

## Odana Area Plan – January 21 & 27, 2021 Virtual Meeting Input Summary

### What makes you excited about the concepts?

- Wants to see, excited for new uses for parking lots
- Mixed use focus
- BRT, excited to see the density along BRT
- Breathing new life into West Towne and Westgate
- Capitalizing on potential
- Improved traffic flow
- Increased flexibility
- Connectivity – bikes + streets
- Improve bike connections through green spaces
- Increase in multifamily and affordable housing
- Infill development increasing the tax base
- Increased access points (Schroeder Rd)
- Good to get on top of the game with declining retail – will impact the surrounding area
- Breaking up bigger blocks – intriguing – good idea
- Like idea of extension of Odana in the future – large indoor malls have been fading
- Incorporation of green space
- Some innovative ideas – look for even more innovation as things move forward
- Like all the residential density being added that can alleviate some of the housing pressures

### What makes you concerned?

- Tall buildings next to beltline instead of mineral point
- Too tall heights – would like to see lower height for tree/open space – what are the controls for controlling height
- Schools – ensure capacity
- Affordability
- Phasing
- Interim improvements
- Park deficient, too few parks (more smaller parks are better than few larger parks)
- Sufficient parking for the increased density
- What will happen to the wooded natural area around Oakwood Village? Why not preserve as park space?
- Amount of possible future multifamily housing – will that lead to vacancies in existing MF housing?
- Maintain property values in the surrounding area
- What will happen to space between Sauk Trails and Old Sauk? Future paved path? May lead to safety issues. Need to retain/add trees.
- 2-12 stories on corner of Tokay and Whitney Way – shadows; a lot of density in that area with that number of stories allowed.
- Hearing from underrepresented populations? Concerns with reaching apartments, renters, others.
- There aren't enough 3-4 BR new housing options in the City – housing for families is important.
- Missing middle is missing – more range of housing choices needed (x2)
- Gathering places needed – community activities, art
- Concerned about building scale - 12 stories is too tall - that would really change the character of streets (especially Mineral Point Road) - street won't see sunshine
- 12 stories is way too high – Navitus building is only 5 stories and that is tall
- More tree canopy - greenery needs to be improved – graphics don't match desire for more trees/parks
- Extending Westfield right through tamarack isn't a good idea – Westfield is residential community - not a good idea to add traffic down through a residential community
- Concerned about Research Park losing the beautiful prairie
- Concerned about how BRT can be accessible to south of the Beltline

## What's missing?

- Need additional parkland closer to D'onofrio
- Community resources – community center
- Additional schools needed?
- Missing middle housing
- Outdoor entertainment space (farmers markets, concerts)
- Dog park at former quarry at Yellowstone?
- Cooperative housing
- Need to get flood study info – address retention/detention as part of redevelopment; design streets to handle more water
- Impact of all this density on facilities like schools, infrastructure, sewer etc.
- Needs more affordable housing
- Park and rides needed for BRT – otherwise neighborhoods become de facto park and ride
- Athletic fields – walking fields
- Tennis and pickleballs – courts at Garner Park very heavily used
- Part of Mineral Pt planned for residential exclusively, good corridor to have more mixed use and have a more walkable experience

## General Feedback, Q&A:

### Land use, heights & design:

- Too concentrated, too dense housing – too urban
- Need to find a way to have a good business mix – local businesses
- Some street connection or public use would be good to the farm on Mineral Point Road

### Connections: streets, bikes and transit:

- Redesign of bike path underpass at Grand Canyon Drive is needed – path is too close to the tunnel – safety issue.
- Need to make sure the area is accessible – buildings, street crossings, parking lots, etc.
- Like to see a Southwest Path connection to the planning area.
- Include good walking connections so neighboring areas can walk to businesses/parks

### Parks & open space:

- Road next to park – does it really need to be there?
- Parks should have access to everyone, not just residents – be a place where everyone is welcome
- Stormwater – what is the full vision moving forward?
- Think of green space as another use – part of mixed use. Incentives for allowing public to use private open space?
- Show Oakwood open space as park on Land Use map.
- Need more greenspace; details on how it could be used.
- Need canopy trees in terrace areas.

