

**CEDAR RAPIDS: NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS**  
**Workshop 1 Agenda**  
**JANUARY 31, 2009, from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm**

**Purpose**

*The purpose of this workshop is to identify preferred neighborhood elements.*

**Agenda**

- 8:00 am     **Open House / Registration Begins**  
*Boards set up in Open House format around the perimeter of the room, public invited to come early to review boards. Ask people to take their seats by 8:25 am.*
- 8:30 am     **Welcome**
- 8:45 am     **Review Process to Date and Introduce to Breakout Session 1**  
*Review outcomes from Community Kick-off*
- 9:15 am     **Breakout Session 1: What is the ideal neighborhood experience?**  
*Tables of ten work to identify list of ideal neighborhood experiences lead by facilitators.*
- 10:15 am    **Break**  
*Three designated “feed back teams” use this time to look at results from 20 tables and draw “impressions” about the 5 largest areas of common thinking about planning priorities AND 3-5 of the most unique items they saw on their designated lists.*
- 10:30 am    **Report Back**  
*Assigned Steering Committee and City Council members report back common themes and unique ideas.*
- 10:45 am    **Topical Presentation**  
*What are the elements of a Successful Neighborhood?*
- Open Space and Recreation
  - Transportation and Connectivity
  - Neighborhood Identity and Character
  - Diversity of Uses and Users
  - Safety and Security
- 11:15 pm    **Visual Preference Exercise**  
*Introduce the Visual Preference Exercise*  
*Approximately 15 Images (residential, commercial, and open space) will be flashed on the screen and participants will have rating and comment forms.*
- 11:30 pm    **Breakout Session 2:**  
*Each table will have a set of the images used in the Visual Preference Exercise. The facilitator asks each participant to go around the table and explain WHY they do or do not like the images in each category (residential, commercial, and open space).*

- 12:15 pm      **Lunch**  
*Pick up box lunch and eat at table.  
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- 10:30 am      **Report Back**  
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- 1:00 pm      **Redevelopment Presentation**  
*A Presentation on the Market Analysis and Housing Issues in Cedar Rapids*
- 1:30 pm      **Breakout Session 3:**  
*Tables of ten work to answer questions lead by facilitators.*
- 2:30 pm      **Break**  
*Three designated “feed back teams” use this time to look at results from 20 tables and draw “impressions” about the 5 largest areas of common thinking about planning priorities AND 3-5 of the most unique items they saw on their designated lists.*
- 2:45 pm      **Report Back**  
*Assigned Steering Committee and City Council members report back common themes and unique ideas.*
- 3:00 pm      **Next Steps**  
*Preview and Logistics for Area Meeting 1 on February 10*
- 3:15 pm      **Reflections on Day**
- 3:30 pm      **Close**