

2017 Ward Planning		
WARD 6		
ISSUES/CONCERNS		COMMENTS
Need for new restaurants across the city that highlight ethnic and diverse foods (i.e. Mediterranean)		Positive - Removing old abandoned houses
Dollar General on MacArthur needs garbage cans due to littering and entrance needs improvements. Corporate not responsive and need city to help.		Positive - Revitalization of Iles Park Neighborhood Association
Need to be aggressive on old Esquire property for redevelopment. If ideas are needed, invite ward residents to give feedback and input and also, if a developer expresses interest.		Positive - Bites on the Boulevard
Third Street Corridor - gates needed along with other safety measures. The need for it to become a quiet zone and also for fencing. If information is available about timeline and/or progress, put more info on the website for residents to access.		Positive - Harvard Park changes in the traffic signs (reduction of number of signs)
CWLP utility billing - have an option of extending it into a 12 month payment plan like Ameren. Different than level payment that currently is offered. Distribution of payment needs to be more even.		Positive - Road improvements on South Grand
Trash and littering		Positive - Less property crime
Absentee landlords		Positive - Alley was paved between 3rd and 4th and on Scarritt.
Increase in car break-ins		Positive - Sidewalk improvement on West Vine and on Scarritt.
Paving alleys makes them nice racetracks for cars. You almost need speed bumps installed once you pave an alley.		Positive - Improvements to the brick roads and streets.

<p>How many speed signs does the city own (the ones that reflect speeds)? City has 2 speed trailers. Can reflect speed or do it covertly (hides the speed to drivers but still calculates it). Special signs to be added to neighborhood streets about children.</p>	<p>Positive - Appreciation of the Sangamon Valley Trail.</p>
<p>Drainage on Lowell when there is a heavy rain because it is poor</p>	<p>Positive - Neighborhood associations becoming more active.</p>
<p>More knowledgeable on our responses by those who answer the phones. Workers who work on issues/in the field are great but hard to get through the phone lines to get to the right department or request.</p>	<p>Positive - New bridges in Washington Park.</p>
<p>Many people are parking on Lowell Boulevard between Laurel and Ash and ruining grass.</p>	<p>Positive - Lots of new restaurants downtown and all around the city.</p>
<p>During the winter ice storm, it seemed like nothing got salted. Delayed too long to have streets treated.</p>	<p>Positive - Kidzeum development progressing.</p>
<p>Economic Development - what are the plans for that position and office?</p>	<p>Positive - More railroad overpasses.</p>
<p>What are the plans in general for vacant lots across the city?</p>	<p>Positive - activism and coming together of community when needed.</p>
<p>Lots of congestion on Stanford. Can an extra turn lane northbound 6th Street on to Stanford be added along with Stanford going onto 6th Street?</p>	<p>Positive - Downtown activities have improved (Bicentennial Plaza, Y Block, etc.)</p>
<p>Any thoughts on limiting video gaming establishments? Controlling gambling only establishments (footage requirement before a new one can be added - no closer than XX feet).</p>	<p>Positive - Kudos to the Mayor for opening conversation about CWLP and its transparency.</p>
<p>Long term energy plan and planning process that includes public input.</p>	
<p>Citizens Club program on energy - is that true about the numbers? If so, what is the response from the city and CWLP?</p>	

<p>2000 block of South 4th and towards South Grand - there is a lot of deterioration of the housing. Does the city have any sort of plan or program for residents to help improve these areas from getting worse?</p>		
<p>Information on long term plan for youth and being proactive. Taking next steps (youth commission, summer work, etc.).</p>		
<p>Improve trimming the city trees around street lights. Don't just trim around the light but also look at trimming the tree all around to improve the distance the street light can shine.</p>		
<p>Better communication between the school and park districts and the city.</p>		
<p>TIF money seems skewed and not benefiting larger segments of the community but only smaller city segments.</p>		
<p>1300 S. Pasfield block - sewer smell is bad. The smell is also all around the Vinegar Hill area.</p>		
<p>Who has input on the Y block - how can citizens have a say?</p>		
<p>Concerned with the increase in car break-ins and break-ins at houses.</p>		
<p>Very difficult to communicate problems to the city. City should have a single point of contact and then we distribute it.</p>		
<p>It is a racetrack on First Street and needs to stop. People speed on it between Laurel up to Highland.</p>		
<p>Being able to find or get feedback to calls that have come in. For example, a personal call back when an issue is made and resolved or feedback provided somewhere on the website.</p>		
<p>Easier to find information on the website (i.e. requesting a sign).</p>		

<p>A notice was sent by the city to a resident about a tree problem that needed to be trimmed/cut down. As she pursued it, she found the tree was on the city's property. The City needs to do better due diligence on issues like that because it can be costly to the resident.</p>		
<p>Continued improvements of bike paths. Consistent paintings of the bike lanes and also clearer paths.</p>		
<p>Follow the Rules between biking and driving - sharing the road education.</p>		
<p>Panhandling all over the city - not appropriate</p>		
<p>Signs in public right-of-way needs to be removed (i.e. yard sales, 800 sell a house). Educating people on it and that people have the right to personally remove them or throw them away.</p>		
<p>City signs for construction - they get knocked down and in the streets. More due diligence by the city on keeping them up and removing them in a timeline fashion.</p>		