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Citizen Input	Dept.	Ward	Comments
Schools are overcrowded. Teachers are teaching because of job but not because they want to teach as a career. Also the shutdown of some of the schools.		3	Sharing with District 186
Schools are lacking education of Springfield, Illinois. More history about our community. Smaller class sizes. (School Board Member in attendance responded to the resident that there are 30 to 33 in each class in the District)		3	Sharing with District 186
Support School referendums on the ballot because they need the support.		3	Sharing with District 186
After school programs	CR	3	Working with Social Service Agencies about partnering to create new programs or get the word out about existing.
Transportation doesn't run 24 hours a day. It is a limited mass transit system.		3	Sharing with SMTD
Confusion of bus schedule/system and downtown hub where it is now is not clear.		3	Sharing with SMTD
Louis Lane – need to complete black top	PW	3	Mayor has directed Public Works to prepare a Capital Improvement Plan for him and council to consider. Current funding is for maintenance of roads as they are currently constructed not to improve them.
Concern about crossing the road on Dirksen. City needs to add crosswalks. Someone was hit on Elm and Division	PW	3	Dirksen is a state route so the traffic engineer for the city will review the data and contact the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) with concerns. Also ongoing upgrades through the corridor will address some of the safety concerns adding sidewalks, bike lanes, and crossings where appropriate.
Finally did the Cook Street viaduct – thank you.		3	
Lincoln Land Alum said it is a gem to this city.		3	

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Appreciation of synchronization of lights but please keep going with that project.	PW	3	Traffic Modernization Plan	
Aldermanic part has helped a lot – system of government is important and appreciated.			3	
The forum is positive.			3	
Snow removal is a positive			3	
Pot holes on Poplar Court is a problem.	PW		3	Poplar court streets are privately owned. The city has cited the property owners to make repairs and the matte is currently being addressed through the legal process.
City lights – more street lights are needed for purposes to alleviate crime. Safety should be a priority. Add lights to 14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> Streets North Grand and South Grand, Capitol between MLK back is all dark. Possibly solar lights if it is less expensive and are also brighter.	PW & CWLP		3	Is it private or a City issue? Internally need to discuss and determine then communicate it out.
Corner of 4 <sup>th</sup> and North Grand – major problem to try to get out. Tree obstructs and causes safety issues.	PW		3	Tree has been trimmed by Public Works Crew
Violation enforcement cars on sidewalks.	Police		3	Traffic wardens in the Police Department.
2700 – 2800 East Black parking creates an issue for SMTD.			3	SMTD needs to reach out.
Moved up to Little Flower – empty businesses on Stevenson and North Grand. Small businesses are leaving the area and buildings are falling apart.	Econ Dev		3	Hiring of Division Manager in Economic Development will assist in promoting business areas focusing on TIF.
Need more small business support for area businesses	Econ Dev		3	Communicate about Economic Development Program that involves Justine Peterson partnership.
Something done with boarded up homes – Zombie homes. Also vacant lot solution to help property value.	PW		3	Overall City Policy

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Dirksen Parkway – speedway on the widened part of Dirksen. Sidewalks need to be added along Dirksen along with Bike lanes.		3	Multiple jurisdiction and need to communicate that to residents and share concerns with IDOT and County.
There is an overall safety concern on Dirksen. Slow the speed limit.		3	Multiple jurisdiction and need to communicate that to residents and share concerns with IDOT and County.
Delmar to Vilanova on and Adloff - City needs to repair the street and put the pipe all the way down the street.	PW	3	This is a storm water drainage issue that needs to be addressed through a Capital Improvement Plan and possibly a storm water utility. The mayor has directed Public Works to present a plan to address our Capital Improvement needs.
Ditch areas in front of house are hard to live around because when hot and fill up with rain water they attract mosquitos and bugs.	PW	3	This is a storm water drainage issue that needs to be addressed through a Capital Improvement Plan and possibly a storm water utility. The mayor has directed Public Works to present a plan to address our Capital Improvement needs.
Why did the City not black top Adloff lane because it is part of Glen Aire? Gets sewer and standing water.	PW	3	This is a storm water drainage issue that needs to be addressed through a Capital Improvement Plan and possibly a storm water utility. The mayor has directed Public Works to present a plan to address our Capital Improvement needs.
Days Inn on Stevenson – vacant property is a zombie hotel. Sitting for awhile and City needs to do something about it.	PW	3	Legal is proceeding to address and move forward with demolition.
Dirksen - reduce the speed not just on a stretch but the whole part when it opens up. Smoother flow with the widen lanes but keep slow.		3	Dirksen is a state route controlled by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The city Traffic Engineer has shared the suggestion with them for consideration.
Property that butts up against the wooded area by Adams Wildlife Sanctuary. Overgrown trees and branches. They used to have people come out and cut the trees but not anymore. No normal maintenance has happened in the last 10 to 12 years.	PW	3	Have assigned the city arborist to reach out to them and address.

