

**Community Engagement Commission Agenda**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2016**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**

- 6:30 p.m.      **1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approve Agenda**
- 3. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda**
- 4. Approval of August 11 meeting minutes**
- 5. Old Business**
- 6:40 p.m.      a. Recap joint meeting with City Council
- 6:55 p.m.      b. Priority project update: Assist in the formulation of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan update process
- 7:05 p.m.      c. Priority project update: Recommend ways to expand city learning and engagement opportunities
- 7:15 p.m.      d. Priority project update: Form strategies for outreach to underrepresented groups
- 7:25 p.m.      e. Priority project update: Advocate for select items from 2014 CEC Recommended Policies and Strategies
- 7:30 p.m.      f. Update on I Am Roseville Photo Project
- 6. New Business**
- 7:40 p.m.      a. Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings Discussion
- 7:55 p.m.      b. Receive inventory of current city-led community engagement activities
- 8:10 p.m.      c. SpeakUp Roseville review
- 8:20 p.m.      **7. Chair, Committee, and Staff Reports**
- a. Chair's report
- b. Staff report
- i. Upcoming items on future council agendas
- ii. Other items
- 8:30 p.m.      **8. Commission Communications, Reports, and Announcements**
- 9. Commissioner-Initiated Items for Future Meetings**
- 10. Recap of Commission Actions This Meeting**
- 8:40 p.m.      **11. Adjournment**

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## Minutes

### Roseville Community Engagement Commission (CEC)

Thursday, August 11, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.

#### 1. Roll Call

Chair Scot Becker called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and City Manager Trudgeon called the roll.

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Scot Becker; Vice Chair Theresa Gardella; and Commissioners Chelsea Holub, Erik Tomlinson and Peter Sparby; with Commissioner Michelle Manke arriving shortly after the meeting started.

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Amber Sattler

**Staff Present:** Staff Liaison/City Manager Patrick Trudgeon

#### 2. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Tomlinson moved, Commissioner Sparby seconded, approval of the agenda as presented.

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion carried.**

Councilmember Manke arrived at this time.

#### 3. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

##### **Gary Grefenberg, 91 Mid Oaks Lane**

Since he was unable to stay for the entire meeting, with permission of the Chair, Mr. Grefenberg spoke to several agenda items scheduled later tonight.

Mr. Grefenberg provided written comments providing his personal suggestions for the CEC, *attached hereto and made a part hereof*. In addition, Mr. Grefenberg provided the following verbal comments.

##### Comprehensive Plan Review

Mr. Grefenberg agreed with ~~Agreed with~~ previous comments of Commissioner Tomlinson that public comment be solicited at the beginning or end of the update process, but prior to the Planning Commission making their recommendations to the City Council. Mr. Grefenberg referenced the last update process when neighbors were not informed of zoning changes in their immediate neighborhood, leaving them no opportunity for input into those changes.

45 Mr. Grefenberg encouraged the CEC to involve the three existing neighborhood  
46 associations in the update process as well, prior to its presentation to the City  
47 Council.

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49 Mr. Grefenberg volunteered his assistance to work with CEC Commissioners  
50 Tomlinson and Sparby on the update, referencing his work on the CEC,  
51 suggesting he work as a non-voting member to assist their subcommittee, similar  
52 to that work performed by Ms. Lisa McCormick with the former task force. Mr.  
53 Grefenberg opined he could bring a lot to the table based on his past career  
54 experience working with comprehensive plans, and his past work on the CEC.  
55 Mr. Grefenberg stated his preference for addressing the CEC versus during public  
56 comment before the City Council. Mr. Grefenberg asked to meet with the  
57 subcommittee.

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59 If still possible in the process. Mr. Grefenberg expressed his desire that the CEC  
60 be involved with the RFP process and review. Mr. Grefenberg opined it was  
61 important to have citizens on the RFP review process that were familiar and  
62 knowledgeable about how best to seek public comment in a meaningful and  
63 timely way, and then develop a process to target those most interested.

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65 Neighborhood Associations  
66 Mr. Grefenberg thanked City Manager Trudgeon for the remarkable and fair  
67 presentation he made to the City Council on the CEC Neighborhood Association  
68 recommendations at the August 8, 2016 Council meeting. Even though there was  
69 a mixed response from individual council members, Mr. Grefenberg opined the  
70 CEC should get a sense of when the City Council would take the issue up again.

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72 As a side note, Mr. Grefenberg opined that, when an issue was on a City Council  
73 agenda, it was important that a representative of the CEC attend the meeting to  
74 respond, part of the broader important role to advise the City Council in their  
75 decision-making.

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77 CEC General Operations  
78 Based on his work with this and other advisory commissions, Mr. Grefenberg  
79 expressed pride in the CEC faithfully and consistently following their charge from  
80 the City Council. Referencing his former leadership position with the CEC, and  
81 recognizing the current leadership of Chair Becker, Mr. Grefenberg applauded the  
82 CEC, opining they were going in the right direction.

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84 Minor housekeeping point  
85 Mr. Grefenberg noted his past delegation of his role on the Gavel Club to his CEC  
86 predecessors, and asked that they monitor those meetings going forward. Unless  
87 there was an objection from the CEC, Mr. Grefenberg stated he would forward  
88 those meeting schedules to the CEC.

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90 Chair Becker clarified that the CEC commissioners were on the Gavel Club's  
91 mailing list, and representatives would attend as schedules allowed.

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93 Mr. Grefenberg encouraged the CEC to send a representative, and volunteered to  
94 fill in on behalf of the CEC if others were unable to attend.

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96 **4. Approval of July 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

97 *Comments and corrections to draft minutes had been submitted by various CEC*  
98 *Commissioners prior to tonight's meeting and those revisions were incorporated*  
99 *into the draft presented in tonight's agenda packet.*

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101 [Gardella/Manke/60](#)

102 Commissioner Gardella moved, Commissioner Manke seconded, approval of July  
103 14, 2016 meeting minutes as amended.

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105 **Additional Corrections:**

106 • **Page 10, Lin 426 (Sparby)**

107 Typographical Correction: Change "Member" to "Commissioner"

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109 **Ayes: 6**

110 **Nays: 0**

111 **Motion carried.**

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113 **5. Old Business**

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115 **a. Receive "Building a Welcoming Community in Lake McCarrons**  
116 **Neighborhood" Report**

117 Chair Becker welcomed Sherry Sanders, Chair of the Lake McCarrons  
118 Neighborhood Association, and former CEC Commissioner.

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120 CEC Commissioner Gardella and Madeleine Lohman representing The  
121 Advocates for Human Rights, along with Ms. Sanders, expounded on the  
122 four community conversations held with Karen refugees and the Karen  
123 Organization of Minnesota (KOM), with collaboration from the City of  
124 Roseville Human Rights Commission (HRC) and Community  
125 Engagement Commission (CEC).

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127 Their report included the preliminary planning over several years that  
128 went into this effort, and subsequent grant application by the Lake  
129 McCarrons Neighborhood Association that allowed the conversations with  
130 immigrants in SE Roseville to integrate them and make them feel  
131 welcome. It was noted that there were good turnouts for the discussions;  
132 and Mr. Grefenberg was recognized for his initial efforts toward this goal  
133 in the fall of 2013 with The Advocates for Human Rights facilitating the  
134 first such presentation sponsored by the HRC.

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136 Funding for the project was recognized from the Hebrew Immigrant Aid  
137 Society, and their Linking Communities Project, initially founded in 1881  
138 to assist Jews fleeing Russia and Eastern Europe; and continued their  
139 efforts to build capacity at local and national levels to generate and  
140 maintain broad-based commitment to refugee resettlement in  
141 communities.

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143 It was noted that the KOM will attend the presentation of this report to the  
144 City Council, scheduled for August 22, 2016.

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146 Further discussion included a review of the evolution of these  
147 conversations with the first held in the Karen language and translated into  
148 English; then additional events with the Karen culture and their  
149 background reviewed; at which point the Karen community asked that the  
150 American culture be reviewed for their benefit. It was noted that HRC  
151 Chair Wayne Groff participated in that presentation; and as noted by Ms.  
152 Sanders, all Americans at some point were descendants of immigrants.  
153 The results of this report will be used as a base line in communication and  
154 community-building efforts moving forward, developed and collated from  
155 Karen conversations, with some beyond the city and involving other  
156 agencies as well.

157 Commissioner Questions/Comments

158 Commissioner Holub thanked the group for a great job and great report,  
159 from which she'd learned a lot. Commissioner Holub asked if this report  
160 would be available to the broader Roseville community.

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162 City Manager Trudgeon advised that, once the report is officially  
163 presented to the City Council, it will be available on the city's website.

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165 Commissioner Holub asked for "next steps" once the City Council  
166 receives the report, or what direction was anticipated from them at that  
167 point.

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169 Ms. Lohman clarified that, while she'd be available to assist the City of  
170 Roseville as a partner in this effort, this report was not locally directed. If  
171 the city, or its advisory commissions, had a particular item they wanted to  
172 push forward, again, Ms. Lohman offered support of those efforts by The  
173 Advocates for Human Rights.

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175 Ms. Sanders noted one goal of the conversations was to help educate  
176 people; and she expressed her hope that the report enlightens the City  
177 Council about some of the issues of a portion of its residents for future  
178 consideration and resolution where possible.

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180 As an advisory body to the City Council, Commissioner Gardella  
181 expressed her hope that the CEC could recommend this communication

182 model to the City Council for future listening events, as a way to build  
183 trust and areas of similarity. However, Commissioner Gardella agreed  
184 that the city was not obligated in any way, and the document was being  
185 presented to them for their information, and to inform how they wanted to  
186 move forward in their efforts.

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188 City Manager Trudgeon noted some of the action items listed in the report  
189 were already underway through efforts of the City Council, including the  
190 ECHO video production; interaction with residents by city public safety  
191 employees (e.g. a sample brochure printed several years ago showing  
192 emergency procedures to reach 9-1-1 printed in Karen and English); and  
193 most recently an increase in the City Manager's recommended 2017  
194 budget for additional Park & Recreation Department staffing for SE  
195 Roseville-specific programming on site. Mr. Trudgeon opined that the  
196 city had a good start and anticipated the City Council would continue to  
197 direct activities and events accordingly.

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199 Commissioner Gardella noted the many good efforts underway, and noted  
200 the report provided one indicator of what forms of communication worked  
201 best, to know where to put improvements or address areas for  
202 strengthening, improvement or modification.

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204 Ms. Sanders expressed her hope that City Manager Trudgeon had included  
205 money in the budget to assist the Police Department in continuing their  
206 soccer camps, which continued to be very well received by the Karen  
207 community and their children.

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209 On a broader scale and prompted by Commissioner Manke,, City Manager  
210 Trudgeon referenced the serious efforts underway in SE Roseville by the  
211 Cities of Roseville, Maplewood and St. Paul, along with other area  
212 agencies, to address quality of life issues in that area and taking place over  
213 a period of time. Mr. Trudgeon opined this would further add to the  
214 information provide in the report. Mr. Trudgeon advised that a  
215 community kick-off meeting was held several weeks ago, and had been  
216 well attended.

