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2016 Ward Meeting

What would make Springfield the “Model” city?

- Lake Two – Bring in more fishing, recreation, nature, etc.
- Music entertainment for youth that is free. Events for all ages but can be free like Chicago
- A robust healthy school system
- User friendly public library. The amount of lending books are low. Parking system: needs closer parking
- City-wide Wi-Fi
- Set-up branch libraries
- City should offer broadband to bring in new revenue
- Return of Neighborhood Schools. Reduce transportation cost. More convenient to attend events and conferences. School attendance improves. Strong neighborhoods and less crime. Better places to live.
- Stronger neighborhood schools improve neighborhoods and better the tax base.
- Dog park
- Balanced budget
- Municipal Band – see more of them and promote more
- Industrial Growth – not just services. Economic Development but not just a service.
- Vibrant downtown – shopping, apartments and activities.
- More wow landscaping throughout the community. Improved esthetics. More green space
- Fill in the donut holes – annex
- Strong vibrant airport
- YWCA area – do something. Resolve it.
- More development between offices by the mayor and city officials and professionals – to help our youth. During school day – like Grow Our Own. Programs to keep youth here or coming back because they understand our professional businesses and career opportunities in the futures.
- Metro Government – all under one government (Chatham, Rochester) – uni-government
- Decent movie theaters like Fox Theater. Multiple use theater in downtown.
- People who have knocked down buildings and built parking lots – create an ordinance that requires bushes around the lot or improves esthetics.
- Improved traffic flow
- Reduce flow of traffic downtown and surface parking lots. Focus on transportation systems that may lessen the impact

Issues

- Butler has a terrible traffic flow and pattern
- Cut off a lot of the areas that bus normally goes (i.e. Brentwood) can those run in the a.m. for people in the area
- We need asphalt on Warson Road. Right now too dirty and dusty.

- Greenbriar and Huntley
- Enforce traffic laws around this area. (Veterans and Wabash – coming east), Greenbriar and Veterans. Robin Hood and Wabash.
- Chatham Road needs to be resurfaced. Wabash all the way down Washington/Jefferson
- Sandburg School - no one is going to obey the 20 miles an hour postings
- Left turn lane on Chatham on Laurel – no turn lane and needs it
- Butler School is awful at Dial and MacArthur – does not slow down.
- Oversight of school zones for speed
- Anything the City can do to watch the plowing up the driveways. It is hard for the elderly. Plow not as close to driveways.
- Coordination of efforts with Leland Grove and Springfield. Leland Grove is johnny on the spot. Ignore Warson but does everyone else in Leland Grove? Can they do that for the City residents?
- Road by Christ the King has been used as a short-cut between Wabash and Veterans. Do something to make Warson nice. Leland cut it off and need to do it.
- Huntley needs to be added to the snow plowing with Leland Grove
- Congestion on Huntely, Warson and Briar. Remove barricades that Leland Grove put up. That will alleviate congestion. It would be appreciated.
- Cook Street West – all of the lanes going west. Someone always cuts off and needs better market.
- Warson and Brentwood. It is a T and not a 4-way stop. It should be a 4-way.
- Huntley and Warson – The bump is there. People in Leland Grove go over it all the time. But no one else is allowed. People who live on Huntley should be able to.
- However, the issue is Leland Grove does the streets so we can't take down their postings
- People in Springfield run red lights all the time. Timing is different on all the lights. Police need to enforce the red lights.
- Cell phones and driving. We don't enforce it.
- Do we have cameras and if we do, why don't they work or use them more.
- Can cameras be used by police to introduce e-tickets. Because not enough police.
- No Swine Left Behind got shut down and not done in a nice way.