

## **WARD 10**

### **2016 Ward Meeting**

#### **What would make Springfield the “Model” city?**

- Walkability and bikeability. Crossing without worry.
- Roads. Driving turn lanes are great.
- Bloomington-Normal has new facilities for education (Three – 2 public and 1 private)
- A hub that city gravitates to. A focal point (i.e. arts area; shopping; athletic facility)
- Buses on Capitol are a mess. It would be great to get it moved.
- Safe passage for schools
- Economic Development: new businesses. That comes with it being vibrant and good things.
  - Restaurants and shops. California has all these things happening.
- City is just in middle without anything to pull from. Community surrounding doesn't help growth
- Uptown Normal
- UIS and Benedictine need to be better about advertising their activities. This would increase awareness of what is going on.
- We need to think about Springfield and what is a draw in each area of town – something in area A; another thing in area B
- Tweak what we have. It's here but we just need to improve on it or make it grow.
  - Industry is leaving but we have the start and will need to tweak it.
- News needs to be better at covering things. People need to be aware.
- We spread out but we gather in the core. Improve the core to bring people back in the center.
- On weekends the restaurants are closed downtown and it is frustrating
- Drawn to Davenport because of a climbing event and people come to make the climb and stay overnight. Events are so well advertised it brings people in and tourism gives us revenue.

#### **Ideas about how to fund City of Springfield projects**

- Make some moves even if it is tough.
- Decatur has raised their gas tax 5 cents to help roads. If you say what is going to go towards, people will be ok.
- Tax outside people who come in here. It is tough to do but we need to do it.
- Events can bring in people from all over and grow our revenue and taxes. Tourists grow economy but needs to be better advertised.

#### **Issues**

- Iles; Archer; and Lenhart are a mess. We need more help getting these roads improved.
- Iles Roundabout: Where did that come from? There needs to be an educational component when it is close to being completed.
- Propose to the Wards and the public, if we have funding this is what we can do. Layout to all the Wards what we could do if we raised X by X and this is the project or initiative we would fund. Make bold initiatives. Create eight things and propose them this way. We can do this if we do this – are you ok with that. Let the public narrow down focus.

- Give the community options. Then do what they want and take off the table what they do not want to do.
- Stoplights. Do we have more stoplights per capita? 625 miles of lanes so we need to cut down on the lights.
- Thank you for fixing Iles and Wabash.
- Can the city do a calculation that shows what residents would need to pay to get us out of the deficit?
- People are generous – if police or fire needs something. Ask the community (not taxes but donations)

**In one word, describe Springfield today.**

- Community oriented
- Stuck
- Uncertain
- Struggling
- Progressive
- Naïve
- Friendly
- Volunteer
- Political
- Diverse
- Bright
- Friendly
- Volunteers
- Struggling
- Push
- Political
- Improving
- Flat
- Disjointed
- Stagnant
- Teetering
- Likable
- Flat
- Struggling
- Improving
- Cusp
- Historic
- Wanting
- Improving
- Pleasant

- Home
- Hopeful
- Promising
- Nimble
- Average

**In one word, how would you like to describe Springfield?**

- Innovative
- Vibrant
- Progressive
- Great
- Better
- Model
- Successful
- Destination
- Successful
- Vibrant
- Successful
- Diverse
- Growing
- Culture
- Vibrant
- Thriving
- Destination
- Dominant
- Bigger
- Vibrant
- Green
- Green
- Peaceful
- Thriving
- Progressive
- Vibrant
- Proud
- Dream
- Vibrant
- Exciting
- Green
- Thriving
- Beautiful
- Newsworthy