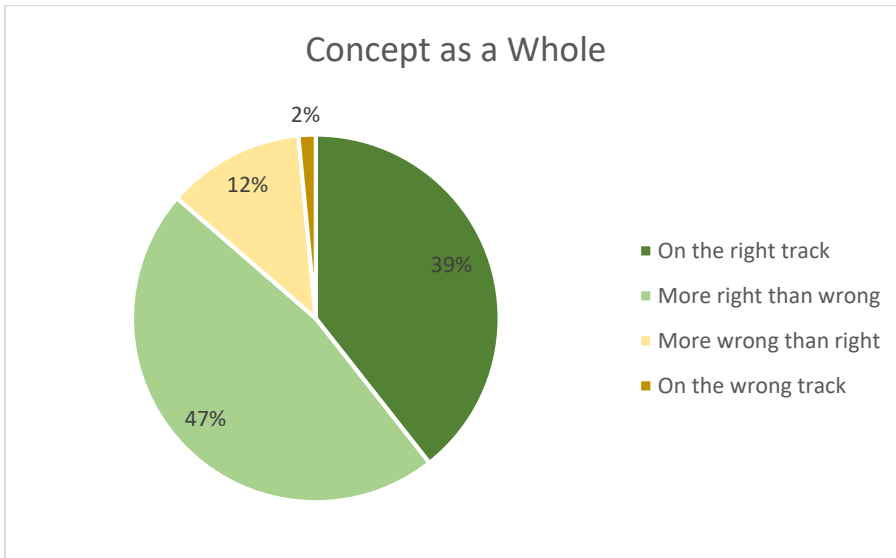
## Other Comments:

- Looking for a sense of community on the other side of Mineral Point Road – there is no place to walk to
- Think about different kinds of electric vehicles – smaller, golf-cart like vehicles
- Curious to see the recommendations from the watershed plan
- Don't want to see Pier 1 becoming another liquor store

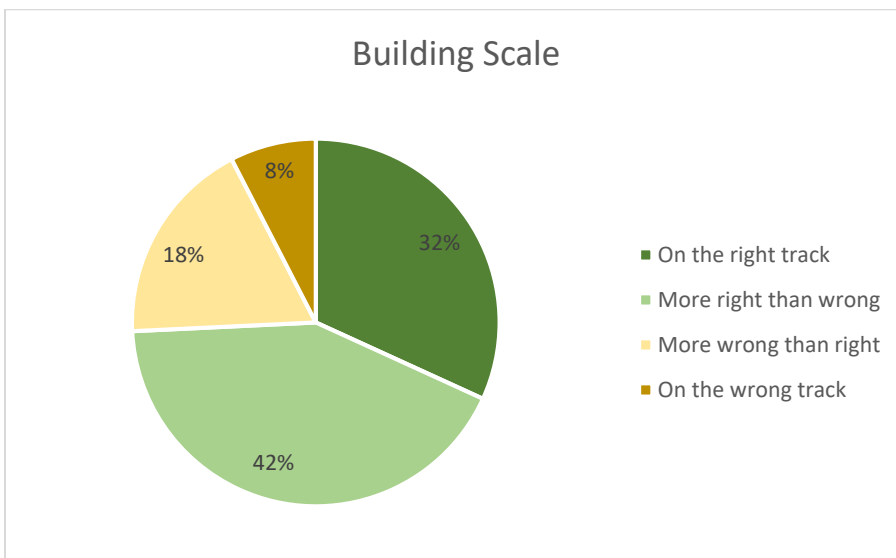
## Polling Questions

Using Zoom's polling function staff asked the following questions:

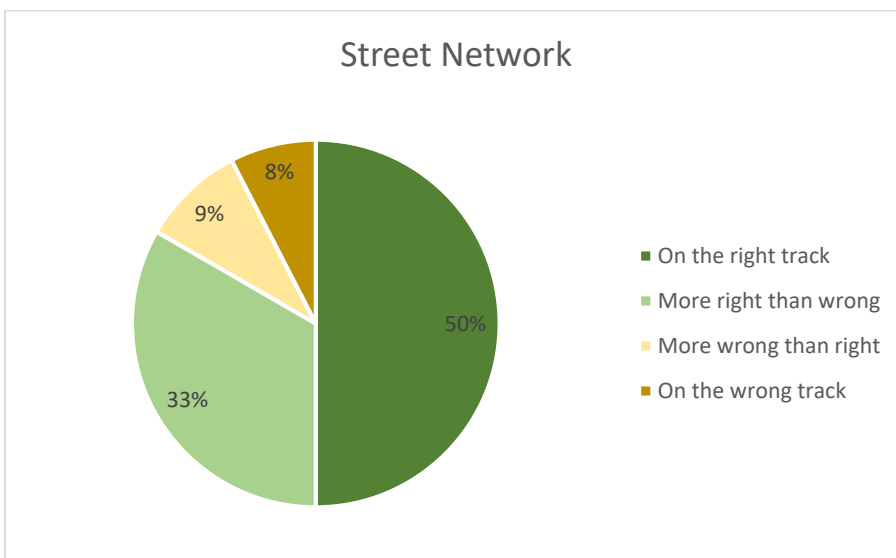
Q1. What do you think of the Concept as a whole?



