

WARD 4 - STRATEGIC WARD FORUMS

Citizen Input	Dept.	Pos/Issue- Priorities	Ward	Comments
Painted bike lanes on 8th Street	PW	Iss/Pri	4	The City follows the Sangamon County Regional Planning Commissions Bike & Pedestrian plan to provide connectivity for bike lanes throughout the city. As road improvements or repairs are made bike lanes are added following that plan.
Peoria Road straightened and widened	PW	Iss/Pri	4	Peoria Road is under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation. They have made recent improvements to the road to improve site lines in certain areas. Preliminary design work was begun on the road for such improvements but there is currently no funding to complete.
New baseball stadium to attract new teams	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	4	UIS has long-term goal of a Sports Stadium.
Sangamon/Dirksen - turning back North double turn lane	PW	Iss/Pri	4	That intersection is under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation. Preliminary design work is underway and improving that intersection is a priority for IDOT and the city. The work is dependent on funding but the city is optimistic that can be a project completed in the next few years.
Host Ward meetings to include 186 & Park District, etc.	Comm	Iss/Pri	4	Inviting those mentioned organizations to all upcoming and future Ward meetings..
Accountability – citizens and public servants both. Home owners have to be responsible for handling garbage; City should be able to handle complaints. City needs to maintain city property like we expect property owners to do.		Iss/Pri	4	The Mayor and City Council recently approved ordinance that will hold garbage haulers responsible for assisting in cleaning up excess garbage and fly dumping in neighborhoods. In addition the ordinance provides for the City to place a garbage service fee and assign a hauler to those who do not have garbage services and are having issues with accumulation.
Residents don't know what is going on in the Ward. Need to share information about what is happening. Not everyone is online.	Comm & Counci l	Iss/Pri	4	Improved online and email communications with Neighborhood Associations and info shared with the alderman. Sharing information with all media outlets. Enhancing Text Alert program for the residents.

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Input about CWLP. Put it on the website each month about its metrics. How much electricity do we have on hand? How much did we sell? How much do we have? Gives us transparency.	Comm	Iss/Pri	4	CWLP is set to launch a new Web site in late September
Infrastructure on secondary streets – Hedge Lane isn’t treated. Doesn’t drain on Chevonna, Maiden and Piper – Twin Lakes, Indian Hills, North Gate. And New North Gate. Sandgate, Albany, Plateau Drive.	PW	Iss/Pri	4	There are drainage issues that need to be addressed but are currently not funded. Have been doing small scale projects utilizing fund 95 but are limited.
Services that we pay for but we don’t see it – Key, Watch, etc.	PW	Iss/Pri	4	Streets are rated and repaired based on engineering standards and assessments.
Response to the sewer survey. What are the results and the City’s response?	PW	Iss/Pri	4	The study and survey results have been placed on the City website
Alley pavement was not done correctly. The quality construction of the roads is poor. Pride is not happening in the work.	PW	Iss/Pri	4	Alley paving is monitored by the City construction engineer. If particular alleys are in question, we can check on them and respond.
Snow removal – Plateau snow removal.	PW	Iss/Pri	4	Public Works is always looking to improve snow removal. This year we have began utilizing more contractors in an effort to more rapidly remove snow.
Peoria Road – has been ignored (owner of Sutton Siding). Property value keeps decreasing. The roads haven’t improved.	PW & Econ	Iss/Pri	4	Peoria Road is under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation. They have made recent improvements to the road to improve site lines in certain areas. Preliminary design work was begun on the road for such improvements but there is currently no funding to complete.
How do we improve this entrance of Springfield with the fair, university, etc. but the North end has been ignored. This side of town needs to stop being ignored. Stop ignoring Peoria Road – Dirksen has improved.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	4	Public Works personnel and Springfield Green are working on a strategic plan for entryways, tree replacements and landscaping.
Vacant lots – they tear houses down and nothing gets done.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	4	Econ. Dev. Is working on a land bank initiative (i.e. Nehemiah/City partnership to receive an IHDA grant to tear-down and build.)

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Railroad – need more info on what is occurring and how is that affecting Ward 4.	CR/Comm	Iss/Pri	4	PSA completed about the Railroad Resource Center. Promoted online, on Access 4 and 18. Info on City website and on springfieldrailroad.org
TIF District – more info and more oversight. Stealing from the School District. Control over the TIF.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	4	Renewed downtown TIF with support from all taxing bodies. Hiring a Division Manager to oversee the TIFs and looking at Peoria Road TIF.
Information and status on the rail project throughout the City.	CR/Comm	Iss/Pri	4	PSA completed about the Railroad Resource Center. Promoted online, on Access 4 and 18. Info on City website and on springfieldrailroad.org
Griffiths – two big vacant lots. It is owned by the railroad but the lots have been ignored and no maintenance has been done.		Iss/Pri	4	PW will review and look further into the issues.
Timely demolition of abandoned property.	PW	Iss/Pri	4	The city has demolished over 470 structures since 2011. In order to obtain permission to demolish structures, a court order must be obtained and that often takes time.
Underutilization of local museums		Iss/Pri	4	More promotion with SCVB
Maintenance of the museums.		Iss/Pri	4	Worked with State to re-open museum and standardized staffing and hours with historic sites (extended hours for some sites)
Residency requirement for jobs at the City	Council	Iss/Pri	4	Ordinance presented and passed.
Uniformity of business property. Planning of revitalization so it looks uniform. North Grand for example. Everyone does what they want to do and is not cohesive or connected in design.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	4	Working with Chamber to have unified, comprehensive approach to development.
Better control of rental properties. Background checks of property rental tenants. SHA properties.	PW	Iss/Pri	4	The City currently does not have a renter/landlord registration program.
What is the School District 186 plan to rehab the schools and improve.		Iss/Pri	4	Shared information with District 186.