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218 Ms. Sanders agreed, estimated about 100 people were in attendance from a  
219 variety of cities and agencies, with all three cities appearing to be  
220 interested in revitalization efforts in this area and across jurisdictional  
221 boundaries. Ms. Sanders noted it allowed residents to brainstorm ideas  
222 and solutions, and hoped it was only the first step of many, with the next  
223 community meeting scheduled in September.

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225 At the request of Commissioner Tomlinson, Ms. Sanders reported that the  
226 KOM Co-Executive Director had been invited to represent the Karen  
227 community, as well as residents of their immigrant community, and that

228 the KOM was going to provide a copy of the meeting agenda to the Karen  
229 in their language.

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231 Recognizing Mr. Grefenberg's reference to the Gavel Club, a group of  
232 North Ramsey County inter-agency organizations, Ms. Sanders noted she  
233 also attended those quarterly meetings with the purpose to find ways to  
234 work together. Ms. Sanders reported that several subgroups of that  
235 committee were at work, with her specific subcommittee working on  
236 creating the Rice Street Gardens. Ms. Sanders reported that city staff was  
237 well-represented at those meetings as well, with the Police Department  
238 Community Relations Coordinator Corey Yunke also working behind-the-  
239 scenes in many of these areas.

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241 As a side note, Ms. Sanders recommended an upcoming community  
242 engagement opportunity, that she was helping facilitate, and the Lake  
243 McCarrons Neighborhood Association actively involved in an effort to  
244 save the National Guard Armory in Roseville. Ms. Sanders noted how  
245 great this facility would be for community outreach and education efforts.  
246 Ms. Sanders welcomed anyone interested in joining them in this endeavor.

#### Public Comment

##### **Gary Grefenberg**

249 Mr. Grefenberg stated that he found one of the most productive times as a  
250 CEC Commissioner was touring the Karen apartment building and  
251 realizing that their culture was so different than that of his, and in helping  
252 the city realize the differences in those customs. Mr. Grefenberg noted his  
253 participation in community seminars sponsored by the Roseville Police  
254 Department over a three year period; and commended the Police  
255 Department for their job in laying a foundation. Mr. Grefenberg stated his  
256 pleasure in seeing some of the recommendations in this report reflected  
257 those mentioned by the Police Department.

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260 Mr. Grefenberg provided a handout providing an outline of his comments  
261 for tonight's CEC meeting and dated August 11, 2016, *attached hereto*  
262 *and made a part hereof.*

263  
264 Mr. Grefenberg's comments included outlining why the CEC should be  
265 involved in any report follow-up and for the CEC to submit to the City  
266 Council certain points in the report in which the CEC could be helpful.

267  
268 Mr. Grefenberg proceeded to review the report in detail, sharing areas he  
269 felt were important, areas of concern in the language of the report, and  
270 areas he felt needed clarified.

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272 While Ms. Lohman responded to Mr. Grefenberg, both she and CEC  
273 Commissioner Gardella reminded Mr. Grefenberg that this report was a



274 summation of issues expressed by the Karen community themselves.  
275 Given that, as well as that the authors of the report, and the community  
276 conversations were not CEC driven, Commissioner Gardella clarified that  
277 it was not the CEC's responsibility to revise the recommendations  
278 included in the report or the report itself.

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280 Mr. Grefenberg reviewed his interpretation of the CEC's charge and role  
281 as laid out by the City Council to improve the city's public participation  
282 process, and remove barriers to address under-representative groups in the  
283 community. Mr. Grefenberg agreed this report was based on Karen  
284 community comments, and that it was not a neighborhood association  
285 charge either. However, Mr. Grefenberg, paying respect to the work done  
286 by the partners and not in disagreement, simply stated his intent to point  
287 out areas where the CEC played a relative role.

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289 Ms. Lohman suggested that if the Karen community indicates a problem  
290 or need in their recommendations, the KOM should articulate that; thus  
291 why CEC Commissioner Gardella stated this document was not coming  
292 from The Advocates for Human Rights, the McCarrons Neighborhood  
293 Association, the CEC, or any other participant in that process.

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295 Mr. Grefenberg addressed some of this concerns related to property  
296 acquisition. Speaking to the possible acquisition by the former National  
297 Guard Armory building by the city, Mr. Grefenberg noted that this area of  
298 Roseville already had two park buildings, and expressed his hope that this  
299 neighborhood and the city allow for public participation in any city  
300 decision-making. Mr. Grefenberg noted that his neighborhood didn't have  
301 one park facility or community center.

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303 Chair Becker asked Mr. Grefenberg to focus on the issues at hand, noting  
304 the CEC didn't have any role in city property acquisitions.

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306 Mr. Grefenberg sought to make the CEC and others at the table aware of  
307 progress by the city in acquiring playground property (1760 Marion  
308 Street); and suggested his feedback be included for the presentation of this  
309 report to the City Council by the CEC, as part of the previous work of the  
310 Neighborhood Association Task Force to draw attention to communication  
311 models by other groups.

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313 Ms. Lohman stated her hope that the Karen community attends the  
314 presentation of the report to the City Council to know their concerns are  
315 being taken seriously.

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317 Specific to the McCarrons Lake Neighborhood Association, Mr.  
318 Grefenberg suggested they lower their \$20 annual membership fees, since  
319 this represented a significant amount of money for the Karen community

320 if the Association was seeking to facilitate the Karen community in their  
321 organization.

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323 As noted in his handout, Mr. Grefenberg suggested that, once the City  
324 Council has received this report, the CEC continue to encourage the Police  
325 Department and Lake McCarrons Neighborhood Association to work on  
326 these efforts with the Karen community. Mr. Grefenberg also opined that  
327 someone needed to raise the point of affordable housing to the City  
328 Council, since the report didn't indicate who should facilitate that going  
329 forward. Mr. Grefenberg opined it was important to provide and advise  
330 the City Council on at least this specific issue.

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332 Not to fault the report, but Mr. Grefenberg noted the report didn't specify  
333 who should implement recommendations listed. As an author of similar  
334 reports, Mr. Grefenberg opined that the role of the City's Human Rights  
335 (HRC) and Community Engagement Commissions traditionally made sure  
336 these things happened.

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338 Ms. Lohman clarified that not identifying responsibilities for  
339 implementation was not an omission, but intentional.

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341 Mr. Grefenberg stated his pride in the HRC and CEC initiating these  
342 efforts. Mr. Grefenberg noted the footnote on page 1 of the report,  
343 regarding the Hebrew Association's apparent sponsorship, and asked if  
344 they were aware the City of Roseville was not sponsoring this.

345  
346 Commissioner Gardella clarified it was clear to all parties involved the  
347 differentiation between sponsorship, partnerships and interested parties in  
348 the process and with the grant application and subsequent award.

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350 Mr. Grefenberg questioned how much if any grant money remained,  
351 seeking a reasonable accounting of those funds.

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353 Chair Becker and Vice Chair Gardella clarified for Mr. Grefenberg that  
354 the CEC nor the City was participating in the grant funds, and therefore  
355 such an accounting was outside the purview of the CEC.

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357 As the fiscal agent for grant funds, Ms. Sanders advised that she was  
358 available to respond to any questions or to have a conversation outside this  
359 CEC meeting.

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361 Commissioner Gardella expressed her personal appreciation and that of  
362 the CEC for all the work that went into the grant application, community  
363 conversations, and thanked the Lake McCarrons Neighborhood  
364 Association for investing their leadership- to make it happen and serving  
365 as liaison with The Advocates for Human Rights. Commissioner Gardella

366 noted the value of the CEC being able to assist in that partnership even  
367 though it wasn't through a more formal relationship. Commissioner  
368 Gardella noted the further value for the CEC in being able to add this  
369 community engagement model to its samples.  
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371 For the benefit of the CEC and listening audience, Chair Becker clarified  
372 that the CEC's charge as an advisory commission to the City Council was  
373 not to have responsibility for improving the quality of life for the Karen  
374 community or any other under-represented minority or group in Roseville,  
375 but to provide the tools to encourage community engagement for the entire  
376 community. From the sense that this process provided another model and  
377 tool for future reference, as noted by Vice Chair Gardella, Chair Becker  
378 noted the CEC would move forward based on the feedback it received  
379 from the City Council after they were presented with this report.  
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381 Commissioner Tomlinson asked Ms. Sanders for advice specific to  
382 engaging the Karen community as it applied to the comprehensive plan  
383 update process. Ms. Sanders offered to talk to Commissioner Tomlinson  
384 outside of the CEC meeting to address his questions.  
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386 Chair Becker thanked Ms. Sanders and Ms. Lohman for their report at  
387 tonight's CEC meeting; and noted the report was scheduled for  
388 presentation at the August 22, 2016 City Council meeting; and required no  
389 CEC action at this point.  
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391 b. **Priority Project Update: Assist in the formulation of the 2017**  
392 **Comprehensive Plan Update Process** (Commissioners  
393 Tomlinson/Sparby)  
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395 Commissioner Tomlinson provided an update since the July CEC meeting;  
396 and referenced several attachments providing a variety of examples from  
397 other organizations and communities. Mr. Tomlinson reported that he,  
398 Commissioner Sparby and City Manager Trudgeon met to discuss a  
399 process, and concluded by creation of a checklist entitled, "CEC 2040  
400 Comprehensive Plan RFP Checklist" for use by the City Council in  
401 identifying what type of engagement they were looking to. Commissioner  
402 Tomlinson deferred to Commissioner Sparby to review the matrix.  
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404 With approval by the CEC, Commissioner Sparby noted it was the intent  
405 for this document in place as the City Council began their review process  
406 of Requests for Proposals (RFP's) and to have that input available when  
407 proposals are presented to them. Commissioner Sparby noted the one-  
408 page document was intended to address community engagement strategies  
409 by combining different ways in the matrix for the city to engage the public  
410 as part of the process as well as putting the checklist before the City  
411 Council to allow them to define the most important strategies as

