

**Area Meeting #1 – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**Connectivity – North Area**

**Trails (35)**

- trails along the river for safe walkability and biking (10)
- like bike trails but don't bottleneck them (5)
- connectivity of greenway (4)
- extending trail to Morgan Creek but to/from downtown to Library, etc (4)
- flow of trails connected through town (3)
- walk bridge (2)
- separate bike and car use (2)
- need better signs on trails and cultural centers (1)
- ready access to greenways (1)
- use sidewalks as trails (1)
- create / re-establish walk and bike access on RR bridge (1)
- connect trails and greenways - maintain trail on levee (1)

**Ellis Blvd (33)**

- 6<sup>th</sup> to Ellis Blvd (9)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Ellis Park (6)
- connect Ellis and 6<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> Street (6)
- Ellis Blvd to 6<sup>th</sup> Street connection (5)
- don't like connection of Ellis to 6<sup>th</sup> Street (3)
- allow Ellis to act as arterial but don't connect to 6<sup>th</sup> (2)
- Ellis Blvd four lanes (1)
- Ellis as a four land disconnects/separates neighborhood (1)

**Safety (19)**

- sidewalk safety (7)
- safe, well-lit, well-maintained routes (6)
- safety of walking trails and pedestrian pathways (3)
- need better lighting for walking and driving at night (3)

**Parks (16)**

- how to use river - Ellis Park (7)
- ball field on Westside of levy (4)
- More amenities -- floodable? (3)
- sports fields / soccer, baseball (1)
- Relook at splash pads - return wading pools (1)

**Sidewalks (14)**

- content with sidewalk system -- skateboarding (6)
- repair sidewalks (4)
- street maintenance and sidewalks (2)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Street connection important with 9<sup>th</sup> Street -- maintaining sidewalks important (1)
- sidewalks need to be improved (1)

### **Buses (11)**

- bus system - like Denali park "green" buses (4)
- better access to buses / better shelter cameras to protect shelters (4)
- increased / more frequent bus routes (2)
- bus system - high school students, etc (1)

### **Parking (12)**

- park and ride opportunities (4)
- parking, greenway access (4)
- Ellis parking, bring it back! (4)

### **Pedestrian Walkability (12)**

- pedestrian connections in neighborhoods / between neighborhoods (6)
- improved pedestrian connections, walkways over 1<sup>st</sup> Ave (3)
- pedestrian-only streets (2)
- walkability - walk neighborhoods a lot (1)

### **Navigation (10)**

- street layout - realignment for more direct routes (6)
- to improve O, F, E -- E, F one ways of both 2 ways (3)
- confusing to newcomers driving downtown and other areas in town (1)
- boating as transportation (1)

### **Pedestrian Connectivity (9)**

- pedestrian bridge, fishing pier - Cedar Lake only (4)
- Connect Cedar Lake - fishing, ferry boat (3)
- need to cross river between F Avenue and Ellis to Cedar Lake (2)

### **Trolley / RR (9)**

- short routes (bus / trolley) between neighborhood (4)
- transit trolley connect Ellis Port to Downtown (3)
- railroad for transportation - trolley (2)

### **Streetscape (7)**

- tree lined streets (4)
- signature streets (3)

### **Other "connectivity" Comments From North Area Discussion (23)**

- need homeowner participation (6)
- community center (4)
- downtown improvements versus neighborhood improvements (4)
- schools (4)
- alley system good - keep (2)
- incentives to bring professional sports to CR
- lines to divide us (2)
- add ramps (1)

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**Connectivity – Central Area**

**Trails (33)**

- Extending and connecting trail system (6)
- Expand bike trail access to downtown (5)
- Better bike travel on streets – bike lanes - designated streets for bikes (5)
- Bike lane on streets (4)
- Trail system that connects/river, east-west (3)
- Bike parking (2)
- SE – lack of connectivity – especially in trails system – not connected to Sac/Fox (2)
- Walking experience across & along the river (2)
- Trail connections – more links into places, like Signature Street, etc., in the central hub, not just recreation on the river (2)
- Put bike web in green area – trails need destinations not just recreational (1)
- Other than north/south trail, there is not good pedestrian/bike connection east/west (1)

**Transit Options (26)**

- Intermodal in the wrong place – needs buffer away from Downtown (5)
- Parking problems/street maintenance/Mass transportation center/Rails/Trolley cars/Eliminate Parking (5)
- Clearer system – education – for using transit system/web site needs more user friendly/directions & signage at each stop/maintain connection between airport and Downtown (3)
- ITC – how do we make a bus system that will be well used by residents? What if buses are not the future? (2)
- Shuttle services privately owned (2)
- Smaller loops within the transit system (2)
- GTC cuts off East/West Downtown (1)
- Increase frequency and duration of bus service (1)
- Use of trolleys – less car traffic downtown (1)
- Transit run after 6 pm (1)
- Connection for public transit for Coe College students Downtown (1)
- Downtown trolley East/West side (1)
- Would the rail between Iowa City and Cedar Rapids be light rail – interested in this (1)