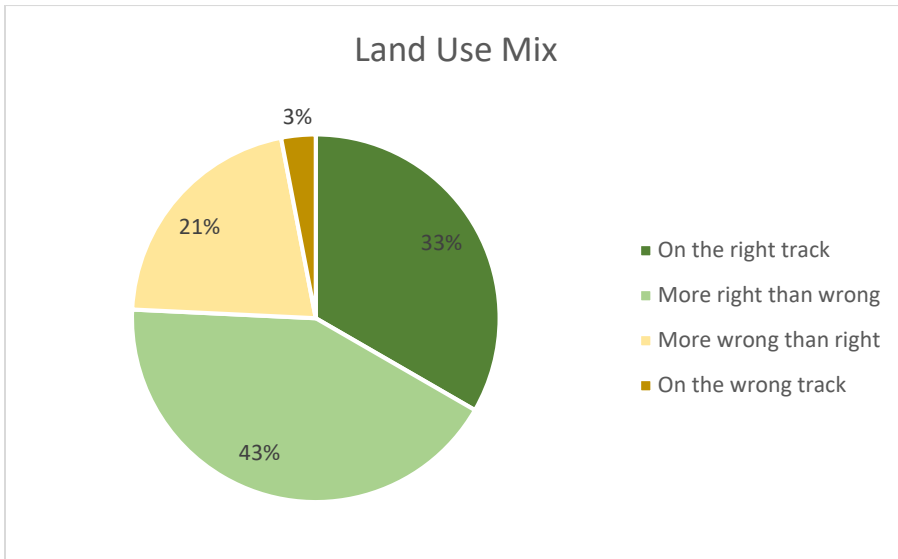
Q2. What do you think of the Building Scale?



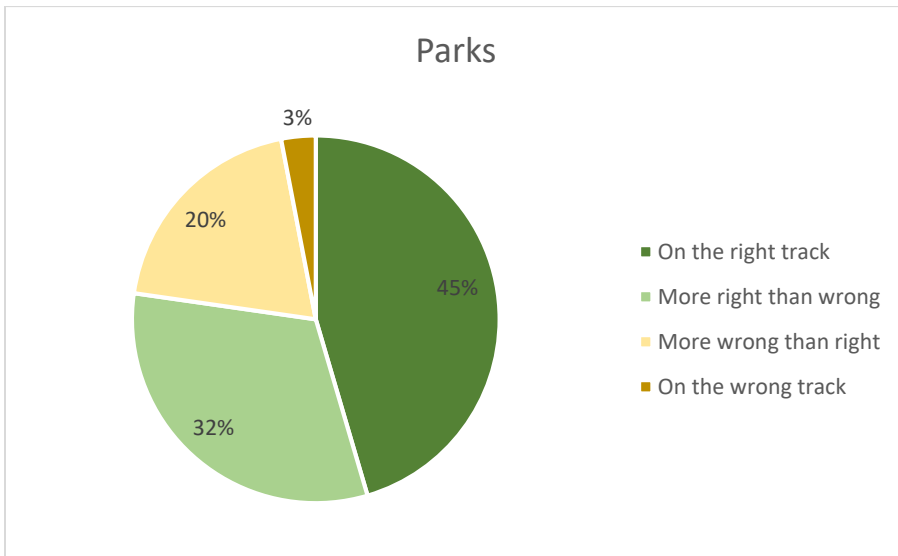
Q3. What do you think of the Street Network?



Q4. What do you think of the Land Use mix?



Q5. What do you think of the Parks and Open Space that is recommended?



Q6. What do you think of the Bike Network?