412 recommended by the CEC and what each proposer brought to the table.  
413 Commissioner Sparby opined that this would provide the CEC with some  
414 significant input in the community engagement and RFP process.  
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416 In reviewing the “CEC 2040 Comprehensive Plan RFP Checklist,”  
417 Commissioner Sparby noted there were only five items to guide the  
418 process, and sought feedback from the CEC on the document.  
419 Commissioner Sparby noted the goal was to have CEC input by month  
420 end to utilize it for the review process.  
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422 Commissioner Tomlinson clarified that the RFP has gone out with an  
423 August 31, 2016 deadline for submittal followed by review by committee.  
424 Commissioner Tomlinson suggested the City Council may like a CEC  
425 commissioner on that review panel once the RFP becomes public and  
426 open for interview and addressing community engagement by hearing  
427 from proposers without the CEC identifying specific strategies.  
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429 Discussion ensued including clarifying the intent for the checklist to serve  
430 as an evaluation of proposer responses as part of their presentation(s);  
431 analysis of criteria by the City Council during the process itself and to  
432 identify specific target to include; how the comprehensive plan pieces fit  
433 together with those areas needed tweaking and those needing redone to  
434 inform the review of proposals and how deep engagement needs to be; and  
435 clarification of the city’s scope for updating the comprehensive plan  
436 versus the role of the CEC in providing community engagement tools and  
437 processes based on consultant experience and their specific engagement  
438 methods, expertise and past successes.  
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440 City Manager Trudgeon noted that the comprehensive plan update will  
441 involve every chapter being reviewed, with the City Council leaning  
442 toward tweaking from the current base line. However, Mr. Trudgeon  
443 noted that presupposition didn’t really inform the CEC’s role if and when  
444 community engagement was indicated. Mr. Trudgeon opined that the  
445 CEC needed to avail itself to allow for that public input at some point  
446 during the whole process, whether it involved simply testing the current  
447 plan in various areas or diving deeper into those conversations, and which  
448 model or technique for community engagement would work best.  
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450 Further discussion included those involved in assessing the comprehensive  
451 plan and the level of that review with clarification that various consultants  
452 would work with staff depending on the department and area of their  
453 expertise to facilitate conversations with the community and synthesize  
454 what that input with various advisory commissions; and reiterating that the  
455 existing plan was deemed by the City Council to be generally adequate  
456 and only needing some updating.  
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458 City Manager Trudgeon noted the process would include many  
459 opportunities for community engagement, and while the City Council  
460 would make the final decision, he anticipated the process to be more  
461 inclusive when indicated. Depending on the particular chapter involved,  
462 Mr. Trudgeon reviewed the various stakeholders that may be involved if  
463 and when changes are needed in the comprehensive plan, with those parts  
464 coming together for the whole assessment process and necessary changes  
465 since the last update in 2008. Mr. Trudgeon noted the plan process also  
466 looks at the MSP 2040 aspirational statements that was a unique  
467 document, but as yet not clear as to how it may be integrated into the plan  
468 if at all. While included as part of the RFP, Mr. Trudgeon noted there  
469 were decisions yet to follow as part of the review of proposals, and also  
470 informing the cost of a consultant.

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472 At the request of Commissioner Holub, City Manager Trudgeon offered to  
473 send a copy of it to the CEC, including a timeline for the RFP process  
474 itself.

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476 Commissioner Tomlinson referenced the substantial amount of resources  
477 and training information available online on the Metropolitan Council's  
478 website, and encouraged individual CEC commissioners to research those  
479 materials to become more familiar with comprehensive plans, including  
480 examples from other communities, some who've been awarded for their  
481 community engagement efforts. Commissioner Tomlinson opined that  
482 this would also serve to get commissioners thinking beyond the  
483 comprehensive plan in addressing stakeholders in community engagement.  
484 Commissioner Tomlinson also suggested a group CEC effort in  
485 identifying those different stakeholder groups and how best to engage  
486 them to obtain their feedback (e.g. Karen community and other under-  
487 represented population groups in Roseville).

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489 Chair Becker suggested that could be a discussion topic for the CEC  
490 moving forward.

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492 For engaging any under-represented community, Commissioner Holub  
493 opined that a solid plan was needed and should be reflective of the city's  
494 demographics, further opining that their ideas and partnership should be a  
495 huge priority as part of the RFP review process.

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497 City Manager Trudgeon noted that consultants involved in comprehensive  
498 plans all had significant community engagement expertise, but suggested a  
499 relevant consideration for the RFP review would be their experience  
500 engaging under-represented groups.

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502 c. **Priority Project Update: Recommend ways to expand city learning**  
503 **and engagement opportunities** (Commissioners Manke/Holub)

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Commissioner Holub provided an update on this priority, referencing the August 2016 update and questions for the joint meeting with the City Council (page 2 of City Manager’s Office memorandum dated August 5, 2016) and status update for each priority project in which the CEC was involved. Commissioner Holub noted the welcome packet review was still in process as different samples and options were considered by the team, including what exactly should be included in the packet.

Commissioner Manke noted the interest in engaging other advisory commissions with these efforts as well.

d. **Priority Project Update: Form strategies for outreach to under-represented groups** (Commissioners Gardella/Sattler)

Commissioner Gardella noted this priority synced well with the comprehensive plan community engagement effort and need to define “under-represented groups.” Commissioner Gardella had provided numerous ideas, including a draft recommendation for CEC consideration and available resources for reference.

In particular, Commissioner Gardella noted her preference for the “Community Engagement Assessment Tool” created by her organization, especially the grid they used, and the engagement tool used by the Lake McCarrons Neighborhood Association, noting that while it didn’t have a lot of resources at hand, their efforts had a big payoff, and recommended using that model tool for the CEC.

Discussion included clearly identifying under-represented groups (e.g. renters); work of the Zoning Notification Task Force in addressing notice for landlords and their tenants; how to define “aging” population in its proper context and clearly defining criteria to be used or how and when a baseline is available to address if and when a certain age group may be deemed “under-represented;” and how to be inclusive without delineating or excluding other aspects of under-representation.

Further discussion included criteria for defining those under-represented groups (e.g. financial, age, access to community resources) and what filter should be used whether for youth, renters, aging seniors, or how to reach those needing or seeking representation; and using different criteria in multiple contexts depending on the population or demographics.

Commissioner Gardella offered to put together a checklist for further vetting by the CEC.

Commissioner Manke suggested seeking input from other advisory commissions and city staff specifically for their input on what they

550 considered as under-represented people in Roseville from their perspective  
551 (e.g. infrastructure, transportation, finance, etc.). Commissioner Manke  
552 asked City Manager Trudgeon to ask his staff and report back.  
553 Commissioner Manke also referenced the recent “Night to Unite” and  
554 asked if renters were included in those events or what was done to  
555 coordinate those groups or communicate with particular demographics in  
556 the community.

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558 Commissioner Sparby suggested further work on the definition portion of  
559 the draft document, and volunteered to assist Commissioners Gardella and  
560 Sattler.

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562 **e. Priority Project Update: Advocate for select items ~~form~~ from 2014**  
563 **CEC recommended policies and strategies** (Chair Becker)  
564 Chair Becker advised he would address this later in tonight’s agenda, but  
565 in the meantime, reported he continued to monitor this priority.

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567 **f. Update on “I Am Roseville” Photo Project** (Commissioners Sparby/  
568 Holub)

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570 Since bringing this up at the last CEC meeting, Commissioner Holub  
571 reported on the approach and concept and referenced Attachment 5.f in  
572 tonight’s agenda packet. Commissioner Holub stated this was a draft  
573 project plan, revised 8/3/16 and entitled ““I Am Roseville” Community  
574 Photography Project” intended for vetting by the CEC and potential future  
575 recommendation to the City Council for their consideration.

576  
577 Commissioners Holub and Sparby presented the draft, seeking CEC input  
578 for this proposed partner project that wouldn’t obligate it to be an entirely  
579 ~~led~~ city-led project.

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581 Commissioner Sparby stated he preferred the idea of partnering the project  
582 with different events, since he didn’t realistically expect people to come  
583 out for a specific photo opportunity or challenge. If the proposal has  
584 collaboration from a community engagement standpoint, Commissioner  
585 Sparby opined that he thought it would be well-received by the City  
586 Council. Commissioner Sparby spoke in support of a one-page proposal;  
587 and suggested looking out to initiate the project next year as a more  
588 realistic approach, and to allow the CEC sufficient time to present it as a  
589 recommendation for the City Council for 2017.

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591 CEC Feedback

592 Discussion included the purpose, or “end goal” for the proposed project;  
593 exhibit of photos submitted by residents and then disbursed to city  
594 buildings and businesses to display and emphasize the “I Am Roseville”  
595 message showing images of what the unique Roseville community looked

596 like in part and in whole; how this could help define the city and its  
597 demographics, goals, and aspirations as part of the comprehensive plan  
598 update as well, and perhaps using this photo exhibit tool to get people in  
599 the door for that larger discussion (e.g. Comprehensive Plan Road Show);  
600 and how “I Am Roseville” ties into next year’s Rosefest and Party in the  
601 Park theme.

602  
603 As a general comment, in his role to execute CEC plans, Chair Becker  
604 expressed curiosity in hearing City Council feedback on this, even though  
605 it was in line with the CEC’s structure to work on projects. If there is  
606 immediate interest by the City Council, Chair Becker noted it could  
607 become an additional item on the CEC 2016 work plan, but otherwise  
608 suggested it be moved to the 2017 work plan.

609  
610 At the request of Commissioner Gardella, City Manager Trudgeon  
611 suggested under the CEC’s duties and functions, they were tasked with  
612 reviewing and recommending opportunities for collaboration, and  
613 suggested that may be where this proposal best fit.

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615 Further discussion included dovetailing this as a partnership with the  
616 Roseville Historical Society including using some of the city’s older  
617 buildings and landmarks to encourage carrying things on and expanding  
618 the community’s history.

619  
620 City Manager Trudgeon stated his only concern was with staff capacity  
621 available, noting that while staff had a lot of information available and  
622 connections with businesses, some tension could be felt whether the CEC  
623 or staff was tasked with promoting and coordinating this project. While  
624 unable at this point to determine how things might work out, Mr.  
625 Trudgeon suggested its success may depend on a strong effort by non-city  
626 employees driving this, with staff available to provide requested  
627 information and limited assistance; but a larger circle of people to knock  
628 on doors (e.g. businesses to display photos).

629  
630 **g. Final Preparation for Joint Meeting with City Council**  
631 Chair Becker provided a sample of last year’s one-page report as a sample  
632 (Attachment 5.g) and polled the CEC on who would be available to attend  
633 this year’s joint meeting. Of those present, Commissioners Gardella,  
634 Sparby, and possibly Commissioner Manke offered to attend.

635  
636 Chair Becker reviewed priority projects as updated tonight, and assigned  
637 respective and available commissioners the task of a brief update for the  
638 City Council and any relevant questions they had of them at that time.

639  
640 City Manager Trudgeon noted a short presentation by The Advocates for  
641 Human Rights and their submission of their report would be on the agenda



642 immediately prior to the CEC; and would be immediately followed by an  
643 update from Volunteer Coordinator Kelly O'Brien on volunteer activities.

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645 Chair Becker made assignments according to which commissioners were  
646 available to attend and their specific priority projects.

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648 Logistics and materials for submission, including questions for the City  
649 Council, were discussed, with City Manager Trudgeon asking that any  
650 attachments be provided for attachment to the memorandum at the earliest  
651 convenience of commissioners. However, Mr. Trudgeon asked that those  
652 written items be kept to a minimum, noting the typical City Council  
653 agenda and materials they were required to review were already  
654 significant. With updating as appropriate, Mr. Trudgeon suggesting using  
655 the same format as last year's joint meeting agenda, and as typically used  
656 by most advisory commissions when meeting jointly with the City  
657 Council.

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659 Chair Becker concurred, and scheduled the deadline for submittals to City  
660 Manager Trudgeon, and asked that any questions be specific, including  
661 seeking City Council feedback on their interpretation of "under-  
662 represented groups" in the community.

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664 Chair Becker advised that he and City Manager Trudgeon would draft the  
665 cover memo once commissioners had submitted their attachments.