**Signature Streets (19)**

- Develop more/better signature streets (5)
- River area is unique opportunity – place to linger, restaurants, 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE should have Signature Character – existing structures contribute to character (4)
- Expand discussion of Signature Streets – not just 1st Avenue (3)
- Development along 3rd Street (3)
- Creating Signature Streets (2)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave – Potential “Signature” Street (2)

### **Passenger Rail to Iowa City (15)**

- Passenger rail (6)
- Rail to Iowa City – entertainment, nightlife & work (3)
- Passenger rail connection to Iowa City especially if more housing downtown (3)
- Light rail connection to Iowa City (3)

### **Pedestrian Friendly (14)**

- Better balance of walking/parking/driving (5)
- Pedestrian Skywalk Friendly – unique asset – efficient walkability – 2<sup>nd</sup> story retail, e.g., Des Moines/amenities – Pedestrian friendly, safe pedestrian ways, pedestrian mall like Iowa City, extension of trails (4)
- Potential for streets to be pedestrian friendly (4)
- Student housing near downtown will encourage walking (1)

### **Neighborhood Connections (13)**

- Connect Downtown to New Bohemia/Czech Village (art district area) (8)
- Need better connection between Coe College & Downtown (shuttle service) (4)
- Strengthen the connections to neighborhoods (1)

### **Business Needs/Parking (12)**

- Need incentives to bring business back downtown. Deterioration of property tax base = result increase property tax – Checks and balances to replace green space/non-taxable with taxable property (4)
- Downtown needs to be high tech – business friendly (3)
- Parking – business friendly/availability (3)
- Parking/free (2)

### **Westside (11)**

- West Banks new identity & future connection to it as an attraction / evening-weekend uses? New residential would be well connected to West Bank (5)
- Westside gateway from I-380 (4)
- Westside needs to be re-invented to establish signature streets (entire areas) (2)

### **One-Way Conversion (10)**

- Support two-way 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> Ave through Medical District (4)
- Convert one-way streets (3)
- Two-way slows traffic down – prevent people from driving through (2)
- Eliminate one-way streets to reduce confusion (1)
- Bike lane on streets (4)

### **Skywalks (9)**

- Create connections through buildings Downtown – use skywalk (IT on second floors) (Segments – public/private) Sinclair Area – tie to Downtown (4)
- Skywalk enhancements (3)
- Skywalks need improvement (1)
- Skywalk system is strong – could be expanded. Allows travel across downtown without going outside (1)

### **Gateways (8)**

- Big signs that make area clear (3)
- Gateways to downtown – identifier to Downtown – Entrances to Downtown (2)
- Way finding – clearly identify destinations (2)
- Diagonal Drive – good gateway (1)

### **Rail Impacts (7)**

- Mitigation of rail impacts – look at all impacts – don't say strengthen (5)
- Freight trail – “Diamonds in the rough” (1)
- Disconnect switching from Downtown streets – work with railroads on mutual needs – events downtown railroads problem (1)

### **New Uses (6)**

- Mixed uses – Sherman example – Housing low to high scale. Retail variety (dry cleaner/grocery). Educate community of successes – other cities – Minneapolis/Des Moines (4)
- Potential residential in the south – reuse of older historic buildings, i.e., Water Tower Place (2)

### **Pedestrian Mall (4)**

- Strengthen 4<sup>th</sup> Street – eliminate tracks – 4<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Mall (3)
- Use 4<sup>th</sup> Street corridor as great entry to city (rail to Iowa City, Green Square Park ) (1)

### **Street Widths (4)**

- Narrow 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues – complete streets – wider sidewalks (1)
- Need quick access without access without wider streets (1)
- Narrower streets (1)
- Opportunity for respect to walkers, at intersections, painting crosswalks, safer crossing (1)

### **Traffic (3)**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Backup with rush hour (2)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue challenges – State highway/traffic volume (1)

### **Water (1)**

- Water as an attraction. Need a good 3-D view of what it looks like. Use grade level retail for flood offset – e.g. tables/chairs Grand Forks example (1)

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Connectivity – South Area

**Enhance the East - West connection (15)**

- Beautify the active streets that lead to connections (Bridges) which enhance Czech village and Bohemia (6)
- Bridge connecting SE-SW vehicle traffic (3)
- Encouraging E/W connections (New Bhm & CV) (3)
- Center of bridge (12<sup>th</sup> ave) for activities to connect E&W (2)
- Enhance Bridges and places they connect –Bridges are the connectors (1)

**Utilize “Mount Trashmore” landfill as vital asset (15)**

- Connectivity to “Mount Trashmore” –vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian ((6)
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**Increase bus accessibility (10)**

- Map surprises me – too few buses in SW area (2)
- Bus routes are they accessible to those who need it most? (2)
- Friendly bus routes (2)
- To Easy to park down town—Build up demand for busses thru less parking (2)
- More bus stops (1)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>ave/oakhilljackson – Circular route (1)

