

**Breakout 1 – Scenario A – Strengths**  
**Saturday, March 21, 2009 – Cedar Rapids Neighborhood Planning**

**Trail Systems (59)**

- Increase in trails (10)
- Connects trail system (7)
- Trail (loop) north (6)
- Trails across river connects neighborhoods aids commuters (6)
- Future trail connections 5th St to Newbo (5)
- Trails - enjoyment of green spaces, accessibility (5)
- Trails (5)
- Likes improved trails around neighborhoods (3)
- Trail system is good (3)
- Connecting trail system (2)
- Trail System (2)
- Trail connectivity north of river (2)
- Trails (1)
- Concept of trail not location (1)
- Proposed bike trails along river (1)

**Specific Streets and Structures (42)**

- Like function of Gateway Sts (new bridge to 8th Ave to C St) (7)
- Possibility of connecting E & W Park/Trashmore/Sinclair (5)
- New a new bridge from Cedar Lake to time Check (5)
- Great Opportunity to have levee on 1st St (5)
- 5th, 3rd & 3rd - new (4)
- Railroad bridge (Sinclair) (4)
- New bridge by landfill Sinclair (4)
- Improves access to SW to Ellis park (3)
- 1st Ave (2)
- 5th St connector with bridge - #2 takes pressure off people trying to get from SE to SW south (1)
- Bridge in place of RR (1)
- Makes Mt. Trashmore accessible (1)

**Ellis to 6th Street (41)**

- Good connection between neighborhood and Ellis - 6th connection (7)
- 6th and Ellis connection (major gateway) (5)
- Connection from Ellis to 6<sup>th</sup> (5)
- Connecting Ellis Blvd to 6th St (5)
- Ellis to 6<sup>th</sup> St connection (4)
- Ellis and 6th street traffic flow (3)
- Ellis to 6th a good idea better N/S connection plus try to address E & F one way to river (3)
- Connection of Ellis to 6th (2)

- Attach Ellis and 6<sup>th</sup> (2)
- Making Ellis a Gateway for Business (2)
- Ellis Blvd. -6<sup>th</sup> St connection (2)

### **Green Square Park (25)**

- Expand green square park (4)
- Enlargement of parks (4)
- Doubling size of green square (4)
- Doubling Green Square Park (3)
- Expanding green square park (3)
- Double size of green sq park (3)
- Improvement of Green Sq Park (2)
- Doubling Green Square Park (2)

### **Parks (in general) (16)**

- Incorporate outdoor activities in parks and green space (5)
- New parks in New Bohemia (5)
- New parks (4)
- Improve attractive riverfront (2)

### **Neighborhoods (16)**

- Like Sinclair Revitalization (5)
- 3rd St. east as focus point (arts and culture) (5)
- Improves Sinclair Area (3)
- South Section of City (1)
- Reinforces Neighborhood (1)
- Provides connections and buffers to create interesting neighborhoods (creates new opportunities) (1)

### **Streets, Connectivity (in general) (15)**

- Improving roadways already in use (3)
- Gateway Streets are good (2)
- Like connectivity between neighborhoods (2)
- Improves north to south movement (2)
- Good Transit connection - access (2)
- Wide right of ways (2)
- Connects neighborhoods well (1)
- Enhancing existing streets (1)

### **People Streets (in general) (13)**

- Design of people streets (5)
- First Street people Street (3)
- Like to keep people vs. vehicle system (2)
- Streetscape Improvements (2)
- People streets cultural (1)

### **Newbo (12)**

- Connectivity of Downtown and Newbo and arts community (7)
- Newbo to Czech Pedestrian St (4)
- Newbo Park (1)

### **8th Ave Blvd (5)**

- 8th Ave blvd appearance and trees (2)
- 8th Ave. on Westside (1)
- 8th Ave (1)