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## 6. New Business

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### a. Review "Speak Up! Roseville" Contract/Procedures

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Commissioner Sparby noted one item in Section 6 was the desire for advisory commissions to assist with interactions on the site and direct hook to get commissions involved in the website. As part of their role in encouraging community engagement, Commissioner Sparby proposed rotating CEC commissioners to monitor the site for a few weeks and in an effort to engage citizens and other advisory commissioners. By monitoring any synopsis of pressing items, Commissioner Sparby opined

688 that it would allow the CEC to more effectively relay those areas of  
689 interest to the City Council at joint meetings.

690  
691 Commissioner Manke agreed that was a good idea, and suggested using  
692 individual CEC commissioner priority project assignments as a lead in to  
693 obtain feedback from the public and to determine areas of community  
694 interest.

695  
696 Commissioner Tomlinson noted the need to be clear whether individual  
697 commissioners are representing the CEC, the City or as individual  
698 residents before making statements on the website.

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700 City Manger Trudgeon noted previous feedback sought specific to the  
701 comprehensive plan, but suggested new items would be appropriate to  
702 facilitate community discussion. Mr. Trudgeon clarified that it was not  
703 the intent for this website that discussions be posted by staff, but agreed  
704 commission ideas for questions were appropriate, as anyone could post an  
705 idea. If the CEC was seeking a broader discussion and deeper questions as  
706 part of that feedback, Mr. Trudgeon suggested they formulate questions by  
707 working on specific language and post them on the website, clearly  
708 identifying if and when they are being posted from an advisory  
709 commission, whether or not they ever come forward for action, and  
710 perhaps just for public awareness.

711  
712 Discussion ensued regarding CEC involvement and subsequent reports on  
713 activities online and working with staff to facilitate sharing those ideas as  
714 applicable; collecting ideas posted whether specific that city staff can  
715 respond to or more broad in nature that may take time to incubate but at  
716 least heard; and those ideas of comments sparking larger City Council  
717 policy versus a response from city staff from their perspective and not in  
718 the role of policy makers; and how the website can evolve with more  
719 experience by the CEC and citizens.

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721 Chair Becker agreed a valid point was how to process special ideas or  
722 items to make community connections. Chair Becker stated his  
723 appreciation for Commissioner Sparby's suggestion to put sunlight on  
724 happenings over the last month. However, Chair Becker stated his desire  
725 to give more thought as to how to add more discussion topics, noting  
726 logistical issues if there was a long waiting time for the website or if no  
727 plan was in place to follow-up on questions or ideas, as well as addressing  
728 engagement patterns to flow better. Chair Becker noted the variables,  
729 whether outreach questions, —learning activities, and how to structure  
730 questions with applicable city departments for partnering capabilities.

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732 Commissioner Tomlinson suggested having this as a standing item on  
733 CEC agendas going forward; with Chair Becker agreeing and adding it as  
734 Item 7.c under subcommittee reports.

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736 Chair Becker thanked Commissioner Sparby for his good ideas, noting  
737 this website was one of the first things the CEC had become involved in  
738 when first formed.

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740 Commissioner Holub asked if they went online as individuals, could they  
741 answer questions ~~of~~as private citizens, or were they always operating  
742 under their role as ~~an~~ advisory commissioners.

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744 City Manager Trudgeon suggested not putting any tag about their  
745 commission role, and simply logging on as a Roseville resident.

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## 747 **7. Chair, Committee and Staff Reports**

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### 749 **a. Chair's Report**

750 In light of recent events with police and citizen concerns, Chair Becker  
751 advised that a forum including members of various advisory commissions,  
752 city council members (Mayor Roe and Councilmember Etten) and city  
753 staff had been formed to address some of those issues. Chair Becker  
754 reported that he and Commissioner Holub had been invited to serve on this  
755 task force.

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757 City Manager Trudgeon reported that the first meeting involved simply  
758 gathering to talk about what response the city should be taking with the  
759 conclusion being that the response should be about educating versus  
760 rehashing past incidents. When first meeting, and discussing how to  
761 structure and format future meetings, Mr. Trudgeon noted it was  
762 immediately determined there was a need to expand the group of people  
763 involved, with the initial group evolving into an anticipated 17 people for  
764 next week's meeting. From that second meeting, Mr. Trudgeon advised  
765 that it was hoped to develop some understanding of how such a  
766 community event would be structured and the intended outcomes and  
767 purpose, with no predefined conversation anticipated, but simply serving  
768 as a panel or listening session. Mr. Trudgeon advised that the consensus  
769 of the group was that the city should take a step back to decide best  
770 approach for this daunting topic, and ultimately serve to make it more  
771 meaningful for all and resulting in actionable outcomes.

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773 At the request of Commissioner Gardella, City Manager Trudgeon  
774 reported on his role in liaison staffing the most recent HRC meeting, in  
775 addition to this CEC meeting, both suggesting a unified approach, and  
776 serving as an organic meeting of interested parties, but not an official task  
777 force. Mr. Trudgeon stated he anticipated further discussion by this

778 expanded group at their next meeting, noting that expansion was part of  
779 the rationale to receive input from additional stakeholders.

780  
781 At the request of Commissioner Manke, City Manager Trudgeon  
782 welcomed additional participants to the group. However, Mr. Trudgeon  
783 cautioned commissioners that a quorum of the CEC fell under open  
784 meeting laws.

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786 Commissioner Holub agreed that the door was always open for others  
787 wanting to be involved, and thanked City Manager Trudgeon for  
788 convening everyone and helping identify what would work best.

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790 At the request of Commissioner Tomlinson, City Manager Trudgeon  
791 reported that the group is specific to Roseville and its residents at this  
792 point, and intended for community outreach. However, if resources came  
793 to bear to foster more communication, Mr. Trudgeon advised a wider  
794 representation could help facilitate that, but at this time the planning was  
795 mostly involving Roseville residents.

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797 Based on her professional experience, Commissioner Gardella offered her  
798 services on racial training if needed.

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800 **b. Staff Report**

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802 **i. Upcoming Items on Future Council Agendas**

803 City Manager Trudgeon reported on his follow-up presentation of  
804 the CEC's Neighborhood Association recommendations at last  
805 Monday's City Council meeting.

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807 Mr. Trudgeon reported on some specific feedback from the City  
808 Council, including their preference for "registered" versus the term  
809 "affiliated;" their initial lack of interest in requiring bylaws and  
810 more specificity before he elaborated on the CEC's intent that any  
811 neighborhood association be inclusive and transparent with regular  
812 meetings. Specific to material support from the city, Mr. Trudgeon  
813 advised that the City Council was concerned with any additional  
814 impact on staff time; and had mixed opinions on resources for  
815 mailing provided by the city. To that point, Mr. Trudgeon reported  
816 it prompted a healthy discussion among council members; with the  
817 conclusion being that they liked the idea of a tool kit similar to that  
818 developed and made available for neighborhoods seeking to  
819 organize trash collection voluntarily and making that information  
820 available on the city's website. With the City Council reiterating  
821 their concern in further taxing staff time, Mr. Trudgeon advised  
822 that he suggested staging the process.

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824 Specific to defining boundaries, City Manager Trudgeon reported  
825 that the City Council felt uncomfortable doing to, and left it that  
826 associations self-organize and make that determination themselves;  
827 and if they overlapped boundaries, that was okay.  
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829 As the discussion ensued, City Manager Trudgeon reported that  
830 there was no direction given or action taken by the City Council,  
831 with the general consensus being that it wasn't the city's role to  
832 create neighborhood associations. Mr. Trudgeon advised that the  
833 City Council stated their intent to continue this discussion at a later  
834 date and at that point provide actionable direction to staff. Mr.  
835 Trudgeon noted that the City Council had discussed the idea  
836 further at least, and while they liked some recommendations and  
837 didn't like others, they set no specific date at this point in pursuing  
838 the idea, nor did they express any urgency to sort it out further in  
839 the foreseeable future.  
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841 For more details and discussion, City Manager Trudgeon  
842 encouraged commissioners to watch the City Council meeting on  
843 the website.  
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845 Commissioner Gardella noted her disappointment based on the  
846 direction given by the City Council to the CEC to do the form and  
847 formation of the initial task force. For the benefit of newer  
848 commissioners, Commissioner Gardella summarized the history of  
849 this issue and different philosophical perspectives that made the  
850 initial neighborhood association task force very contentious even  
851 though a lot of work went into the issue and report from both sides.  
852

853 In summary, Commissioner Gardella, with concurrence from City  
854 Manager Trudgeon concluded that the City Council liked the tool  
855 kit idea, but that no additional action or "next step" was articulated.  
856 Even though she hadn't served on the task force, Commissioner  
857 Gardella expressed disappointment on their behalf that nothing  
858 came out of their efforts and this report, as well as disappointment  
859 with the discussion among City Councilmembers. Commissioner  
860 Gardella expressed hope that this was not the end of the discussion  
861 and that pieces of it would be taken up eventually and it simply  
862 didn't end here.  
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864 If the City Council doesn't feel comfortable setting boundaries for  
865 neighborhood associations, Commissioner Tomlinson stated a  
866 rhetorical question for them and the CEC is whether they would  
867 feel comfortable defining a neighborhood if and when they decided  
868 to become organized or an association. Commissioner Tomlinson

869 referenced the City of Minneapolis and its neighborhoods with  
870 defined boundaries.

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872 As with the City of St. Louis Park example and their defining  
873 boundaries geographically, City Manager Trudgeon reported that  
874 throughout the process and the City Council discussion, there was  
875 strong interest in not following that model in Roseville. Mr.  
876 Trudgeon reiterated the preference to let people decide those  
877 boundaries, whether large or small and whether involving one  
878 street or several blocks.

879  
880 Commissioner Holub questioned if there was a way for the CEC to  
881 advocate for the City Council to bring the issue back up.

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883 City Manager Trudgeon suggested it could be a question for the  
884 joint meeting with the City Council on August 22 if there was a  
885 consensus of the CEC to do so.

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887 Chair Becker opined that any council action on this topic would  
888 take place suggested any advocacy be deferred until after the  
889 November municipal elections. In his viewing of the City Council  
890 meeting, Chair Becker stated his disagreement with several  
891 assumptions made during public comment on this issue as well as  
892 by individual Councilmembers.

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894 Chair Becker noted one larger charge leveled at the meeting was  
895 that neighborhood associations were not asked for by the  
896 community and just dropped on the City Council. However, Chair  
897 Becker clarified that these CEC recommendations came out of the  
898 City's Civic Engagement Task Force, and when the CEC was first  
899 formed, it took those recommendations and reviewed them with  
900 the City Council and received their blessing in April of 2016-2014  
901 to proceed during a joint meeting updating the progress of the CEC  
902 to that point.

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904 At that time, Chair Becker clarified that the CEC had received a  
905 renewed charge from the City Council on their 2015 priority  
906 project to assist and encourage the formation of Roseville  
907 neighborhood associations. At that point, and after involving  
908 members of the public and considerable dramain the task force,  
909 Chair Becker noted the CEC's invitation to all three existing  
910 neighborhood associations in the community, as opposed to the  
911 public comment where it was brought up that the CEC didn't want  
912 those existing associations involved, which was blatantly false. In  
913 conclusion, Chair Becker opined that the CEC and their efforts had  
914 gotten thrown under the bus by the council, and while he hadn't

915 expected the City Council to adopt ~~the~~ each and every one of  
916 CEC's recommendations, he had expected some support.

