

Additional Comments – Public Input on Strategic Plan Drafts - 2019

Below are items mentioned during the public-input process that were not immediately incorporated into the second draft of the plan. Many of the community's comments and ideas were included into the plan immediately; you can see those notes and modifications in the second draft on the website.

Comments from All Boards and Commissions during their March meetings.

(Additional comments were made that have been included in the second draft and, therefore, are not mentioned here.)

1. **We should change this sentence so it's in a more positive light:** "We are Sustainable: We meet our present needs ~~without sacrificing~~ *while enhancing* the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Library Board member

No change made to draft.

2. **We should add a strategy related to the idea of moving forward on local food production** in order to build local resilience (in case of a disaster) and also to increase healthy eating practices.

1 Sustainability Commission member and 1 member from the public who wrote via email. This strategy was included in the third draft and final draft by City Council as Strategy 18 on page 6.

3. **We should be more specific about supporting more electric-vehicle (EV) charging options** on neighborhood streets for homeowners who don't have garages. Also, support more EV charging options on various roads and streets for tourists and visitors.

1 member of the Sustainability Commission

The addition of Strategy 17(f) and a small modification to Strategy 35 were made in the third draft by City Council to accommodate this request.

4. **Strategy 11 (on developing a coordinated citywide economic development strategy) looks too similar to what we've said in the past.** We need to say and do things differently to get at a better outcome.

1 member of the Sheldon Board (past member of the Port Authority).

Council discussed this at length; no change made to draft.

5. **There is a large commitment of resources here. We need to make sure to look at the financial impact of these items, especially for business members.** We also need to make sure we can keep fixing and maintaining what we have now and what we'll build in the future.

2 members of the Harbor Commission.

No change made to draft.

Comments from the Public at the City Council Public Forum on March 18

6. We should get a wish list from the elderly on how they would like their houses fixed and kept up.

Addressed in Strategy 2.

7. Add more benches along our walking routes (downtown, along sidewalks, etc.) so the elderly have more places to sit as they walk.

Addressed in Strategies 28, 29, 31.

8. **Strategy 15: We need to seriously address our practice of waste incineration** and look at how we can decrease our incineration over time, including considering not bringing in waste from other communities to burn.

Addressed in Strategy 15 and specifically in 15(d).

9. **We need to prioritize. This is a wonderful, aggressive plan so we need to prioritize what is most important to the community and environment.**

No need for a change. Priority matrix is coming in spring 2019 that will outline the highest priority projects for the next one to three years.

10. **We as residents need to keep getting updated on progress on the Red Wing 2040 Community Plan and city government's 2019 Strategic Plan.**

Addressed in Strategy 65.

11. **Our Vision and Mission statements don't state that we want to be attractive to others and actively welcome visitors.** The Vision is not inspiring and aspirational. We could say something like "We attract arts and outdoor enthusiasts around the globe."

Sentiment from this comment is incorporated into the new mission and vision statements but not the specific phrase mentioned in this comment.

12. **As we move through the priorities in this plan, we need to be consistent in making sure we're including the effects on women and children.**

Addressed in Strategies 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, and 67, among others.

13. **We will need to look at diversification in our economy for a time when Xcel Energy may not be responsible for 50% of our tax base.** We need to bring Xcel into the future and use new technology (i.e. for recycling the toxic waste, etc.) One person to look to for inspiration is Taylor Wilson working on reactor technologies.

Addressed in Strategy 10.

14. How does the 2040 Plan figure into the next Strategic Plan?

Addressed in Strategy 65.

15. **We need bigger emphasis on research and development to foster our future businesses.** Would like to set up an inventors' community.

Addressed in Strategy 11.

16. **We need to keep up funding for our schools.**

No change made to draft.

17. **Love the idea of the Youth Council and glad we've begun that.**

Addressed in Strategy 67.

18. **Children are helping in our community,** planting flowers and doing other things. They deserve our thanks.

No need for a change.

19. **Like the idea of getting people excited about the issues.** Make sure we continue to reach out and get to people where they are, rather than always expect them to come to government.

Addressed in Strategies 61 and 63.

20. **Would like the sound quality to be better at Council meetings.**

Addressed in Strategy 64.

Comments written on large sheets on the wall during the Council Public Forum that aren't referenced already in the second draft:

- [We want to be] a community that attracts art and outdoor enthusiasts from around the globe.
- Keep taxes in mind. Don't price Red Wing out of the market because of our taxes. We want more people to relocate to Red Wing.
- We need to make sure we can afford all this.
- Need more under Education/Lifelong Learning.