety of sizes, styles and locations downtown.
- Mixing Businesses with parks & redefining what parks are (Urban open space & plaza etc) - More creative uses to make parks more successful and vital to downtown
- Sustainability - incorporate Natural Step
- Encourage increased residential density at appropriate locations
- Connection/Relationship to waterfront
- Incorporate Goals -- Zoning Code Rewrite
- Create Design Neighborhoods, Character of design/thematic (NCDS)

Sense of Place(s) Top Recommendations:

- Mixing businesses with parks & redefining what parks are (Urban open space & plaza etc) - More creative uses to make parks more successful and vital to downtown *(15 Votes)*
- Encourage multistory, mixed-use buildings with ground floor pedestrian oriented uses *(14 Votes)*
- Preserve locations for future commuter rail stations & encourage transit oriented development *(13 Votes)*
- Encourage Increased residential density at appropriate locations *(13 Votes)*
- Create a walkable & attractive urban environment *(12 Votes)*
- Promote the adaptive re-use of older buildings *(12 Votes)*

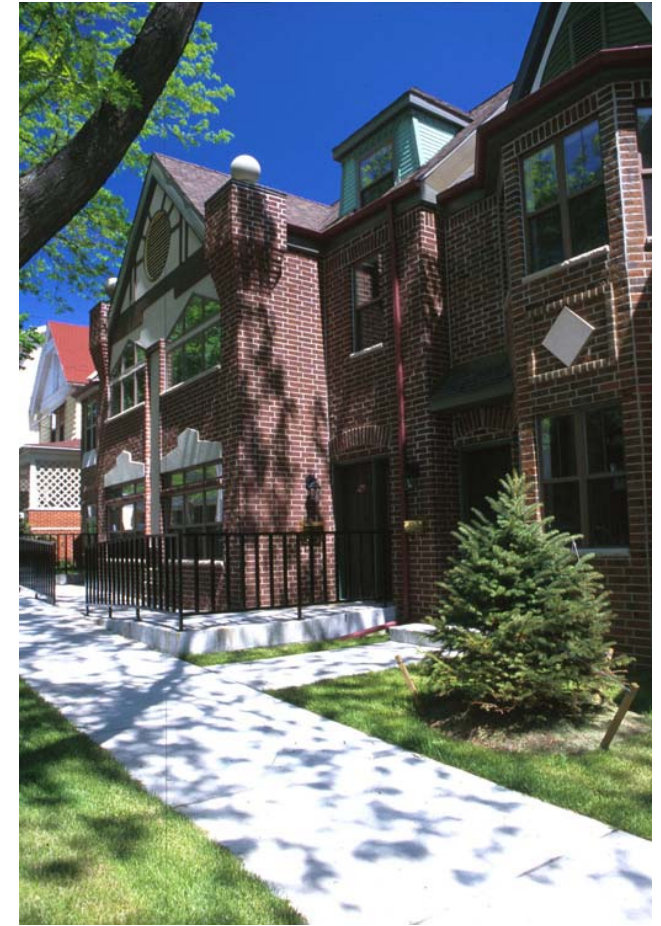
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Interaction with the Lakes

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- 1) Designate a Notetaker and Spokesperson
- 2) Discuss Questions and Record the Group's Ideas
 - Use maps to show geographically focused ideas
 - Use flip charts to record other ideas
- 3) Report Out - Share 2-3 Big Ideas (from any of the questions)

Sense of Place(s)

- 1) What about the Downtown, or portions of it, contribute in a positive way to the character of the surrounding neighborhood or the Downtown as a whole, and why? (20 minutes)
- 2) What opportunities exist to create or enhance special places within the Downtown? (30 minutes)
- 3) How can your big ideas about “Sense of Place(s)” advance the goal of sustainability? (15 minutes)