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918 Chair Becker admitted he was disappointed with this outcome,  
919 stated that he felt the lack of council action was a collective failure  
920 of leadership, and said that his personal speculation was that the  
921 results were in large part due to the political timing.

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923 Commissioner Manke concurred with Chair Becker's synopsis and  
924 history of this issue, and shared his disappointment.

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926 **ii. Other Items**

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928 **8. Commission Communications, Reports, and Announcements**

929 Commissioner Tomlinson announced upcoming community engagement training  
930 available in Edina, and reviewed the registration process. Commissioner  
931 Tomlinson stated his intent to attend, and offered to report back to the CEC.

932  
933 Chair Becker read a prepared statement submitting his resignation from the CEC  
934 effective March 31, 2017, stating his intent to fulfill his commitment as Chair of  
935 the CEC and in consideration of the number of newer commissioners on the CEC  
936 and to allow his colleagues to gain more experience in their commissioner roles.  
937 After four years of service, Chair Becker stated he no longer felt serving on the  
938 CEC was a productive use of his time, but wished success to individual  
939 commissioners and the CEC as a whole going forward.

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941 **9. Commissioner-Initiated Items for Future Meetings**

942 Chair Becker noted those items added from tonight's meeting beyond standing  
943 agenda items included subcommittee reports on the Speak Up Roseville website,  
944 with Commissioner Sparby taking the first watch and assignment of the next  
945 commissioner for the website at the August meeting; priority project updates; and  
946 a debriefing of the joint meeting of the CEC and City Council.

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948 **10. Recap of Commission Actions This Meeting**

949 Vice Chair Gardella summarized items to include City Manager Trudgeon  
950 sending an electronic copy of the Comprehensive Plan Consultant RFP to the  
951 CEC; Commissioners Gardella and Sparby would work on defining "under-  
952 represented groups" before the joint meeting with the City Council to seek their  
953 input; addition of website monitoring as a standing agenda item; reporting of the  
954 community engagement seminar from Commissioner Tomlinson in August, and a  
955 reminder of the August 22 joint meeting with the City Council.

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957 **11. Adjournment**

958 Commissioner Tomlinson moved, Commissioner Sparby seconded, adjournment  
959 of the meeting at approximately 8:48 p.m.

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961            **Ayes: 6**  
962            **Nays: 0**  
963            **Motion carried.**

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## Memo

**To:** Community Engagement Commission  
**From:** Patrick Trudgeon, City Manager and CEC Staff Liaison  
**Date:** September 1, 2016  
**Re:** CEC Priority Project Update for September 8, 2016 Meeting

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Below is a status update of the Priority Projects for the Community Engagement Commission (CEC). Additional updates will be provided at the meeting.

1. **Assist in the formulation of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan update process**  
 (Eric Tomlinson/Peter Sparby)
  - a. Catalog types of engagement processes/tools and advise as to which to use in what circumstances
  - b. Define process for how to identify stakeholders
  - c. Evaluate community vision section(s) and suggest areas where it is "out of date" and could be updated
  - d. With an eye towards replicating what has worked in the past (i.e. not "reinventing the wheel"), evaluate Comprehensive Plan/Roseville 2025 organization and processes to recommend any needed changes

September 2016 Update: Comp Plan RFPs submitted to City on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff currently reviewing proposals.

2. **Recommend ways to expand city learning and engagement opportunities**  
 (Michelle Manke/ Chelsea Holub)
  - a. Investigate (and potentially recommend) the implementation of a City "Open House" (e.g. in part a replacement of the Living Smarter Fair), including opportunities for learning about commissions, volunteering, the budget process, and other civic/community engagement topics
  - b. Recommend ways to re-establish some form of a welcome "packet"
  - c. Evaluate format/content of Roseville U, especially with respect to what is adopted via the above and recommend any changes

- d. Drive additional engagement via the Rosefest Party in the Park

September 2016 Update: Awaiting results of departmental engagement catalog. Reviewing sample welcome packets and developing timeline for this project.

**3. Form strategies for outreach to under-represented groups**

(Theresa Gardella/ Amber Sattler)

- a. Recommend ways the city can engage renters
- b. Engage with the City Council's ongoing SE Roseville strategic project(s)

September 2016 Update:

**4. Implement additional Council suggestions (Scot Becker)**

- a. Conduct periodic check-ins with Volunteer Coordinator with respect to engagement, what has worked, and what hasn't
- b. Drive additional engagement "infrastructure" work, as needed

September 2016 Update: Volunteer Coordinator Check-ins completed and planned for the future.

**5. Advocate for select items from 2014 Community Engagement Commission Recommended Policies and Strategies [no changes from previously adopted version]**

(Scot Becker)

- (Those that are not otherwise aligned with the above priorities)
- 1.1: The City should work to enrich and strengthen civic engagement at city hall, and encourage employees and elected officials to appreciate civic engagement as an asset.
  - *b) The City Council should hold one regularly scheduled town-hall style meeting each year, with topics solicited from the eight City commissions.*

September 2016 Update: Council feedback positive; Work with Pat/Council to schedule town-hall meeting.

- 2.1: The City should foster public participation at both the council and commission level.
  - a) *Encourage each commission to hold community meetings.*

September 2016 Update: Revisit once council holds town hall meeting

- 4.1: The City should make available administrative support to foster more effective volunteerism and public participation.
  - a) *Repurpose an existing or create a new City position to support effective community and civic engagement across all departments. This position would coordinate neighborhood and community relations; he/she could develop procedures and methods to improve, track, and provide clear and consistent two-way communication between City government and residents and businesses, and find opportunities for more effective civic engagement. We recommend that this position also work with the Community Engagement Commission.*

September 2016 Update: Will potentially pursue as a part of later budget cycles

- 6.3: The City should make readily available City Council and Commission agenda items, minutes, and recorded meetings through its website and CTV cable television.
  - a) *Publish approved city council and commission meeting minutes on the city website in a timely manner, such as within one (1) week of approval.*
    - i) *If public meeting minutes are not approved in a timely manner, such as within one month, publish draft minutes on its website until minutes are finalized.*
  - b) *Offer the full text of meeting agendas in the body of email alerts and meeting notices rather than requiring the extra step to click a link to learn of the full agenda.*
  - c) *Include a link to the specific recorded televised city meeting on the same page as the meeting minutes and/or agenda*

September 2016 Update: Staff currently working on these items.

**“I Am Roseville” Community Photography Project**  
Roseville Community Engagement Commission  
DRAFT Project Plan, revised 8/3/16

Overview

The “I Am Roseville” photo project would bring together community members and stakeholders to foster local engagement and identity.

Inspired by artist Wing Young Huie’s *Lake Street USA* exhibit, the project would gather and display photographs of community members, first in a public exhibit and then at various local businesses and facilities. Photographs would be submitted by community members through social media. The exhibit would be an unveiling of all the photographs, open to the public for a limited period of time. Following that, the pictures would be placed in buildings across the city.

The project would:

- Aim to increase residents’ senses of belonging in and identification with Roseville.
- Be an opportunity to show and embrace Roseville’s growing diversity of families and demographics.
- Strengthen the City’s relationship with local businesses.

Ultimately, the vision would be that if anyone enters a Roseville building, they see that everyone there is part of a shared community.

Role of the City

The role of the City would be as a partner and advisor, consisting of:

- Identifying stakeholders who can partner on the project and take the lead on the logistics (see “Partners” below).
- Providing representation on a planning team (see “Planning Team” below), with additional input by council members and commissioners where appropriate.
- Potentially offering space to host the exhibit and/or a selection of photographs at city facilities.

Partners

The City would seek partners to lead the logistics of the project, including collecting photos and coordinating with local businesses. These partners may include Visit Roseville or the Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, the project may be integrated into pre-existing events to increase viewership and to ease the organizational burden. Events may include Rosefest, Arts@theOVAL, and Roseville’s Craft Beer & Wine Fest.

Planning Team

A planning team would work to delineate the roles of each partner and develop a project plan and timeline. The planning team would have representation from each partner, including the City, along with interested local artists, community members, and youth.



## Community Development Department

### Memo

**To:** Community Engagement Commission

**cc:** Pat Trudgeon

**From:** Bryan Lloyd, Senior Planner

**Date:** September 1, 2016

**Re:** Strategy For Community Engagement About Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings


1 In the 2016 legislative session, a bill was signed into law creating a new process for landowners to  
 2 place mobile residential dwellings on their property to serve as a temporary family health care  
 3 dwelling. This law was passed in response to a desire to provide transitional housing for those with  
 4 mental or physical impairments and the increased need for short term care for aging family  
 5 members. The legislation sets forth a short term care alternative for a “mentally or physically  
 6 impaired person”, by allowing them to stay in a “temporary dwelling” on a relative’s or caregiver’s  
 7 property. Cities would be required to accommodate these temporary family health care dwellings,  
 8 unless they passed local ordinances to opt out of the law; opting out was provided for in the law so  
 9 that municipalities can address these temporary family health care dwellings with locally-appropriate  
 10 regulations rather than adhering totally to the state statute. An explanation of the law prepared by the  
 11 League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) is included with this memo.

12 Roseville’s ordinance opting out of the statutory requirements was passed by the City Council on  
 13 August 8, and published on August 10, 2016; now Planning Division staff wants to begin a deeper  
 14 discussion with the public and the Planning Commission to assess the community’s desire to  
 15 accommodate these temporary health care resources and, if desired, to develop regulations that  
 16 reflect the needs and preferences of Roseville’s residents. The first step in this process is to identify a  
 17 strategy for effectively engaging the community in this discussion.

18 The purpose for providing the above information about the temporary family health care dwellings is  
 19 not to suggest that the Community Engagement Commission should become deeply familiar with the  
 20 statutory requirements or effective local regulations. Instead, information about the subject matter  
 21 has been provided here so that the Community Engagement Commission has a general  
 22 understanding of why the public is being consulted in case knowledge of the reason for the discussion  
 23 leads Commissioners to any insights about which segments of the community might be particularly  
 24 important to include in this discussion. Identifying especially critical participants for the discussion  
 25 might then allow an engagement strategy to be tailored to more effectively bring those folks to the  
 26 table, with other willing participants, better than a generalized engagement strategy.

27 My hope is that you use this memo and the attached information from LMC to begin thinking and  
 28 talking about an appropriate strategy for engaging the community on this particular topic. I would  
 29 then plan to join the discussion at your meeting on October 13, 2016, and ultimately receive your  
 30 recommendation for how best to gather robust community input about how Roseville should regulate  
 31 temporary family health care dwellings.

32 Thanks, in advance.

33  651-792-7073 | bryan.lloyd@cityofroseville.com



# Memo

**To:** Community Engagement Commission  
**From:** Patrick Trudgeon, City Manager  
**Date:** September 1, 2016  
**Re:** Current and Ongoing Community Engagement Efforts by City of Roseville

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One of the charges of the Community Engagement Commission is to look at ways the City can expand its community engagement activities. As this discussion occurs, there ideas often brought forward that the City is already currently doing. I thought it would be helpful for the Commission to have an extensive list of engagement activities being doing by the City. In this way, you will have a better understanding what is already being done. Having this list will also help identify any gaps we have regarding engagement opportunities. Below is the listing of activities.