## **Breakout 1 – Scenario A – Weaknesses Saturday, March 21, 2009 – Cedar Rapids Neighborhood Planning**

### **Ellis & 6th Streets (45)**

- Ellis to 6<sup>th</sup> Connection – Industrial Not compatible with neighborhood, separates neighbors on opposite sides of street (9)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street connection to Ellis will make traffic faster (people fly through already and this will increase (6)
- More traffic on Ellis Blvd will make it difficult to access park for pedestrians (6)
- Not enough people streets near Ellis NW area (6)
- Volume of traffic / 6<sup>th</sup> Street/Ellis through neighborhoods (4)
- Increase traffic (Ellis to 6<sup>th</sup> Street (3)
- Ellis will be new Edgewood Road (3)
- Concerned with amount of traffic on 6<sup>th</sup> if connected (safety for children) (3)
- Concern with pedestrian connection from Ellis Park east to the Lake – nothing to connect to and RR may not approve (2)
- Don't like 6<sup>th</sup> Street connect, already people there (2)
- Ellis to 6<sup>th</sup> Street connection – need to be speed controlled, not a Gateway Street (1)
- 6<sup>th</sup> & Ellis connected (0)
- Edgewood Connection (0)

### **Green Spaces / Greenway / Parks (30)**

- Unclear, too much Greenspace (6)
- Lack of People Street next to Greenway (5)
- Under developed plan for Green Space along river (4)
- Access to Greenway where? (4)
- Park adjacent to smelly landfill (3)
- More parks, more ball diamonds (3)
- Clarify and expand use of green space – get creative (3)
- Sinclair not being a park (1)
- Size of parks (1)

### **Trail / Pedestrians / People Streets (29)**

- Not vibrant – no place to cross over with bike (5)
- Best plan integrates all 3 goals (5)
- No connection from lower SE side to the West Side (3)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue as People Avenue to 10<sup>th</sup> Street (3)
- More trail connections across river (2)
- Trails not used enough, why build more? (2)
- Trails should be part of transportation infrastructure, not only for recreation (2)
- Tax dollars going to pay for trails (2)
- Trail connectivity (Cedar Hills) (2)
- Not many “People Streets” (2)
- Lack of people street on West side (1)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave missing –should be People Street (0)
- Not much change to existing (0)

### **Bridges (22)**

- Bridge goes nowhere 5<sup>th</sup> Street (9)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue be raised road overhead and lower level local (5)
- Need another bridge from Cedar Lake to Time Check (5)
- New bridge or old rail line – good for trail but not traffic (bridge to no-where) (2)
- New “street Roadway/bridge not necessary (5<sup>th</sup> Street Exit) (1)

### **Street Connections (20)**

- Lack of connection of 380 (5)
- Lack connectivity during flood (4)
- Limited People Street – not connected to river (3)
- Connection of C St – 5<sup>th</sup> Street – Boulding (3)
- Concern with connection and use from Sinclair as a street to the landfill (2)
- Transition from Neighborhoods to Downtown not defined (2)
- Poor Access (1)
- Utilization of 380 Exit (0)

### **Cargill Traffic / Industrial (11)**

- Railroads not included in plan (5)
- Plans doesn't connect Rompot neighborhood (3)
- Semi traffic to Cargill (3)
- Heavy traffic on new bridge around Cargill (0)

### **5<sup>th</sup> Street Concerns (10)**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE not feasible due to historic buildings (5)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Street too narrow (2)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Street should not be a Gateway because of park (2)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Street Connection (where does it connect?) (1)

### **Gateway Streets (9)**

- Concerns of traffic/Gateway Streets (3)

- 10<sup>th</sup> Street as People Street (Should be a Gateway) (2)
- Look at 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> as Gateway due to connection to Interstate (4)

### **Traffic Concerns (9)**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Street SE – Traffic conflict with Pedestrians, based on current businesses, Poor access from Interstate on East Side (3)
- Concerns for people “boxed in” by major roads (2)
- With traffic increase, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave needs to stay open (1)
- One way streets downtown (1)
- Concerns at side/street traffic during heavy use time (1)
- Parking ramp on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave will not work (1)

### **Green Square Park (7)**

- Expansion Green Square Park (4)
- What happens to 4<sup>th</sup> Street if you double Green Square Park? (2)
- Impact on business to double Green Square Park (1)

### **Missing Elements – Belong on another list – Already Done?**

- Green space good but can't see the uses – don't know what age group will be using this (1)
- What happens to 16<sup>th</sup> Ave Bridge in this scenario? (0)
- Lighting on bike trail (2)
- Noise barriers along 380/Cedar Lake area (2)
- Locate recreational away from industrial areas (5)