

2017 Ward Planning Meeting		
WARD 2		
ISSUES/CONCERNS		POSITIVE COMMENTS
Opening doors for different groups to come to the city to accept diversity (NAACP, SCODR)		Positive - Noticed that in Ward 2 - faster snow removal. Improved
What is the vision for Springfield? TIF hasn't brought in any new jobs so who is getting it and who have they hired. Better communication on how many jobs created. Information about job available for construction projects. What are our plans for 1 or 2 years out. Communicate it.		Positive -More alleys have been paved.
Buses don't run all the time and transportation needs to be available 24 hours a day of some type.		Positive - Hat goes off to police department.
Be able to vote on concepts in Ward 2 and/or on Y Block (i.e. theater, ice skating, etc.)		
Trash on Ash Street is horrible because Waste Management is on there and flies out down the street. 11th Street all the way out to Dirksen Parkway-Ash has trash flying out. Private people who transport it to company and it flies out of back of cars/trucks.		Positive - New sidewalks with accessibility features.
Better enforcement on flea markets on east side. Peddler licenses need to be enforced or set-up some way. Setting up on corners on east side.		Positive - Less prostitution walking down the streets.
All collection on CWLP billing including trash		Positive - Minority numbers have started to rise in various departments.
More organized trash collection.		Positive - Restaurant immediately next door.

<p>Contractors and vendors and we spend a lot of money. However, places like the City of Chicago - city picks up the trash. City can be trash collectors and create many more jobs. Ways to create jobs vs. using vendors.</p>		<p>Positive - Work at the Executive Mansion.</p>
<p>Sevenson/Taylor - there is nothing on that side of town for the community, especially for kids.</p>		<p>Positive - Realtors Building and its bicentennial project.</p>
<p>There isn't even a police station. Need some business men and women to participate in improving the south end of the community.</p>		<p>Positive - Housing has been torn down, trash and lawns been picked up/mowed but need help with limbs.</p>
<p>Need to give something back to Springfield. Boys & Girls Club shouldn't charge a fee to attend, some kids can't afford it.</p>		<p>Positive - Roads have been cleaner.</p>
<p>Before we curb violence, we need to take responsibility at home. Need to find out what their home life is like.</p>		<p>Positive - Buses have been on time.</p>
<p>Increase Section 8 housing to 5 years.</p>		<p>Positive - Opening of Stanford is great and hope we keep it clean.</p>
<p>Going to school and mentoring to the kids. Need to find out if the kids have clothes at home, parents on drugs, not enough money for food, etc. Need to find out why the kids are so mad? Is it because they have nothing to do? However, they have no transportation they can take because buses don't run past 8. Not everyone has money. Suggest that if people have section 8 or public aid and should have to go out and clean up yards and alleys. Housing Authority needs a sit down and come with new regulations. Especially on yards, maintaining houses, etc.</p>		<p>Positive - Salvation Army has stepped up on helping the kids. Seeing things moving in right direction, more programming and stepping up their game.</p>
<p>11th and South Grand - quite a few buildings. Is there money in TIF funding for satellite after school activities. Partnership with churches and others for a place to be a safe haven. Maybe able to help southeast part of town. Don't need to recreate the wheel but create a new paradigm. Multiple smaller sites that can reach many and feel one on one.</p>		<p>Positive - The Outlet and their impact and work.</p>

Guys need to be allowed into District 186 schools to talk to the boys. Men and women who can find out what is going on and let them know not to go down that path. Clear book bags if people still have	
Yellow lines or children at play signs between Normandy and Stanford by Lake Victoria.	
Lake Springfield needs to be cleaned up.	
What is the city's plan for Ward 2? Will it bring jobs and can minorities get those jobs.	
Yellow book that had different agencies that offered help. Do we offer that anymore? Doesn't make it anymore but would be helpful to have that resource.	
What happened to all the fields at Kiwanis Field and Bunn? They need to come back or be used.	
Affordable housing and there is a lack needs improved. Report on city website with HUD and what needs to change/strategy. We need to make a strategy for here.	
Tiny houses for veterans or other groups to help them get affordable housing.	
What do we get from the county? We put it all on the city but we haven't put anything on the county, so what are they doing for us? We pay taxes to them but they aren't helping.	
Economic development for county - each person appointed on board has committed money and will discuss economic development for Springfield. It looks like a shut-out board. It is not diverse enough and no minorities.	
How far along are you with the annexations, especially by Southeast (Cornell)?	
Southeast HS is looking to turf the fields over there so they can get the kids involved longer, but is there a pool of money that each alderman can access each year for projects in their wards they feel are necessary.	
Use precinct committeemen to help be boots on the ground.	

Open back up the Diversity Council to the public.