## Administration Department

- Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- Weekly News Updates
  - Direct dissemination of information via listserv email
- Public announcements at City Council meetings
- Website
- Dissemination of council information of public interest
- Social Media
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - Youtube
  - LinkedIn
  - Nextdoor
- SpeakUp Roseville!
- Televising and webstreaming of all meetings
- Televising of special community events
  - Community meetings
  - Alzheimer's/Dementia special events
  - Commission meetings held in the community
- Online support for RSVL A/D and CHAT

Administration Department (cont).

- Conduct a bi-annual community survey
- Outreach to facilitate community involvement in things like the budget and other items of public interest
- Marketing support for volunteer recruitment activities and events
- Administrative support for the Community Engagement Commission
- Roseville U

Community Development Department

- SE Roseville Initiatives
- Karen Interagency Group
- Workshop Series at Ramsey County Library focusing on home improvement and senior services
- Greater Notification Policy including expanded notification to renters (CEC initiated)
- Upcoming Comprehensive Plan

Finance Department

- Daily interaction with 600+ customers through license center, utility billing, and business licensing.
- License center staff participation in annual naturalization ceremony hosted by Roseville Human Rights Commission.

Fire Department

- Fridays with Firefighters- Community fire education focused on children. Held six times throughout the summer months.
- Annual Fire Department Open House- Opportunity for the public to visit the fire station, interact with firefighters, learn about firefighting, and fire safety.
- School Tours- the Fire Department provides in excess of 25 annual tours of the fire stations for school groups throughout the year.
- School Visits- the Fire Department visits most of the elementary schools during Fire Prevention week each October.
- Library Reading- The Fire department regularly participated in the reading to children program at Roseville Area public library.
- Blood Pressure clinics- the Fire department hosts several clinics throughout the community annually to seniors, businesses, and community groups, providing free blood pressure checks.
- Walk-in Blood Checks- The Fire Department provides walk-in blood pressure checks on a daily basis to the community. We provide an estimated 250 annually.
- Community Wellness Events- The Fire Department attends several health wellness events throughout the year, focused on schools, and community groups.



Fire Department (cont).

- Medical Standby for youth sports- The Fire Department provides medical standby for sporting events throughout the city for many youth sports, as well as events at the Oval.
- The Fire Department is active in support of the annual Susan G Komen breast cancer walk.
- The Fire Department hosts on-site “lemonade stands” in the Southeast part of the community, as part of its community outreach programs.
- The Fire Department attends new business open houses to help support and welcome new businesses into the community.
- The Fire Department provides fire safety and fire extinguisher training to business, and their employees.
- The Fire Department provides free smoke detector and batteries for elderly and disabled residents throughout the community.
- The Fire Department will assist digging out fire hydrants for elderly and disabled.
- The Fire Department hosts a Fire Explorers program for community youth.
- The Fire Department attends more than 150 community block parties annually.
- The Fire Department participates in Annual Night to unite and Family night out.
- The Fire Department attends community children birthday parties throughout the year.
- The Fire Department assisted with after school soccer with the kids program through the school district.
- The Fire Department is active in Social Media engagement.
- The Fire Department provides “free” CPR training to the community.
- The Fire Department has a program to teach every sophomore student at Roseville Areas High school.
- The Fire Department provides Animal rescue, ducks, cats, dogs, deer, etc.
- The Fire Department hosts an EMT student ride-a-long program for area high school students.
- The Fire Department assists in teaching drivers education at Roseville Area High School.
- The Fire Department teaches emergency medical training, and CPR to Roseville Area teachers and nursing staff.
- The Fire Department is part of the Roseville Areas High School Football program assisting at all home football games.

Police Department

- Bi-weekly Newsletter: “One Chief’s Perspective”
- Monthly Summaries: brief summary of crime incidents, training and community engagement
- Two Behind the Badge segments, third will be out soon
- Patrol officers required to make an average of eight positive community outreach contacts every 24-hour period
- Coffee with a Cop events

- Lemonade stands- ongoing in summer- apartment complexes and parks
- Soccer/ Futsal/ Badminton Camps
- Annual Northeast Youth and Family Services vs. RVPD basketball game
- Fraud and Identity Theft presentations
- Make a Difference- two per year per crew
- Night to Unite
- Family Night Out
- Annual Citizen Police Academy (eight weekly sessions, 3-4 hours per session)
- Twitter, Facebook and email notifications
- Lunch in the Schools program
- Shop with a Cop
- New Americans forums
- Neighborhood Watch
- Annual Block Captain meeting
- Citizen Park Patrol
- Neighborhood Speed Board program
- Property Watch program
- Residential and Business Security checks
- Rosedale Merchant's Meetings
- Safety talks with residents, businesses, daycares, adult care settings, realtors, etc.
- Child Safety- multiple programs
- Child Safety Seat program
- Medicine Disposal Bag program
- Emergency 911 cell phone program
- Human Trafficking (investigations and training for area businesses)- in cooperation with Ramsey County Attorney's Office
- Grant Funded Activities- Safe & Sober, Click It or Ticket, Operation Nightcap, Auto Theft Prevention
- CarFIT (safe driving for seniors)
- AAA "I Got Caught" helmet safety program
- Rental Licensing outreach and education- in cooperation with Community Development
- 2015 department-wide Diversity Awareness training open to other City staff and law enforcement agencies throughout the state
- Partnership with Ramsey County to halt sex trafficking in Roseville area
- Helped coordinate and participated in "Dialogues on Community Violence" with the Human Rights Commission
- Hot vehicle outreach and education
- Animal control outreach and education: coyote clinic
- Safety education through parks and rec programs
- Partnership with area places of worship: co-hosted recent carnival alongside Grace Church for youth at Brittany Marion Apts
- Fingerprinting services offered to the public
- School and scouting tours of the department
- Minnesota Special Olympics Torch Run

Police Department (cont).

- Police volunteers (Reserves, Park Patrol and interns)
- Roseville Police Foundation outreach
- Participation in a variety of engagement meetings (e.g. Karen Interagency, Service Enterprise, RAS Community Conversations, ECHO “Rental Rights and Responsibilities” project, Communicating with Volunteers Workshop, Ramsey County Out of School Time Network meeting, League of Women Voters Police panel, Ramsey County Sexual Assault Protocol meeting, etc.)

Parks and Recreation Department

- Recreation Programs throughout the year (Served 3,472 Roseville residents in 2015)
- Monthly Natural Resource volunteer events
- Natural Resources Stewardship Program
- Community Playground Builds
- Discover Your Parks
- Volunteer flower plantings
- Volunteer Adopt a Park Program
- Community Orchard Volunteer Events
- Facilitating community engagement efforts through “non-paid” use of city facilities
- Neighborhood project meetings
- Support of community organizations and affiliated groups
- Muriel Sahlin Arboretum Green Team
- Some more significant special events including:
  - Wild Rice Festival, Fall Spooktacular,
  - Rosefest
  - Parade
  - July 4<sup>th</sup>
  - summer concert series

Public Works Department

- Coordinating and staffing Roseville Clean Up Day in Spring.
- Coordinating Zero Waste Events at Roseville event.
- Coordinating Annual Shredding Day.

## What's This All About?

Speak Up Roseville is making it easier for the public to communicate feedback and receive information. Speak Up Roseville is a way for you to find out about ongoing Projects, join in on topical Discussions, create/share/vote on citizen-generated Ideas, and connect with others that share your interests. The more public input we receive the better Speak Up Roseville can become.

## What is your Roseville idea?



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Idea: [I want to do a candle light vigil for our peace officers similar to what c...](#)

Posted by [Rachel Anne](#) on 2016-07-22 07:44:54 -0500



### Discussion: Volunteering

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- Garry Bowman commented on an Idea
- Lo Gan commented on an Idea
- Lo Gan commented on an Idea
- Lo Gan voted on an Idea
- Lo Gan voted on an Idea



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### Topics



#### Topic: Volunteering



Do you volunteer? In what capacity? Why?

2 Responses

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#### Topic: Obstacles to volunteering



What are the main reasons more residents don't get volunteer? Are there any impediments that could be removed that would help residents get more involved?

4 Responses

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#### Topic: Recruitment



What do you think is the best way to reach people about volunteering opportunities?

2 Responses

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#### Topic: Create your own opportunity



If you could create your own volunteer position, whether with the city or not, what would it be?

2 Responses

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#### Topic: The volunteering experience



If you volunteered for the City of Roseville, what would you hope to get out of the experience?

1 Responses

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How would you like to be recognized for your volunteer efforts?



1 Responses

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 **Rao Konidena** 19 days ago 

Yes, I volunteer in advisory capacity at the Finance Commission. We meet once a month for 2-2.5 hours. I have been in this role since March/April 2014. Why? Because I wanted to do learn about finance and what better way to learn starting with City's finances. I also wanted to set the right example for my kids about community engagement and civic duties. This is our city, and we should be doing something. An added bonus for me is, learning and networking with my fellow finance commission members. I learn a lot from them.

 0 Votes [Reply to Rao Konidena](#)   Vote

 **Kathleen Mickelson** 19 days ago 

I have volunteered in years past because i believe resident should give back to the community. I served on the board at HANC and on the Parks & Rec Commission. It was interesting and corresponded with what I was interested in. I also wanted to show my kids how to be involved in their community.

 0 Votes [Reply to Kathleen Mickelson](#)   Vote



## Topic: Obstacles to volunteering



What are the main reasons more residents don't get volunteer? Are there any impediments that could be removed that would help residents get more involved?

4 Responses

4 Responses



**Marietta Booth** 20 days ago



Perhaps one obstacle to volunteering is the opportunities might be during the work week. People may be working outside the home. Another obstacle could be people are not aware of volunteer opportunities in the city. Although the volunteer jobs are listed in various places, people may skip over them. Maybe using other media might help to make people more aware of the volunteer opportunities.

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**Rao Konidena** 19 days ago



Where there is a will, there is a way. However, sometimes we have to prioritize the events and hence I suspect life gets in the way even though we all have good intentions to volunteer. Take for ex, this online community engagement board/portal. It makes sense and works for me because, I can log into whenever I have time and voice my opinion. Similarly, I believe you will be able to get some perceived barriers removed when folks have a choice. I do realize sometimes volunteer hours are non-flexible, as in, you need someone to man a booth at central park during fourth of July celebrations. Additionally, if I know someone who will be there as well, then, I have an incentive to go as well. We have gotten better over the years in my observation because, I see volunteer opportunities being posted in Nextdoor on a frequent basis.

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**Kathleen Mickelson** 19 days ago



Time is often an obstacle - both how much time a person has and the times during which a volunteer activity is scheduled. Another obstacle is the perception that once someone volunteers, they may be expected to keep coming on a regular basis. I have chosen to put myself on the volunteermatch.org website because I can choose to volunteer as a one-time shot whenever I have an open day on my calendar instead of committing to being somewhere at the same time every week or every month. For people whose schedules change a lot, this is an amazing option that removes a huge obstacle to volunteering. I filled out a profile with my contact information and the types of opportunities I was interested in. Whenever there is a need, I get an email that lists several places that need volunteers and how many slots are open for those options. I can choose what fits.