**Assessable Public transportation (9)**

- Use levy for transportation route (trails, trolley, road) (5)
- Passenger rail connecting to IA City (2)
- MTS – neighborhood transportation system—low cost alternative (1)
- Shuttle into down town – not horse drawn (1)

**Amplify connecting trails (8)**

- Trails on SE side connect to SW (3)
- Use of RR track for trail or connection (2)
- Better connect trails past Down town – 100s of bikes with dead end (1)
- A loop trail (along and back and forth) (1)
- Reconnect trails across river (1)

**Make the River a central connection (8)**

- River as connection/center (3)
- Continuous river trail (connect the little pieces) (3)
- Penford – reason for western edge trail miss-connection (1)

- Give both sides of River equal treatment and opportunity(1)

#### **Balanced Road Configuration (6)**

- Truck traffic –currently through neighborhoods→ Wilson ave → C st → Otis (2)
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>ave → merging bike traffic conflicts with car traffic →Ramp/elevate walkway to eliminate conflict (1)
- 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Bridge closed & turned into cultural amenity –farmers market, art fair.(1)
- 14<sup>th</sup> straight at St. Wence (1)
- 3<sup>r</sup> &4<sup>th</sup> st corridor as art district (1)

#### **Provide Pedestrian safe Quality access (5)**

- Hard to cross roads – too wide— don't isolate pedestrians; it is ok to go slow, that's not my problem (3)
- Balancing need to drive here and pedestrian quality (1)
- Keep areas clean and maintained(1)

#### **Create open air and event space (4)**

- Events and festivals (2)
- Amphitheatre – events and outdoor movies (2)

#### **Create and maintain Character (3)**

- Building ordinance and balancing character with modern building code (2)
- Gateway on South East Side (1)

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Diversity – North Area

**Gathering Places (44)**

- Keeping diverse gathering spots (4)
- Makes sense to bring back churches and mosque (5)
- Churches (2)
- Schools (1)
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- Amphitheatre (2)
- Expand use of community buildings (4)
- Civic buildings (1)
- Westdale as County and City offices (3)
- Multi generational mixed use recreational activities/facilities (3)
- Community centers (1)
- Continuation of time check rec center (7)
- Multi age community center (3)
- Summer camp activities (3)
- Community center, rebuild neighborhood based (7)

**Housing (27)**

- Single family homes (6)
- Accessible housing (2)
- Affordable housing/owner occupied (5)
- Monitor rental houses – maintenance (6)
- Higher ratio of ownership (2)
- Need better support and clarity for home owners (4)
- River doubles as retail and housing (1)
- Variety of industry for employment (1)

**River Uses (20)**

- Harbor and port usage (3)
- Fireworks by boat club (3)
- Restaurants on the river front (1)
- Promote River Activity (will miss) (2)
- Harbor events (1)
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- Houseboats (1)
- Cedar Lake (1)
- Regulate water flow to robins lake – provide ice rink in the winter (6)
- Robins Lake (1)

**Open Spaces (20)**

- Open spaces (1)
- Street parking along Ellis park (4)
- Further develop the green space to play and exercise (soccer, tennis, basketball) (3)
- Multi generational recreations (9)
- Make better use of Ellis Park – incorporate entertainment improve road connections in park and make people friendly (3)

**Activities (17)**

- Ski shows (1)
- Horse Shoes (1)
- Multi purpose courts (1)
- Family oriented activities (4)
- Teens want to be away from other generations – teen spot/neutral where all types of teens can come together (4)
- Bring things back the way they were (activities of the past) (6)

**Meeting Needs of Neighborhoods and Small Businesses (15)**

- Specialty shops – unique to area – a and w (5)
- Small business in neighborhoods (3)
- Neighborhood groceries (1)
- A and w – Wiley's café, neighborhood bars (6)

**Neighborhood Support (15)**

- More involvement in neighborhood – strong neighborhood assoc. (5)
- Community policing/ small precincts – police presence (5)
- Neighborhoods that blend – diverse ethnicity (4)

**Arts and Culture Center (13)**

- New businesses and art and culture (1)
- Freedom Festival (1)
- Band concerts in Ellis park (2)
- Amphitheater art, music, plays (1)
- Expand cultural to green space (1)
- Enhancing arts, and culture in the neighborhood – musical opportunity, music at the parks and bands etc (1)
- Farmers market (1)
- No strip malls (2)
- More defined business districts – neighborhood grocery store (2)
- Jobs (1)

**Indoor Water Facility (10)**

- Indoor pool (4)
- Year round destination facility (like water park) (6)

**Mobile Library Service (9)**

- Accessibility of library – bookmobile (5)
- Satellite civic center (i.e. bookmobile) (3)
- Mobile Library stops (1)

**Transportation (9)**

- Sidewalk system (3)
- Bike trail (4)
- Transportation (more diverse than just bus and taxi) (2)

