

2021 WARD PLANNING: WARD 5

CONCERNS RIGHT NOW
Fifth Street and Carpenter - homeless issue by the hotel. Needs to be addressed because not leaving Quiet Zone - rail transparency. Supposed to be two years ago and nothing has been done.
Vinegar Hill Mall - concerned about what is going on with it and vacant lot west of it. Needs attention
Bicycling infrastructure - 2nd Street. More of it and Public Awareness and education of it.
Sale of a house on 3rd Street - there is a missing portion of fence on West side
Third Street has improvements - where are we with the Quiet Zone
McClernon and Sixth Street - stop sign is being blown. It is not being paid attention too. A dog got hit but it is turning into a drag race area.
Dodge and Rutledge needs more street lighting.
849 N. 9th Street - there are 8 boarded up houses in the neighborhood. Route 66 is from Carpenter to North Grand but it is the worst part.
Dog Park is needed
Springfield High School behind school has a lot of trash and she picks it up but no where to put it.
Trash can by Springfield High School is needed but also needs to be emptied.
Y-Block - put a park or an amphetheater permanently. No buildings
Trash issue - one trash company and one billing system. It is a nightmare
Trash along North Grand. Bond and Franklin is bad. Bus stop around there are horrible.
Not sure of the purpose of the Bond and Franklin bus stop. Nothing is around
A lot of decay on North Fifth. We do have ordinances that are not being used. We let these homes go into disarray and need to stop it.
North Grand Improvement Study - where are we with that and where are we with that process
913 and 918 S. 2nd Street - dumping ground. Absentee owners and we keep letting it go. 908n and 910 S. 2nd Street - No utilities. No trash service. Lawn is a mess.
Springfield Walks does the walking tour - why are we having mini bikes and motorized bikes on sidewalks. They are racing on 6th Street the wrong way. Mini bikes even down Old Capitol Plaza. They are not insured.
Aggressive street people downtown. Tours have been picked up quite a bit. Tourists and others are getting approached for money and they are intoxicated. Tried to help them but they don't listen. Stretch of Adams Street by cannabis dispensary is not a good look - 6th to 7th.
Monroe Street. Adams Street patio noise level is out of control. It is beyond ok. It was over 100 decables and live a block and a half away. It is a mixed used community and it is not ok.
850 N. 8th. The owner died in 2008 and sold in 2009 and have been boarded up ever since. We need to do something about the boarded up houses because homeless are living here.
What is the status of the sale on Benedictine University?
Thank you for showing accomplishments
Fifth and Union. A lot of traffic because of the Y. Only 2 exits and I am lost and need help. It is a yield stop and not a stop sign.
I appreciate the new use of space like Buzz Bomb but can we have a compromise
Springfield Recreation Commission - after school program that was related to schools. I worked for one at 14th and Kansas and they would use the gym and activities for kids to have a place to go. Need a free space where kids could go.
Springfield Park District should come to these meetings. The roads need improvement in some parks
City needs to go for more grants and look at overlays. Need more grant money.
City entered into contract with Bike Share. What happened to that program?
Downtown interest - lack of Enos Park TIF renewing. We need these subsidies and what innovative thinking do we have to put towards that

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Anonymous calling for violations and they are only focusing on the one house. Need to look at multiple houses in neighborhood when inspecting the one that had the compliant. Others could violate.
Resources to give people who are homeless.
Round Up program is a good one.
211 - is a great number to use to get basic info to pass along to homeless
Security camera - information about what is appropriate and not appropriate to pointing it.
Formal homeless commission? Funded by the City?
Live in this area but Quad Cities did a ban or restriction on alcohol purchases. Not a can but 4 pack, etc.
Homeless - psychological, those down on luck, but those who just want to be on street, addicts. These will all require different approaches.
Do we have an open alcohol container ordinance? Can't we enforce that by dumping out alcohol.
Update on Pillsbury Plant - regular update.
Problem properties - I live on North 3rd. City got them tore down and one left a vacant lot. Are you looking for us to respond to city if a property is still an issue? Does it escalate it? What is the best approach.
Ward 5 has a lot of Public Art - art alley, sculpture garden, live music and as City Council looks to spend money, consider using money to art.
400 block of West Cannedy. Who is in charge of weeds.
IDEAS FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
Save Properties and rebuild lots.
Route 66 - spend money on North End. On 9th Street
Upgrade sewer system
Rehabbing properties
Incentive to bring businesses back
Investment of anchor points like Law School. Robin Roberts Stadium. The dire need for the area. Very dark and dangerous. Invest in this area and make it look nicer. Including Route 66 and Oak Ridge Cemetery
Not cutting fire budget and incentivize police officers
Create the plan to improve North Grand and start reactivating some of it.
POSITIVES FROM PANDEMIC
Whoever needed helped offered help. Websites, resources, social media, etc.
Neighborhood News - helpful to be kept in the know
YouTube and Facebook feeds of Channel 18 and Channel 22
Be able to walk to Washington Park, Downtown, Accessible spaces for outdoor
Oak Ridge Cemetery is always well kept and we appreciate that the efforts are maintained.
Food distributions with Lakeisha and unions. Also tolieteries. Great service and opportunity to serve
A lot of people buying local that helped.
Outdoor dining for downtown businesses.
Farmers Market - pivoted well and accessible for everyone.
Micropanteries
Good leadership followed the science and protecting each other. Our leadership did well.
Governor Pritzker stayed the course
Importance of downtown and focusing on improvements
New YMCA

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SIU Community Outreach efforts and help people with sanitizer and masks and identified with families who were struggling
COVID response was well-done
Appreciate the leadership of mayor's office and the city council continued working and transparency
Great news coverage - local media was reporting and it was appreciated
I appreciated the quiet and lack of traffic. People were considerate.
Springfield labeled #1 City post-pandemic city