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**Lo Gan** at August 25, 2016 at 9:11pm CDT




I no longer volunteer for two reasons based on many years of being a Roseville resident. 1. Roseville government has their agenda and they are not open to improvement. They do a good job of faking like they are open to new ideas though. 2. It is too frustrating to see the low competence levels of Roseville government employees, especially leadership and management. For an example of inadequate management skills, review the police department's statistics. Their data has no value. It is not useful for benchmarking their performance against other police departments or for improving their own performance. <http://www.cityofroseville.com/DocumentCenter/View/19241>

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 Topic: Recruitment ▼

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 2 Responses

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 **Rao Konidena** 19 days ago ▼


Some like online tools like Nextdoor (downloading that app was very helpful for me), some prefer personal connection like a neighbor etc. I am sure some prefer door to door.

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 **Kathleen Mickelson** 19 days ago ▼


For me, a central website where I fill out a profile and get email notices when an opportunity comes up is a great way to reach volunteers like myself. Social media can help, but most of us are drenched in social media and the avalanche of information there be discouraging. If I have to go check on yet another social media site to find out what's available, I'm probably not going to do it.

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 Topic: Create your own opportunity ▼

If you could create your own volunteer position, whether with the city or not, what would it be?


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 2 Responses

 2 Responses



 **Rao Konidena** 19 days ago ▼

I love helping people answer questions and connecting people. I would love to connect people interested in electricity, energy industry, business ideas around that industry space. Something that leverages my expertise in Electrical engineering and connections within the industry.



 0 Votes [Reply to Rao Konidena](#)  [Vote](#)

 **Kathleen Mickelson** 19 days ago ▼

My own ideal position is passing out food to people in need. I learned that I'm not so great at being on boards and commissions when I did those things! But I like talking to people and giving them what they need to be happy and healthy in the community.


 0 Votes [Reply to Kathleen Mickelson](#)  [Vote](#)




 **Topic: The volunteering experience** 

If you volunteered for the City of Roseville, what would you hope to get out of the experience?

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 1 Responses

 1 Responses





**Kathleen Mickelson** 19 days ago 

I would hope to get the satisfaction of knowing that I've helped my fellow residents have a good life, that I've done something that matters in the community, and that I've done the right thing.


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 **Topic: Recognition** 

How would you like to be recognized for your volunteer efforts?

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 1 Responses

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**Kathleen Mickelson** 19 days ago 

Having someone say thank you. And maybe a cup of coffee.

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## Discussion: Redevelopment In Roseville



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(Visit <http://www.cityofroseville.com/599/Current-Development> for information about current developments). However, there may be redevelopment opportunities that the City can be involved in that the market does not address. We are interested in your opinion on where the City's redevelopment efforts should be focused and what type of redevelopment opportunities should be pursued.

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### Topics



#### Topic: City Focus



When it comes to development in the City of Roseville, what should the City's focus be?

5 Responses

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#### Topic: Redevelopment Targets and Locations



Are there particular areas of the City that you would like to see targeted for redevelopment?

3 Responses

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#### Topic: Business Recruitment



What types of businesses, if any, should the City work to recruit?

9 Responses

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#### Topic: Neighborhood Commercial Areas



What do you like best about your neighborhood commercial area and how could it be improved?

4 Responses

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#### Topic: Assessment of Neighborhood Commercial Areas



What neighborhood commercial area could use attention?

1 Responses

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**Diane Hilden** about 1 month ago



Balancing the need for more low income housing options with keeping property taxes affordable. Roseville is a city with lots of seniors many cannot afford fancy senior condo options and want to remain in their homes. We have lots of shopping in Roseville and lots of empty storefronts with no "downtown". Roseville needs character/charm businesses since Rosedale and "dales" in general no long seem to be interesting.

1 Vote

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**Robin Schroeder** about 1 month ago



More single family homes. We have enough apartments.

1 Vote

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[Vote](#)



**Robin Schroeder** about 1 month ago



Keep Roseville affordable, are there some things that Roseville uses funds for that could be discontinued before new things are added?

0 Votes

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**Rao Konidena** about 1 month ago



The city's focus should not change from balancing the needs of senior citizens (who are on a fixed retirement income) and younger generations (who like Roseville for the transportation access, lower crime rates, schools etc). Any new development for me, should have a clear line of sight to the city's strategic goals including keeping us financially stable.

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 **Topic: Redevelopment Targets and Locations** 

Are there particular areas of the City that you would like to see targeted for redevelopment?


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 3 Responses

 3 Responses



 **Diane Hilden** about 1 month ago 



Southeast Roseville needs help! The Rice Street businesses such as they are are limping along, the corner of Larpenteur and Rice and the Larpenteur corridor need help and creative thought with collaboration from Maplewood, St Paul and Ramsey County. The ugly entrance to Roseville at Lexington and Larpenteur was a mistake, the shopping area there is dying a slow death.

 2 Votes [Reply to Diane Hilden](#)  [Vote](#)



 **Robin Schroeder** about 1 month ago 

Southeast Roseville could use business like a bakery and restaurants that people get out of their cars to use.

 0 Votes [Reply to Robin Schroeder](#)  [Vote](#)

 **Rao Konidena** about 1 month ago 

Part of me says, why are you even asking the question? Because I see development happening near 694/Rice (senior living), Dale and countyB2 (senior living I think), Lexington and Victoria (senior living), Dale and 36 near old fire station. I don't have the map in front of me, but we have several recent new single family homes also added like on county B right before Rice, Owasso/Western, and here and there.

 0 Votes [Reply to Rao Konidena](#)  [Vote](#)



Topic: Business Recruitment



What types of businesses, if any, should the City work to recruit?

9 Responses

9 Responses



**Aurel Cernea** about 1 month ago



I do not understand why the question had to have the "..., if any,..." piece in it. We really need to attract businesses here that are paying higher salaries to their employees. We should try luring IT companies, nano-manufacturing, bio-engineering, health insurance. Granted, with the high taxation at the state level that scares new investors away, our job is twice as hard as in other places in US. But we should lobby companies with large presence in MN to open new shops or relocate to Roseville.

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Reply to Aurel Cernea



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**Lo Gan** about 1 month ago



A case in point is the new senior housing being built at Lexington and Woodhill. I was disappointed to read Roseville City Council document history that both Applewood and Cherrywood senior housing projects plan to hire mostly part-time staff.

1 Vote

Reply to Lo Gan



Vote



**Diane Hilden** about 1 month ago



With the active help from the Chamber of Commerce more unique businesses. Why can't Roseville have a Trader Joe's in the "hub", how about Breadsmith and/or some great bakeries for example. Enough of the chain restaurants already.

1 Vote

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Reply to Diane Hilden



Vote



**Lo Gan** about 1 month ago



There already is a Trader Joe's next to Shoreview Target at Lexington & I-694. 1041 Red Fox Rd Shoreview, MN 55126 Phone: 651-765-1398

0 Votes

Reply to Lo Gan



Vote



**John Bachhuber** about 1 month ago

I agree with working to attract companies that offer high wages such as those indicated by Aurel above. Our location is extremely appealing and could be a strong selling point. From a "livability" standpoint, I'd love to see more "chef-owned" restaurants in Roseville.

3 Votes

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**Robin Schroeder** about 1 month ago

Really good local restaurants that people have to get out of their cars to use would be great

0 Votes

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**John Kysylyczyn** about 1 month ago

None. It isn't the job of the city to recruit businesses. The private sector analyzes the area and the market and determines whether a viable business plan will be successful. The city does not have this kind of talent or expertise nor should they.

Why doesn't Trader Joe's have a store in Roseville? Their experts in their business development department determined that the location along the freeway at 694 and Lexington made more sense. Just thinking that the three locations I know of all happen to be within sight of a freeway.

0 Votes

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**Rao Konidena** about 1 month ago

We need to encourage local businesses, people who stay in Roseville or nearby. I am thinking along the lines of a business technology "cluster". Local start ups with strong ties to so many universities we have within our vicinity, and companies. That should then open up "project" ideas for our school students.

1 Vote

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**Chelsea Holub** 16 days ago

The City has been doing a great job engaging Karen residents. Tied to that, it would be AMAZING to have a Karen market in Roseville, like Mercado Central in Minneapolis or Hmong Village in St. Paul.


0 Votes

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 **Topic: Neighborhood Commercial Areas** 




What do you like best about your neighborhood commercial area and how could it be improved?



 4 Responses

 4 Responses




 **Diane Hilden** about 1 month ago 



My alleged neighborhood commercial area in Southeast Roseville is shabby and an embarrassing entrance into Roseville.

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 **John Bachhuber** about 1 month ago 

I'd love to find a way to make the HarMar area more pedestrian and bike friendly. Crossing Snelling is quite intimidating and dangerous. With the A line now serving this area, we have an opportunity re-think it as a pedestrian and transit friendly area.




 2 Votes [Reply to John Bachhuber](#)   Vote



 **Gary R Grefenberg** about 1 month ago 

I agree with John B (above), and would add that crossing Snelling BY CAR (south of Highway 36) is also increasingly difficult--and at times dangerous--because the traffic lights excessively favor north-south vehicular circulation. This has become especially problematic during summer construction season since it seems so much freeway traffic has been diverted to Snelling because of freeway construction.



Also since Snelling Avenue is the most heavily used entrance into Roseville could we not do a better job at improving the appearance of this major approach. It's embarrassing to compare how we have allowed commercial signage and unscreened parking lots to visually pollute this entrance approach south of Highway 36. Compare this to how other suburbs such as St. Louis Park and Shoreview have screened strip commercial areas along their commercial arteries.

I think it is long overdue for the City to take a comprehensive and long-range look at improving pedestrian use and appearance, and transforming this ticky-tacky commercial "mall" into something in which we can take civic pride.


 1 Vote [Reply to Gary R. Grefenberg](#)   Vote

 **Rao Konidena** about 1 month ago 



J Arthur's on Rice comes to mind, I like how its neatly tucked away from the street. Rice and 36 is also nice, that park and ride and planned parenthood just fit in. How could it be improved? I like the idea of bike paths. Perhaps to encourage more walking and biking which is good for health etc, how about having Roseville police presence on bikes? So that kids can bike safely.

 **Topic: Assessment of Neighborhood Commercial Areas** 




What neighborhood commercial area could use attention?

 1 Responses

 1 Responses

 **Diane Hilden** about 1 month ago 




SOUTHEAST ROSEVILLE PLEASE!

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### Topics

 **Topic: Area overview** 

What is your favorite thing about the Rice and Larpenteur area? What should be preserved?


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 **Topic: Looking forward** 

What future opportunities do you see for this area?


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 8 Responses [View Topic](#)

 **Topic: Facilities and a services** 

What amenities would you like to see added to this area? What services are currently missing?


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 4 Responses [View Topic](#)

 **Topic: General** 

What other ideas do you have for improving the area?