**Zoning (3)**

- Strengthen and enforce zoning code (2)
- Zoning to allow home businesses (1)

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**Diversity – Central Area**

**Housing (51)**

- Mixed use housing with retail, reflects multigenerational multicultural multieconomical – neighborhoods and opportunities (4)
- Mixed use buildings (4)
- Bring a mix of houses types to the downtown area (2)
- Mixed housing in downtown (5)
- Housing – need more diversity, condos (watertower) – type (4)
- Diverse pricing of housing – town home communities, more density in the center, Coe college – build on existing land, row house – style SF (1)
- Integrate housing in medical district (2)
- Vertical parking structures to include housing including ITF – No stand alone parking structures (5)
- Housing!!! Make it happen first. Boomerang shape is right, but should engage green connections (3)
- Mixed use housing – young professionals, retirees (6)
- Mixed income housing (8)
- Mixed use development – childcare enter – housing – business/government (1)
- ITF really needs to consider surroundings – location as shown might be bad (3)
- Housing could benefit from being near green Sq Park, or other new urban parks (1)
- CR needs mixed housing (1)
- Flood management should coordinate w/development (1)

**Connection/Transportation (32)**

- Enhanced transportation – multiple options destinations (4)
- Consolidate surface lots for opening up more developable space and parking needed to support (2)
- Pedestrian bridge at south end of May's island (4)
- How do we make the skywalk better – useable, maintained – impact to ground level? (5)
- Transit – connectivity between downtown districts (4)
- Bike parking under utilized (6)
- Shuttle from Coe to Kirkwood, downtowns and Mt. Mercy (7)

**Arts and Culture (22)**

- Rebuild arts and culture venues (3)
- Arts/Cultural venues – draw into core. Rebuild – keep downtown (1)
- Diverse Religious institutions is a part of the mixed use areas (2)
- Enhanced arts and entertainment (4)
- Rebuild arts and cultural venues connection from US Cell. Center to Lil Bo (7)
- International center with rotating exhibits (all types) (1)
- 3 story high art sculpture on Mt. Trashmore – 'We Survived' (2)
- New commitment to art inspiring community, better than tree of 5 Seasons (1)
- Create a new area of town with a new architectural expression, need design standards – high standards (1)

### **Diversity Miscellaneous (22)**

- Need specifics to our thoughts not consultant language (2)
- Communication plan about positives – good maps (2)
- Incentives for specific uses that don't currently exist “start up businesses” (9)
- Downtown needs to embrace neighborhoods (4)
- We like all on workshop #1 Feedback (3)
- Gathering spaces (1)
- Shared resources between different land uses efficient use (1)

### **Retail (22)**

- Evening activates pat 9-10pm (2)
- Farmers market to downtown streets (4)
- Outdoor cafes (4)
- Make a decision on US Cellular Center – re: concert venue, size of dots, etc. (2)
- Year round farmers market – enclosed – reuse industrial space? All day everyday (1)
- Retail downtown (3)
- Design Matters! (3)
- Rebuild Paramount (3)

### **Attractions (17)**

- Pro sports team (2)
- Expand farmer's market (6)
- Coe needs to belong to the City – find ways (1)
- CR sponsored bike ride from CR to Waterloo or Dubuque (4)
- Bring RAGBRAI through CR (2)
- Cultural district (7) Highlight different cultural events all day Saturday affair? (1)
- Expand holiday festivities (1)

### **Green Space (12)**

- Expand uses of green space in the district (2)
- Amphitheatre – green space - flood proof (4)
- Multi generational recreation opportunities – multi seasonal use of green space (3)
- Diverse use of sidewalks (3)

### **West Bank (10)**

- Redefine the west bank (6)
- West bank is not primed for redevelopment at this time (1)
- West bank for future prospects (3)
- Redefine the west bank – needed (3)

### **Quality of Life (7)**

- Must have a safe community in the central district (3)
- Incorporate – do not forget our poor – incorporate service/congregate meals etc. (4)

### **Mays Island (4)**

- Mays building should remain, but with new uses (4)

**Medical District (3)**

- Diversity medical district (2)
- Strengthen and diversity medical district (1)

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Diversity South Area

**Attractive and Convenient Residential and Commercial Center (26)**

- Neighborhood shopping ( 5)
- Community gathering centers (HD, Jane Boyd, Rec, Metro)(5)
- Landfill (4)
- Rehab historic building for new uses (3)
- New businesses and housing must fit with area (3)
- Unique dining/shopping experiences (3)
- Concentration and spacing of homes (businesses)(1)
- Better mix of retail/Bars (1)
- Bring activities back to community (1)

**Variety of Attractive, Affordable and Accessible Housing (14)**

- Better mix of housing to promote diversity (assisted living, families, etc.)(3)
- Maintain the existing mixed housing types (3)
- Mix of housing values brings issues of bringing down the high priced homes (3))
- Intergenerational neighborhoods –security (2)
- Mixed uses/services on the way home – adds to the integrity of the community (1)
- Tax Breaks and Incentives (2)

