

**WARDS 5 and 6 FORUM
2018**

ISSUES	POSITIVES	KEEP/CHANGE
Rail – conversation on train whistles on 3 rd and moving rail completely	Cost of living	Cleanliness (change)/Upkeep
More emphasis on preservation of older housing units and infrastructure that goes with it (streets, alleys, water, sewers)	Convenient drive to work	Work better together (small businesses and bigger businesses e.g. Norbandys and IML).
Less sprawl – fill in what we have. Stop expanding west and work on redevelopment for what we have here. Bring the focus back	History	Keep JC Pennys on East side. It encourages east/west movement and shopping
Waste Management – garbage trucks get larger and larger. Do we need three 50 ton trucks going down alley and impacting our infrastructure – trash, recycling and branches and still don't get it all.	Access to medical	Underpasses are great because flow the traffic
Not everything picked up by waste haulers	Low Crime – comfortable	Keep working downtown
Branch pickup has improved	Beautiful Lake – boating, recreational items	Keep Capital City Shopping Center
We need a consistent Large Item Pickup program that is more offer.	Walkable tree line streets	Change to support neighborhood plans
Some buildings are not tenatable and a process to demolish. Demolish uninhabitable process.	Washington Park	Change one way streets
More buildings are being torned down but what is the update	Arts, Music and Theater	Quit closing streets
Problems with the demolitions, there is a hole and hard to create something new.	Public Library – it's a gem (Sangamon Valley Collection)	Keep working on Lake II

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Incentive to rehab and build back the older neighborhoods – somehow make it work.	City Services have been excellent at usual	Change our attitude and change how we approach things. How we respond is up to us – it doesn't all have to be negative. It's the opportunity.
Trees and branches on the Powerlines – over by Casa Real on North Grand. Branches over power lines there.	Airport – easy to fly	
Need a provision with large items to drop off items themselves vs. waiting including old TVs.	Historical buildings	
Television and electronic drop off	Historical houses that real people live in	
More Hazardous Waste pickups	Entrepreneurship	
More attention to historic buildings in general and bringing to forefront and especially those tied to African American history.	Economically and racially diverse – in certain areas (these wards in particular)	
Downtown Parking – fewer lanes of traffic and angle parking.	State Capitol	
No bagging of meters	Weekly newsletters	
Conversion from one way to two way streets - less one ways	Growing medical district	
Work on signage of what is available and not available – big blue P and not so many no's. What is available vs. not available.	Governor's Mansion – reopen and restoration	
Really enhance our corridors – beautifications. Green space and trees. Enhance beauty with plants for summer and fall. Focus on corridor as a whole.	Military presence at airport	
Sidewalk repairs – almost everywhere. MacArthur and downtown sidewalks	Realtor Bicentennial Plaza	
Lighted pedestrian crossing signs - need more.	Convenient shopping (east of MacArthur)	
HOT officer added to the rotation and not added to NPO	Progress on Rail movement	
Sidewalk – you duck sometimes because the trees are hanging so low.	Civic engagement	

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Lightening on sidewalk around MacArthur – whole area by BSS. The trees either need to be trimmed or remove the trees.	Unique locally owned businesses	
Trees are eating up the sidewalks. Then you come in and cut the roots to fix the sidewalk but will kill tree and cause problem. Potentially remove the tree	Schools	
NPO program - need more contact specific officer		
Streets have not raised the curbs		
Promoting historic features around Springfield in addition to Lincoln		
Homes in the donut holes. Enclosed by the city but not considering the City of Springfield. Annex those.		
Make us a more of a tourist destination		
I need to understand a vision for the wards. I struggle with a unified message or vision of the City. I don't know if there is a unified vision (eg. Not so much Lincoln or yes more Lincoln. We sprawl because we want to be a shopping destination or do we want		
Very difficult to bike from downtown to trail. We need to connect East/West and North/South		
What are we going to do for the Shop N Saving closing because people picked that area to live because close to shopping. Groceries plus affordability.		
Focus on having bus routes that convenient to shopping and amenities like groceries if you don't have walkability		
Buses are really long and large but empty a lot of times. Is that		
We need a walkable and transit friendly city to help with our elderly population. We need to make bus routes that make sense		
Parking is needed so opportunity is there to ride the bus		
Bus system needs a shelter area – like a hub and smaller shelters where people wait		

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TIF on Peoria Road is pushing blight to North like 7 th Street, 8 th Street, Griffin – homeowners are selling property because what was bad is now migrating because neighborhoods are going down. There needs something in place. Areas feel excluded when not in a TIF – include all these neighborhoods. How can you work the TIF to not cause blight		
Consistent code enforcement		
Bad landlords – they keep bad properties. We try and buy it but they get so much money from tenants but the properties go down hill.		
TIF Issue with businesses – you gave great Hy-vee but stole from other shopping stores		