

2021 WARD PLANNING: WARD 2

CONCERNS RIGHT NOW AND NEEDS RIGHT NOW - WARD 2
Absent landlords living out of state. It is hard to get ahold of them for property management. Step up that process to do something about dilapidated properties and unkept yard.
Fly dumping by property owners that should be held accountable.
City of Peoria handles Code Enforcement - that is income from the city by holding them accountable. Viable code enforcement options to the people.
Viable jobs
True economic development for this area. Businesses, technology center, etc. Gleam change to a lot of peoples mindset
See a nice building down MLK or Cook Street, etc. - help our alderman and turn plans in. But we don't have the explosion of development in Ward 2.
Can the mayor explain the process to get businesses over on the East Side?
Economic Development - other sides of towns get it and we need it.
We need something for our kids to do? You complain about Pop Up Parties but it is a cycle and if we don't break it it will continue.
Constant law enforcement for noise complaints. But parties every single night and on the weekends. But it needs to stop. The person owns the home for a long time it is not acceptable that they act like that. We need safety and security and people need to have a fine for not behaving no matter how long they lived here.
iMagicNation (not-for-profit). We purchased 4 plots of land that will be a center soon. We need a book mobile that will come to the area that will help these kids. We need to work with the Library and Library services to help improve literacy rates to make our community better.
Youth - we haven't invested any money into them. We put it into ShotSpotter but nothing in our Youth.
Let's talk about infrastructure. We put Ward 2 on the priority list but we are the last ones to get it done.
Lets put it into our failing infrastructure
Ward 2 alderperson should lead meetings moving forward
Our Sewer System is ruining the system. 11th Street is the main system and needs to be updated
Speeding down 11th Street impacts the properties
We have Genesis Place on Washington Street. It is becoming worrisome and troublesome. It is a revolving door. SHA needs to be held accountable for these residents behavior. Long parties and up all night. It is a problem. Have a meeting with leadership.
We have positive things going on but we are vilified. We need positive stories and tell them.
What is your long-range plan for East Side and Ward 2 plans specifically.
We need people to invest money on the East side. We want people to find the slum landlords the way we fine residents.
Garvy Tubman has put together great programs. 14th and Lawrence used to be called the Square. In the 1970s we used to have a lot of housing. But now it is blight. We need to start building homes in the home. So people of color can buy homes in this area. We are losing tax money. We need to increase taxes to build up the neighborhoods.
We had more AA homes, businesses and now we don't have that - we don't have that support. We need to get back. We need assistance to apply homeownerships, how to use Quickbooks, etc. Education for the community.
We don't have sidewalks and sewers. We have garages falling a part. 1907 E. Melrose - horrible flooding.
People are not moving cars but no one is ticketed or towed.
Motorbikes on the roads. Don't know what a stop sign is.
18 Wheelers and it says no trucks. But more and more kids playing outside but people aren't stopping.
Complete infrastructure that was started but then stopped. Alleys stop and not finished. Then continue without finishing it. Start it at beginning of year.

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One police officer - Pilgrim Rest Lot and they don't stop and speed. The noise is so loud. MLK Drive and Spruce
Speeding is too bad
I sweep street myself. But we need to keep our street clean.
We talk and talk but we need to do it now.
Noise is horrible and we aren't doing anything about it.
1844 MLK is horrible and not doing anything. We clean up but nothing is done.
With the City Council - if we have engineers and no one has experience. But Aldermen should not be picking the Roads to be done
What is happening overnight with the SPD because the rolling parties and fly dumping.
As a communitiy we "can". I bought my property for \$1 and built my home and we can do this. I've been there for 31 years.
Gregory Court is not draining properly. We have an issue with drainage. We have to turn off our water when it rains. That is not ok.
Only drive thru liquor stores are on East Side
We need to raise our reading level on east side. I Magic Nation is looking at getting them at that young age and getting them to read. Everything happens after they get past this critical phase. We need to raise them up and who the City needs to be. Teach them the value of reading.
We need real jobs - basic skills we need to teach (typing and office work)
House burned down because landlord let the home unlivable and had an electrical wiring. Lost everything but City isn't helping.
We shouldn't impact felons for the rest of their lives. They need a second chance.
Lights are a deterant for fly dumping.
Springfield Park District issues tickets for Westside parks but not East side park. Top priority. East side parks should be priority and ticket people for behaving inappropriately.
Shut down the area by tennis courts by Comer Cox but it is by a Sexual Assult place.
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
90% of money be used for Infrastructure
Sewers - to live appropriately. No one should turn water off if sewer backed up.
West Side should be here and listening to our issues. They aren't and it is not ok.
Have a house on Lawrence between 15th & 16th has no sewer. It is over 100 years old. The property next door is owned by City and cannot run a new sewer to the property.
We have businesses that stay put but we don't promote them. The businesses that left have failed so we need to promote what we have. Barney's Furniture failed.
Broadband Issues. Need to have better service. Re-entry program needs Internet. Need reliable and affordable broadband. They need it especially re-entry programs. When they do better we all do better.
Access to capital. We need construction loans because we take pride in our home but need help to get our home fixed. When our house is upkeep, our price goes up and we need equal access.
Skating rink with WiFi. But you need security. But security should come from home and help one another.
Give people the option to Ring Doorbells
WHAT IS IT ABOUT SPRINGFIELD YOU APPRECIATED MORE BECAUSE OF PANDEMIC
The Next 10 - process
Community coming together for food drives
Rental and lighting assistance
District listening to the students
Springfield Families Helping Families - the resources that were given through this website.
Family togetherness

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We led the way on how we should treat one another and look after one another and are proud of our community and everyone for this.