**Infill, Infrastructure Plan (7)**

- Infill with sensitivity to history and create a variety of styles (4)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street – infill opportunities – possible to bring back residential (2)
- Provide infrastructure too! (1)

**Ecological and Environmental sensitivity (4)**

- Leave dump as monument /wilderness area as a reminder of our life styles (windmills tap gas) (4)

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Identity – North Area

**Diversity (37)**

- Streetscapes and Gentrification –Small town style (6)
- Suggestion-There are older homes being torn down, leaving open lot next to homes remaining. Take the open lot and split it with the neighbor to give them more space and the lot would be taken care of. (5)
- Affordable Housing(4)
- Housing (4)
- Multi-generational Community Center (3)
- Mix of Owner Occupied and rental housing (3)
- Diversity of people (income, ages, race, newly weds, elderly =losses) (2)
- Want Architectural style and diversity to continue (2)
- Want medium lot and small residential to continue (2)
- Bring in modular homes to fill lots (2)
- More medium size lots (2)
- Deal with vacant lots-move houses together (1)
- Small lot residential (ability to rebuild like existing) (1)
- Housing on NW side (1)

**River – Flood Control (31)**

- Harbor events -Utilizes River (5)
- Not Sure how river identity will continue with levee (4)
- Fireworks on river- 4<sup>th</sup> of July and boathouse fireworks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (4)
- River-Views (4)
- Watershed Management (3)
- Flood Control/ Green Space-Levee Not listened too at last meeting .. About. Levee, ect (3)
- Harbor, open to public unique landmark (3)
- Want houses connection to river to continue (2)
- Boat harbor=cool (2)
- Main Identity is river (1)

**Connecting Neighbors (27)**

- Community neighboring increase homeownership build and strengthen faith based group investment to draw youth to area incentive to draw young families (11)
- Quaker Oats horn! Don't like (4)
- Connecting neighborhood group (3)
- Major part of identity was that neighbors knew one another (3)
- Lack of interaction with neighbors (2)
- Need to know where people have gone if they're left (1)
- Brings neighbors together (1)
- Need Integrity of landlords to bring people back (1)
- Pride in ownership (1)

### **Historical Buildings Architectural (19)**

- Preserving and renewing historical assets (6)
- Historical information on neighborhood on “plaques” (3)
- Historical Aspects (3)
- Preserving Landmarks (2)
- Save Existing houses-historic significance “Mother Mosque”(2)
- History of area (1)
- Land Marks/ Institution (1)
- Central Fire Station was element of identity/Vibrancy-Safety (1)

### **Parks Open Space (14)**

- Parks and open space (6)
- Pedestrian and bike friendly (4)
- More capital to Parks Departments to maintain existing (3)
- Parks and open space (1)

### **Public Centers (14)**

- Time Check Recreational Center (5)
- Maintaining Public Centers (4)
- Redesign Time Check Recreational Center with “flair” focal point for neighborhood (3)
- Under Vitalization of schools- What will be open to existing schools (2)

### **Small Business (11)**

- Flower Shop (5)
- Small businesses (5)
- Difficulty for people to reinvest in business and homes with prices (1)

### **Public Art and Symbols (9)**

- Aesthetically pleasing-Landscape that defines buildings and character (5)
- Neighborhood or banners to identify neighborhood (2)
- Public Art (1)
- Change Name of Neighborhood (1)

### **Landscaping (8)**

- City gardens (4)
- Well landscaped and maintained areas (2)
- Giants old trees (2)

### **Ellis – Signature Streets (8)**

- Signature streets-Ellis Blvd./River Road (Scenery) (3)
- Revamp Ellis/Robbins (1)
- Unique streets Lighting along signature roads (2)
- Ellis is main I.D. Street (1)
- Keeping Signature streets aesthetically pleasing/attractive adequate lighting (1)

### **Architectural Style (7)**

- Alleys, porches, “ look” (3)
- Older homes-big front porches (3)
- Front porches (Signature streets) (1)

**A&W (6)**

- A&W (2)
- A&W-Find ways to support and bring back (2)
- A&W is part of Identity/ other restaurants “Flamingo” (2)

**Railroad (2)**

- Railroad museum tie into redesign of time check Recreational (like union station/old RR Depot) (1)
- Railroad Bridge (1)

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**Diversity of People and Uses (36)**

- Multi-generational venues (2)
- Identity is people too – how does downtown offer them a new, different experience? (3)
- Flexible – consider future diverse workforce in determining the identity of downtown (3)
- Expand paramount – support space, enhance uses (4)
- More retail/restaurants downtown (4)
- Open up skywalks after 6:00pm to make retail space more valuable (5)
- Mixed use – more eyes on street, improve safety on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave South – 15<sup>th</sup> Street SE area, shops (2)
- Retail/housing combined/affordable (7)
- Sidewalk cafes, nightlife, ord. reg's to allow central gathering spots (3)
- No single answer: multi use, multi-faceted, multi generational (3)