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Resident lives on Leland Grove by Nickels Grove. Coming across Dirksen the road comes down and floods in the ditch. It is eroding the land.	PW	3	Have assigned to engineering to investigate.
Pillsbury Factory – keep people updated on the progress and situation, even if it is not a City decision. People want to know what is going on.	Comm	3	Briefing was held at EPA with EPA, Attorney General office, Neighborhood association, city and elected officials. Another public meeting was planned at Lincoln Library. The presentation is on the city website for access.
Speeders in general – go too fast. For example on Livingston and Sherwood		3	Passed to traffic engineer to review as well as sent to Springfield Police Department for more enforcement.
Neighborhood Watch – getting the program going but how to improve it throughout the ward and get it off the ground? Get to know your neighbors and good cooperation.	CR	3	Working with the Police, create a packet/how-to and communicate it to area associations.
Leash Laws – dogs not on leashes and running through the yards and driveways. Need to be enforced.	Police	3	Police and Animal Control
Vacant lots – they aren't getting rid of the trees that are just as old. Need to also look at those trees.	Econ Dev	3	Any brush or debris on lots will be removed during demolition. If a tree is unsafe and danerours it too will be removed.
Alley on Cook, Clay, Lawrence, 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> – look at trash and fly dumping.	PW	3	Sent to Housing Division for inspection and fine and removal if not addressed.
Sidewalk needs to be completed from Christmas – by Livingston on Cook (Near Channel 20) People in wheelchairs go on street.	PW	3	Will be addressed with the 2016 sidewalk program by Public Works. Will communicate about the "grading" program on Web site for Streets/Sidewalks
Animal issues with backyard. Animal control will not help – they say purchase traps and take it to them. But that should be their job.		3	Animal Control

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Animal Control should be intergovernmental – have enforcement agreements; better removal of problem critters; for pets hold the owners responsible and fine them.	Comm	3	Communicate about Animal Control
Animals should be licensed for certain breeds.		3	Animal Control
Flooding/Sewer with heavy rains	PW	3	Part of northeast sewer study that was submitted to EPA as well as will be part of a Capital Improvement Plan.
Police should note where the lights are out and report it to the City. They sit in lots for an hour so why can't they record lights since they drive around and can see what needs replaced.	Comm	3	Better City process needs to be implemented and communicated to allow residents the power to better submit this information.
Absentee landlords. They don't enforce their tenants. City code enforcement is lacking. They don't get proper permits then when they came out – they don't notice other items like trash or wild animals.	PW	3	City could consider a landlord registration process to better manage absentee landlords. Code enforcement inspectors have been instructed and are undergoing training to be more proactive in citing for code violations. No longer complaint driven only system.
Need more inspectors for monitoring violations. Also need more law enforcement.	PW	3	Springfield has adequate number of inspectors compared to other cities. Have moved from complaint driven to more proactive approach in dealing with code violations.
Some of the inspectors are landlords and that is a conflict of interest.	Legal	3	Corporation Counsel is looking into this. However, no inspector would ever be assigned to inspect or address any complaint on a property they own.
We live in a complaint driven city. We need a system that is more proactive that the city can help drive. Police ALL City codes – not just some.		3	Every complaint or call for service is taken seriously by Public Works and investigated. Additionally the city is perusing more customer service training for all staff to provide citizens better service.
Tell residents about the metal plates on light poles so when they report they are out, that is the information they need to provide - code/number.	Comm	3	However, not all light poles have them or they are located on different parts of the pole.

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If you ask for us to tell you about issues, do not get annoyed with us or don't ignore us when we call with them. Be more receptive when we call for incidents.	HR	3	Customer Service training.
More police interaction with residents.	Police	3	Better communicate about Police events and Neighborhood meetings. They are now included in the Neighborhood Association weekly e-blast.
Pitt bulls – need to protect herself now		3	Animal Control
Improper drainage – ground water. St. Mary's is an example.	PW	3	There is a need for more funding to begin addressing many of the drainage and flooding problems we are experiencing in some areas of the city. The mayor has asked for the Department to provide a Capital Improvement Plan and possibly ideas on creating a storm water utility to address the issues.
1205 Livingston – many rats		3	
North Grand at Cottonwood Cove – drainage takes out Bridge	PW	3	Have assigned to engineering to investigate and make recommendations.
District 186 and complying with the 1976 Consent Decree – what is the City's response? Are they planning to engage? Respond?		3	Sharing with District 186
Job opportunities –City needs to increase diversity.	HR	3	Hosted twice a year Employment Open Houses in addition to creating communication about Hiring statistics and reports.
Can the City provide more of an update to the Schnuck's progress?	Econ Dev	3	Economic Development looking into the matter.
Residency – too many people live outside the city that work for the city.	Council	3	Residency requirement passed and 50% Labor Ordinance passed as well.
SJR is prejudice and bias.		3	
Stevenson Drive needs to be a TIF district	Econ Dev	3	Division Manager hired to focus on area TIFs
Wheeler/South Grand back up on South Grand because of store	PW	3	Springfield Police Department will address when an issue becomes.
MLK – Clay/Case parking on Sunday on the Street. Please ask people to park in lots and not on the street.	Police	3	Traffic Warden sent to assess.

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Big town but size is perfect		3	
Great place to raise kids		3	
Hometown		3	
Cost of living is less		3	
Abraham Lincoln		3	
Great educational system – K thru college		3	
Medical community/facilities		3	
State Fair		3	
Utilities		3	
Relatively easy to get from one side to the other if you have an automobile.		3	
Legislature has to come here to do their work.		3	
Variety of entertainment		3	