

Cedar Rapids Neighborhood Planning Process - March 20, 2009
Breakout 1 Scenario C - Strengths

Pedestrians/People Streets (52)

- Pedestrian Bridge downtown (24)
- Number 3 Pedestrian connections (7)
- Number of people streets (6)
- Proper placed pedestrian bridges (#3 & #4) (5)
- Downtown streets good pedestrian orientation (3)
- More focus on 1st for “People Street” (3)
- Pedestrian bridge from Mt. Trashmore to New Bohemian. Preserve park quality (2)
- 2nd St. Gateway connects to People Street (2)

Ellis/6th Street (24)

- Like not connecting 6th to Ellis (15)
- Connection between Ellis and 6th is not a straight shot and maintains neighborhood identity (not a highway) (7)
- People street remains in Ellis blvd (Time check area) (2)

Focus on River (20)

- More attractive river front drive (7)
- Embraces the river (6)
- Streetscape to streets near river (6)
- River more marketable (1)

2nd Street (14)

- 2nd St. South East to reopen Downtown (7)
- New 2nd street being built down to Rompot area (7)

Trails (11)

- North trail East side of river potential visitor Ferry (4)
- Extending and connecting trails (3)
- Rail to trail (2)
- Trail connects to the East side of the river to Seminole Valley (2)

Rail/Industrial (10)

- Like rail line to Mt. Trashmore (7)
- Truck access to Cargill is good (3)

Others (35)

- New 1st street (Take heavier traffic out of neighborhoods) (9)
- Levy drive gateway (7)
- Focuses on your greatest assets (What could be) (6)
- Preserves more existing housing (4)
- Overall this scenario is best (4)

- 8th Ave not being used as a gateway (3)
- Good connections to I-380 from the west side (1)
- Easier access for the entire community (1)

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Connections (42)

- New Levy drive takes out Time Check (9)
- Lack of 8th Street connection (8)
- De-emphasizes East and West connection (5)
- Inadequate cross river traffic (4)
- North/south connections to neighborhoods weak (4)
- Lack for connectivity from downtown to Czech Village (4)
- Lack of connection loop trail for bike (3)
- Separated from downtown (Rompot area) (2)
- Lack of connection of Sinclair and Czech Village (2)
- No vehicle bridge south of 16th Ave. (1)

Greenspaces/Parks/People/Pedestrians (24)

- Where are new parks (6)
- Unclear of trails to the south. Where do they connect? (5)
- 1st barrier to greenway (4)
- Lack of open space (3)
- Lack of Green space diamonds along river (3)
- Pedestrian bridge to Mt. Trashmore and location (3)

Ellis/6th (24)

- No connection Ellis to 6th. SW (17) and greenway NW (7) =(24)

2nd Street (22)

- 2nd street built as major road but not required (7)
- 2nd St. gateway pointless (6)
- 2nd St. used as a pedestrian street instead of 3rd. street (4)
- 2nd St. to Otis Road, increase traffic flow (3)
- 2nd street does not connect (2)

2nd Avenue (14)

- 2nd Ave bridge becoming pedestrian bridge (11)
 - Why turn 2nd Ave to a pedestrian bridge?
 - Negative impact on traffic circulation
 - What is the need for this?
 - Aesthetics
- Removal of car traffic on 2nd Ave (3)

Other (64)

- Don't like this plan (10)
- No transit options addressed (7)
- 1st street could take land for potential housing (7)
- Not up grading 12th Ave bridge (6)
- Does not extend to the west side (6)
- New 1st Street as major street (Gateway)(4), or scenic drive by no designation (2) = (6)
- Don't see anything that makes it a beacon or vibrant, doesn't not draw people in (5)
- No railroad addressed (4)
- Option C doesn't strengthen neighborhoods (Too much focus on river) (3)
- Not enough gateway streets downtown (3)
- Focus on river leaves out recreation so move Dam South (3)
- Trails SW side need more retail (2)
- Flood viable (1)
- New Levy street being major street (Safety Concerns) (1)

Other (No Dots) - Strengths

- New 1st. NW
- Main street along river
- New 1st be an improvement
- Neighbor/business cross
- Trail goes farther north and east side of the river
- Pedestrian Bridge connect (not 2nd St)
- Access to Rompot
- Ellis & 6th not connecting
- Downtown Pedestrian Traffic
- 2nd street and Otis rd.
- Trail across to Landfill

Other (No Dots) – Weaknesses

- New 2nd street. Stops at tracks near Otis Rd. (2nd needs to continue)
- People streets are more compact
- 2nd Ave. as Pedestrian crossway
- Possible loss of neighborhood identity form high traffic
- Loss of Time Check Recreational Center to Levee Drive
- Lack of clarity
- 2nd Ave plans unclear/will 2nd Ave bridge be pedestrian only or will a new one be built
• beside existing bridge
- Isolates downtown form neighborhoods
- 2nd Ave as pedestrians put more traffic on 1st and 3rd
- Removing underground parking