**River Views (30)**

- Capture River Views (5)
- Capture Riverfront views (6)
- Expand upon River – both side – buildings face river rather than back – Use River's edge (8)
- Capitalize riverfront views (4)
- Redevelop west bank (3)
- Define west bank (1)
- Define west bank (3)

**Architectural Design (16)**

- Accent desirable views and features (2)
- Iconic architecture, identifiable skyline, invest in architecture, facades i.e. Des Moines Umbrella (3)
- Lighting of buildings and bridges (7)
- Energy, efficient green building can be our identity (1)
- Building codes – design standards and use standards consistent with district desires (1)
- Successful infill housing/uses (2)

**Identity Miscellaneous (16)**

- Develop Identity for the medical district (3)
- Pride and ownership in our central district (2)
- Get people talking – be controversial (3)
- Lots of places are splintered, not connected with identity (4)
- Develop an identity for all 6 named districts in the central area (3)
- We like all workshop #1 feedback (1)

**Connectivity (16)**

- Connect neighborhood trails to cedar lake trails (1)
- Gateways in districts (2)
- Extend signature streets (2)
- Walker friendly (1)
- Connect neighborhood to Cedar (7)

- Improve Signature Street of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, to River – boulevard – distinctive, Coe (2)
- Cedar Valley nature trail is the national historic trail (identify!) (1)

### **Arts and Culture (15)**

- Develop 3<sup>rd</sup> St arts corridor (6)
- Identity of arts area should include housing too, and might need to be more focused and smaller or in a different location (1)
- Grant Wood murals (1)
- Arts themes in distinct downtown areas (3)
- Co-locate arts organizations (3)
- Reinforce 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave as art area – separate from “newbo” (1)

### **Preserve/Reuse Historic Buildings (15)**

- Better identify the existing historic buildings downtown – walking tours of history (4)
- Save Vets Memorial Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> occupy floors (8)
- Old Federal Courthouse (3)

### **Green Space (11)**

- Greene Square Park – gathering space and entertainment and venue, green space utilization (2)
- Beautification through live vegetation go green (1)
- Create green space in and around downtown (5)
- Establish “pocket” parks – small green space to “escape” well planned (3)

### **Events Festivals (10)**

- Community gatherings – festivals, farmers market (5)
- Big good events – Taste of Iowa, Farmers Market, and Mays Island – part of events (3)
- Open up RR corridor to non – RR uses (2)

### **Higher Education in Downtown (10)**

- Higher education in core (5)
- Downtown “U” – higher education in core area (5)

### **High Quality Services (1)**

- High quality services compared to other cities (1)

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**Local Businesses (31)**

- More stores, businesses, easily accessible, with neighbor focus (4)
- Incentives for lost business, e.g. Polehna's Meat Market (5)
- Maintain the cultural differences (3)
  - Czech
  - Bohemian
  - African American
- Maintain Businesses, Restaurants – local-pertaining to cultural – not chain (3)
- Encourage local businesses development – build own identity (8)
- Maintain businesses, restaurants, - Local – pertaining to cultural not chains (3)
- Employment opportunities in the neighborhood (4)
- Industrial Responsibility: Environmental responsibility for existing industry (1)

**Cultural (17)**

- Historical education (Czech heritage and Grant Wood)(3)
- Cultural assets(3)
- Maintain cultural differences(3)
  - Czech
  - Bohemian
  - African American
- Maintaining identity and diversity – inclusive and unique – welcoming (2)
- Ethnic identity – not just Bohemian (2)
- Ethnic diversity – but also cultural heritage and pride (2)
- Neighborhood Legacy / Multi – generational/ Family stories / History(1)
- Tradition and innovation – Polka...(1)

**Architectural (13)**

- Architectural landmarks (1)
  - St. W
  - Clock tower
  - Watertower
- Historical sites; structures, building (7)
- Character -> tourism (3)
- Uniqueness – both architectural and cultural(1)
- Maintaining existing architectural scale (1)

**Housing (9)**

- Maintain existing housing types – keep owner occupied single family homes, Don't replace with multifamily or rental (4)
- Rebuild, if possible (existing) – consider moving existing houses to save them (2)
- Different housing types and income options (rent-to own) (2)
- More housing (affordable) (1)

**Open space (8)**

- Festivals using dedicated gathering space (4)
- Gathering Place, (outdoor amphitheater) Band shell (2)
- Mount Trashmore – BIG! (1)
- More inviting space (1)

**Landmarks (6)**

- Penford/Cargill-lit structures (1)
- Love the lights changing @ Penford(1)
- Penford/Cargill – lit structures(1)
- The lights changing @ Penford (1)
- Brownfields (2)

**River (5)**

- River as an attraction (3)
- The river as visual connection /identity (2)

**Recreation (5)**

- Recreational opportunities ( indoor and green space) (4)
- Outdoor sport facilities (1)