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Lake Two transparency	Comm	Iss/Pri	4	Undergoing the Supplemental Water Supply Scoping Process. Public have opportunity to share thoughts and ideas through September 14 about Springfield's Supplemental Water Supply. Submit comments online or through the mail. Additional info available at http://supplementalwater.cwlp.com
Provide info about the Gravel pits and why is that not being pursued?	CWLP	Iss/Pri	4	See above. Additional info available at http://supplementalwater.cwlp.com
Blue collar industry – lost 30,000 factory jobs. We need to do more to bring industry like that back to Springfield. Economic Development.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	4	Targeted Industry Sectors trying to attract businesses that compliment existing businesses (i.e. Medical District = Medical suppliers)
Long-range economic development that is written because revenue sources are changing	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	4	Hiring a Division Manager. In process of 10 year comprehensive land plan. Public can provide input until September 15.
Development of a Senior Community that is on the North end so these residents don't have to go out west. Not a high-rise but homes that share lawn and other maintenance services.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	4	Shared with Economic Development for further review and investigation.
Go back to the plans and the study – revisit those and reuse the info. Vision 2020 Plan – it talked about Peoria Road and addressing current situation.	Comm	Iss/Pri	4	Partnership with County's Regional Planning to update the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
Enforcement of traffic laws. North Dirksen and Veterans the cars are going at an increasing rate of speed and are also talking on their cell phones.	Police	Iss/Pri	4	Location provided for speed monitoring rotation and patrols.
Loud mufflers in the town and need to be dealt with/noise issue.	Police	Iss/Pri	4	Call when incidents arise or submit information online to Report A Problem.
Problem with 911 dispatch. They are unprofessional and rude. If it is a 3 rd party then they need to be fired.	Police	Iss/Pri	4	Information provided to 911 regarding customer service needs.
State and local laws may be in place but the motorized bikes need to change. Where can you take your golf cart on the road? Same needs to apply.	Council	Iss/Pri	4	Looking at introducing an Ordinance to restrict motorized bikes.

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Recognition of higher education plan – provide the amenities that the children and young people want. Good park systems, bike trails, and transportation.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	4	Working with UIS on a solution.
Realignment of Sangamon Avenue and Browning Road – the structure.	PW	Iss/Pri	4	Has been noted for the Long Range Transportation Plan review process.
Newsletters – monthly ward report. Try to share information in multiple channels.	Comm	Iss/Pri	4	Working to improve communications including new Web site that highlights information important to the residents, including for specific Wards. Weekly emails sent to Neighborhood Associations and Aldermen.
Better cooperation along Dirksen businesses and the residents that butt up against them. Vagrants (both people and rodents) and locations can become a junk yard.	PW & Econ	Iss/Pri	4	Housing Division has been asked to monitor the area and has made citations that have resulted in some clean ups. Unkempt properties are often and ongoing challenge with repeat offenders.
Inter-government relationship/partnership. Need to address “Holes in the Donut”	Council	Iss/Pri	4	Recently annexed in the remaining lake properties. Will continue the effort with future ordinances.
Consider creating bike trails with the abandoned railroads like it was proposed in the 80s by Fairview school.	PW & Econ	Iss/Pri	4	There is a interest by the Park District and the City in doing so on a number of corridors. It is a matter of obtaining funding to do so and following the Bike and Pedestrian plan that maximizes connectivity of routes.
Future of abandoned 3rd Street; historic route so plan on how we can tap into it for future generations.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	4	Long-term goal of Railroad consolidation.
Better communications – Only two Neighborhood Associations in Ward 4. Does the city have a packet of info on how to build a Neighborhood Association?	Comm	Iss/Pri	4	City has built its own database on Neighborhood Association and includes which Ward the Association are in. For Phase II of the project is to review where associations are and any gaps there may be (where associations may be needed).
Expand our residency – anyone who needs/uses our taxes.	Council	Iss/Pri	4	Residency requirement passed council approval for City's workforce and continually working towards annexing "holes in the donut".

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City inspectors be more proactive vs. reactive. Instead of waiting for calls they go out and look at things. Change in a process. More city inspectors and publicize that they were coming out like Frankfurt, Kentucky. Transfer duties so they had enough inspectors. Like encouraging people to live healthier lifestyles then they would use less medical.	PW	Iss/Pri	4	Inspectors have been directed to be more proactive in dealing with problem properties. We will look into Frankfurt; Kentucky housing division for ideas on how can be more aggressive.
Patriotic		Pos	4	
Camaraderie with the Northend community		Pos	4	
Opportunity for small business and real estate. Ease of doing things. Entrepreneurship		Pos	4	
Fairgrounds – many more opportunities with the race track		Pos	4	
Working at the fair		Pos	4	
Historical assets		Pos	4	
State Fair – 10 day period is great		Pos	4	
Quality education		Pos	4	
Good restaurants		Pos	4	
The Capitol		Pos	4	
Route 66		Pos	4	
Carillon and Hoogland Center		Pos	4	
Medical facilities		Pos	4	