**Transportation (3)**

- Good transportation (2)
- Great transportation – accessible (1)

**Mixed Use (2)**

- Third street as prime for mixed use(2)

**Gateways (2)**

- Gateways between areas (2)

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**General Recreation (89)**

- Outdoor teen dance (9)
- Cheap or free activities (zoo) (8)
- Outdoor amphitheater (7)
- Year around use of Parks (7)
- Recreational Opportunities Created by Levy (6)
- Community Center (Multigenerational) (5)
- Community meeting Centers (5)
- Kids programs (5)
- Multigenerational Centers for Recreation (4)
- Playground (4)
- Lets Dance kids night-too expensive but good (4)
- Make our city exercise friendly (3)
- Want outside amphitheater (3)
- Trails (3)
- Parks (places where housing was lost pocket parks) (2)
- Take one lot out to increase space (2)
- Harbor –river community (boat club activities link to Chamber) (2)
- Cater to youth and seniors (1)
- Neighbors gathering places (1)
- Cross-country ski Routes (1)
- Aesthetics of parks –trees etc. (1)
- Place to hang out/teen place other than church (1)
- Local community centers (1)
- Community gardens (1)
- Exercise Trail for elderly (Near time Check) (1)
- Boat Ramp at cedar Lake (1)
- Parks (1)
- Ice skating at Robins (1)

**Ellis Park & Harbor (37)**

- Simple Amphitheater –Ellis Park (5)
- Ellis park pool/Ellis Park-general (4)
- Harbor (3)
- Ellis Golf Course (3)
- Amphitheater in Ellis Park (3)
- Boat Harbor (2)
- Need to utilize Ellis Park riverfront as an attraction –add parking (2)
- Restore parking near pavilion for unloading and unloading (2)
- No harbor plan-water rec. (2)
- Opportunity to pull car over and enjoy views, picnic by Ellis park (2)
- Parks-bring back concession stands, outdoor concerts (2)
- Fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>-big attractions (1)
- Multi- use lodge with park (1)
- Ski shows at Ellis Park are attractor-river recreation (1)

- River front uses: fireworks, ices skating (1)
- Baseball diamonds at Ellis park (1)
- River Road (Ellis along river) is great opportunity (1)
- Ellis Park Harbor (1)

### **Business Amenities (27)**

- More small business (8)
- Farmers Market (5)
- Commercial retail Centers (5)
- Strong business district
- P&P Station (Convenience store/Good now) (2)
- Business won't come back –Business need incentive to come back (Financially from Government) (1)
- Jim's Food-neighborhood grocery store (1)
- Need grocery and shopping (1)
- Miss walking to eating establishments (1)
- Day Care (1)
- Business reopened and younger generation tech jobs (1)
- Farmers Market –central (1)

### **Community Recreation Center/Time Check Recreation Center (19)**

- Time check meeting place recreation center (7)
- Revitalize new/separate time check (4)
- Time Check community center and park and splash pad are vibrant center (3)
- Rebuild Recreational Center (2)
- Time Check Center (1)
- Time Check Center (1)
- Community Recreational Center (1)

### **Landmark (16)**

- ATW (4)
- AW-local landmark (3)
- Taylor School (1)
- Schools (2)
- Schools (2)
- Churches (1)
- Area churches rebuilt or expanded (1)
- Fire department (1)
- Churches (1)

### **Boys and Girl Clubs (10)**

- Keep boys & girls club separate from Taylor (3)
- Boys and Girl Club (3)
- Boys and Girls Club Vibrant Center (2)
- Boys and Girl club-Redo (2)

**Design (10)**

- Green space-Mature trees/Flowers/Landscaping (7)
- House boats are attractors (1)
- Public Art (1)
- Aesthetic Cohesiveness in building plans (1)

**Safety (6)**

- Safety and Security (5)
- Concerns about drugs (1)

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**Cultural/Entertainment/Retail (41)**

- Cultural & entertainment opportunities (7)
- Place for music venues, movie theatre, coffee shop, things to do, destinations (5)
- Reuse of 5 Season Center – cultural, theatre, campus (5)
- Amenities – Library/museum as downtown examples, traveling exhibits, synergy – draw into core – Czech museum, African-American museum (5)
- Entertainment – movie theater downtown (Albuquerque, NM) – connection to other entertainment/retail, parking – with movie theatre – Intermodal similar to Vibrant Center – hub for transit with transit users (4)
- Bring back existing cultural venues – Paramount, TCR (4)
- Westdale – Business model example of what Downtown could look like – Concentration & coordination of cultural center. Broad ownership of space. Co-location – administration. (4)
- Retail small restaurant – cluster like things together (restaurants, bars/nightlife) (3)
- Encourage retail on 1st floor (parking ramps) (2)
- Weekend destination points downtown (2)

**Open Space (25)**

- Free ride bike part – I-380 covered (volunteer labor – it can flood) (11)
- Riverfront Plaza (6)
- Street closure – pedestrian mall (4)
- Keep some open spaces in Downtown (3)
- Expanded Green Square Park (1)

**Westside (23)**

- Expand Downtown character to West Bank (7)
- Not enough development on east side of river to warrant redevelopment of West Bank (6)
- Clean up Westside “Junkyard” (4)
- Westside redevelopment – major change in next 15 years – future vibrant center (3)
- Westside as a center – new uses like large amphitheatre, restaurant district – Westside has great views of Downtown (3)

**Housing – Mix/Affordable (21)**

- Downtown housing affordable (7)
- Mix housing in downtown – what makes it viable? (6)
- Downtown housing needs to offer a mix of types (4)
- Affordable/mixed housing downtown (3)
- More housing downtown to bring 24-hour vibrancy – affordable options (1)

**Housing Location (13)**

- Dense residential – mid-rise on river (5)
- More housing between Medical and Downtown and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (4)
- Add downtown living (3)
- Area to SE Downtown ripe for housing – i.e., “East Grand” – East Village (1)

**Arts & Culture (10)**

- Reinforce arts & culture to Downtown (7)
- Support/Develop art/culture – maps – cultural displays – incorporate with trails (3)

**Services/Grocery Store (9)**

- Downtown grocery store/Rx/services/amenities for Downtown living – Downtown type Hy-Vee drug, West Bank Grocery store (4)
- Interesting grocery store downtown (4)
- Residential needs amenities (i.e., coop grocery) to have vibrancy – a mix of uses! (1)

**May's Island (9)**

- Island – non-government (4)
- Year-round Farmer's Market on May's Island (3)
- May's Island for Farmer's Market (2)

**Medical District (6)**

- Create a Medical District (4)
- Define "density" in the Medical District – Potential for "shared" parking (24/7 use) (2)

**Coe College (6)**

- Restore Coe College & surrounding neighborhood (4)
- Reinforce Coe College – Uptown College promotion is Vibrant Center – strengthened (1)
- Force on ways to bring together Coe College/Medical District to downtown area (1)

**Operational Hours (5)**

- Expand hours of operation – all night coffee shops, night shops (3)
- Skywalks close at 5 p.m. – problem for evening activities (2)

**Coe & Medical District (4)**

- Missed center opportunity between Coe & Medical District

**Walk ability (4)**

- Welcoming small town/Cozy environment comfortable walkability (2)
- Walkability streets – pedestrian activity (2)

**Process (4)**

- Workshop #1 Feedback ideas – agree with all (4)

**Public Transportation (4)**

- Public transportation is critical for a vibrant center (3)
- Long term: intermodal transportation system connecting North-South (i.e., Denver) (1)

**Connections/Trails (3)**

- Trail system/encourage healthy lifestyle – bikeable to work – connectivity of trails to Vibrant Centers (2)
- Connection/vibrancy with other areas such as Czech Village (community center south area, Cedar Lake) (1)

**Office (3)**

- Downtown Employment (office jobs) (3)

**Southside Opportunity (3)**

- Area near Federal Courthouse/Library/GTC potential (2)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Ave - 3<sup>rd</sup> Street center opportunity (1)

**Multi-generational (2)**

- Cross generation activities – work together/play together, e.g., Farmer's Market (2)

**High Density (1)**

- High-density use – go vertical (1)

**Parking (1)**

- Solve the parking problem if attracting people (1)

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**Events (31)**

- How do you get the word out? Communication (3)
- “field trip” on industries – show how they work tours – Cargill, Penford, ADM, General Mills etc. (1)
- Events tied to local businesses (1)
- Speakers and events association with Coe, Kirkwood and Mercy Business College (1)
- An opening/business (1)
- Farmer’s Market - use roundhouse more, dances, dog training, etc. (9)
- Mt Trashmore – park, amphitheater, methane gas flame, beacon, ski hill, relocate Usher’s ferry to Trashmore, trails, Mountain biking (8)
- Incorporate food industries into attractions (1)
- Get more tourist attractions (create more things for people to do) (6)

**Utilize Existing Strengths (16)**

- Legion arts – not even mentioned, disappointed, unique space (10)
- So much infill potential (3)
- St Wenceslas, under-used and has potential (1)
- Diversity of Retail (1)
- Getting community buy-in (1)

**Green Space/Recreation (14)**

- Pedestrian Plaza (activity) on or by river (6)
- Green-space to have activities A St., C St., SW (3)
- Green area by Bottle Works (1)
- Amphitheater (3)
- Lumber yard as park (temporary park space) 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> (1)

**Districts (7)**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> street must be a business district (2)
- Connecting 3<sup>rd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (1)
- Irish district, Mahoney’s and TicToc (1)
- Connecting New Bohemia and Czech village (2)
- Create a vibrant center (1)

**Streetscape (6)**

- Park/Bus stop amenities: Trash cans, benches, lighting (3)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Scape (2)
- Pedestrian, historic street lights (1)