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 7 Responses [View Topic](#)





Topic: Area overview



What is your favorite thing about the Rice and Larpenteur area? What should be preserved?

6 Responses

6 Responses



**John Kysylyczyn** about 1 month ago



Not the role of the city to preserve anything. There are no city assets there.

3 Votes

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**John Kysylyczyn** about 1 month ago



Let me clarify, no city assets beyond roads and public infrastructure.

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**Greg Simbeck** about 1 month ago



I envision more of a dense, people friendly area. Businesses closer to the sidewalks, parking in back. Having a centerpiece commercial space on the northwest corner. Making it a more welcoming intersection.

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**Rao Konidena** about 1 month ago



There is no favorite thing about that area for me. Its an intersection like any other.

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**Mike Virmig** about 1 month ago



There is nothing to preserve in this area. Major changes are needed though. Too much crime and violence in this area.

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**Kathleen Mickelson** about 1 month ago




My favorite thing about that intersection is that it is on a bus route. Given the number of nearby apartments, that seems to be a good thing. Not sure what is worth preserving that is in the Roseville piece. Tough call.

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 **Topic: Looking forward** ▼

What future opportunities do you see for this area?




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 **John Kysylyczyn** about 1 month ago ▼


None.

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 **John Kysylyczyn** about 1 month ago ▼


None.

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 **Greg Simbeck** about 1 month ago ▼


In addition to what I mentioned earlier, I would add better streetscapping items to the area. Decorative street lamps, green spaces flowers, trees, etc. Also Traffic calming measures.

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 **Lo Gan** at August 25, 2016 at 8:54pm CDT ▼

Thumbs down for decorative items. Thumbs up for traffic calming measures. Biggest thumbs up for measure to reduce crime such as better lighting, increased police patrol etc.

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 **Rao Konidena** about 1 month ago ▼

Honestly, I do not understand your question. What I believe you are asking is, a Roseville resident citizen input into potential development by a commercial developer. In that case, how far does this intersection development has to go? All the way to Linders? because that's vacant now. When I compare Rice/Lar Ave with Lex Ave/Lar Ave, Snelling/Lar Ave, Dale/Lar Ave - they each have their uniqueness. However thats dependent on their supporting infrastructure as well. In Lex Ave/Lar Ave case, Walgreens on 1 side, Flower Shop on 1 side, Keys Bakery on 1 side and finally taco Bell on 1 side complement that intersection. That is why I ask the question - how far do you want to go and what all directions are included in this Rice/Lar Ave development? If your question is only - what to do with the old gas station place? You should ask that.

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**Jim Rice** about 1 month ago



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**Kathleen Mickelson** about 1 month ago





Ways to make the intersection safer for pedestrians is a great consideration. It is really busy there and working to make sure people can move around on foot in that area would benefit everyone who lives around there. Better sidewalks, a more inviting bus stop, and, if there are upgrades to the strip malls in this area, more on-street parking options with a slower speed limit on Larpenteur might be something to look at - I'm specifically thinking of Larpenteur's western segment in that area. Larpenteur between Rice Street and Dale Street always feels like an odd sort of wasteland to me.

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 **Topic: Facilities and a services** 

What amenities would you like to see added to this area? What services are currently missing?



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 **John Kysylyczyn** about 1 month ago 



Again, this is up to the market to provide, or are you suggesting that the city should use taxpayer money to subsidize a grocery store or some other type of private business that would not normally locate there and be able to operate profitably without a government subsidy?

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 **Rao Konidena** about 1 month ago 



If your intent is, look this is an opportunity not to miss. We need to think holistically about crime rates, schools etc, and have something at this intersection here that complements and enhances our tri-city (St Paul, Maplewood, and Roseville) core objectives: my answer is, I don't know. Nothing strikes my mind. Because as a Roseville resident, I go to shopping at Rosedale mall. Restaurants are all around including coffee shops. Parks are all around including places to bike, walk, picnic etc. Park and Ride is just up Rice and 36. Plus we have nature center and golf course.

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 **Kathleen Mickelson** about 1 month ago 


As a Twin Cities resident, I'm delighted that we have a chance to look at what a neighborhood beyond our own back yard might do to improve. And, I used to live near the Larpenteur-Rice intersection many years ago. I hated the Lamplighter being right next to the laundromat; yes, I did use that laundromat because my apartment's laundry room was terrible. But what to add and what is missing? Hmm....Not sure what that might be.

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 **Robin Schroeder** 20 days ago 


I think a police substation with Roseville, Maplewood, St. Paul and Ramsey co all sharing the space. The spot where the old ico gas station was would be a good place for it. Wouldn't need the whole area just a small part.

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 Topic: General ▼

What other ideas do you have for improving the area?

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**John Kysylyczyn** about 1 month ago ▼

I know what I don't want to see. That is the city spending a million dollars on planting trees, installing decorative railings, sidewalk pavers, that requires a \$50,000 a year annual maintenance bill.

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**Aurel Cernea** about 1 month ago ▼

This is how government "creates" jobs, John. Jobs that can't be paid with current income, therefore new income is necessary. And that income can only come from raising taxes and "fees", which in all truth are taxes in disguise. What people do not understand is that when the majority of the jobs are in government, it is the beginning of the end. I grew up in a socialist country and I can tell that every single step taken by our government lately is taking us closer and closer to socialism. And it is a pretty ugly picture, believe me.

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**Jim Rice** about 1 month ago ▼

I would like to see the city spend money on improving safety in the area. This includes pedestrian safety as currently, many people cross both Rice and Larpenteur mid block and this is a high safety issue for both the pedestrian and the cars going by. Also, crime in the area is significant and anything the city can do to lower the crime rate is a plus in my book. I believe resolving these safety issues will take the coordinated effort of all three cities, so I applaud the effort they are all making to do this with this significant intersection.

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**Kathleen Mickelson** about 1 month ago

Improving safety with better sidewalks and good lighting, businesses that are welcoming and provide what the community needs on a daily basis - this is good investment in the community. Honestly, a focus on how to make this area better affects the surrounding area, too, so I applaud the effort to see how this intersection can be improved. We can't have decent community without paying something for them. And I have another thought: when my son was a teenager, too young to go into bars to meet friends, we had a coffee house in our neighborhood that was geared toward teenagers. They loved it and it stayed open until curfew. I wonder if something like that might be an option for the Rice-Larpenteur area?

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**Kathleen Mickelson** 29 days ago

I thought about this overnight and came up with an idea. What if a call for public art was issued to local artists? This could ask for public art that incorporates things that might be needed in that intersection anyway, like bus benches/shelters or planters or lighting design or art etched into the sidewalk or outdoor seating near the local businesses. Perhaps an arts granting foundation like the Bush Foundation could be involved to provide funding. Would that be something that could work? It would also give artists who might live near there some ownership in the design of the area and offer a unique spot that residents could enjoy.

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**Chelsea Holub** 16 days ago

I think this is a fantastic idea, Kathleen! Public art can provide great gathering places for residents and also attract visitors to the area, supporting local businesses, too.

Mural Mile in Philadelphia is one example:

<http://www.businessinsider.com/philadelphia-mural-arts-program-paintings-2012-11>

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g60795-d1861688-Reviews-Mural\\_Arts\\_Program\\_of\\_Philadelphia\\_Mural\\_Tours-Philadelphia\\_Pennsylvania.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60795-d1861688-Reviews-Mural_Arts_Program_of_Philadelphia_Mural_Tours-Philadelphia_Pennsylvania.html)

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**Kathleen Mickelson** 15 days ago

Thanks! Glad you shared the link here for Philadelphia. It's nice to see how other cities have done things.

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**Idea: What can the City do to enforce parking regulations to prevent blocked residential driveways, public urination, and late night boisterous and loud behavior on residential streets and private lawns after state fair ?**

**Gary R Grefenberg** at August 27, 2016 at 7:08pm CDT

URGENT: As the NextDoor Lead for Southwest Roseville I have received over two dozen neighborhood complaints from neighbors about blocked private driveways, late at night loud and boisterous drinking after state fair concerts, parking on both sides of streets posted for only one side parking, as well as public urination. Many of these neighbors have come up with ingenious ways to prevent these problems, but because of Next Door national policy of creating an impermeable barrier between government and citizens postings, I cannot transmit these on to City Hall. But I can ask that the City Police Department and Public Works to more vigorously and soon implement the regulations currently on the books. It would also help if they provided on this site and-if possible-to me the current regulations regarding on-street parking so I could retransmit them to my Next Door Fairview SouthEast list. Or better yet for the Police to directly post on NextDoor the relevant regulations. Regarding Public Works I would ask what role they could legally play to discourage the off-site parking areas from overflowing into surrounding residential streets and causing blocked driveways, and later how they could plan for off-site Fair parking sites located not in the middle of residential districts but at other parking locations more remote from private homes. It may be useful if Public Works could come up with other ways to alleviate these once-a-year disruptions to our neighborhoods, and submit them on these Speak Up Roseville pages. Separately I will encourage my neighbors to call and write the City Council and City Manager Pat Trudgeon to seek relief for these perennial grievances which seem to grow worse every State Fair season.

Gary Grefenberg, Lead NextDoor Fairview SouthWest 651-645-6161

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**Lo Gan** at August 30, 2016 at 6:43am CDT

Require that State Fair pay for increased nightly patrols exclusively in the surrounding neighborhoods between midnight and 6am.

We used to live 2 blocks from the main State Fair entrance on Snelling & Como. Every year, for 10 days in a row, on a nightly basis, we came out in the morning for work to the smell of urine, litter everywhere as well as at least one thing on the block having been vandalized. One night we awoke to a random drunk fairgoer standing on the hood of our next door neighbor's car smashing it with a piece of wood.

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**Lo Gan** at August 30, 2016 at 6:49am CDT

It is not the job of Public Works to plan for the problems caused by The MN State Fair because TMSF is a private business. They must be required to set aside more of their budget to pay for increased police patrols in the surrounding neighborhoods. The residential areas near the Fair don't benefit from State Fair attendees because goers spend very little money in the businesses surrounding the Fair grounds.

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**Garry Bowman**, Communications Manager admin at August 31, 2016 at 9:40am CDT

The City has received a number of complaints from residents about on-street parking and noise during the Minnesota State Fair, especially from those neighborhoods adjacent to park-and-ride locations.

The Roseville Police Department is aware of residents' concerns and will cite any vehicle parked illegally on any city street, as their work load permits.

The ordinance/parking statutes enforced by the Roseville Police Department include:

- Parking on a sidewalk - 169.34 Subd. 1(1)
- Parking in front of a public or private driveway - 169.34 Subd. 1(2)
- Parking within 10 feet of fire hydrant - 169.34 Subd. 1(4)

As long as a vehicle is not in violation of one of the above ordinances/parking statutes it is considered to be parked legally. The city's streets are considered public and available for use by both residents and non-residents.

One of the chief complaints received by the city during the fair is the blocking of mailboxes. Currently, there are no city ordinances and/or state statutes prohibiting the blocking of a residential or business mailboxes. During the 12 days of the fair, some residents choose to post signs near mailboxes asking fair-goers not to park/block mailbox. Residents who choose to post signs should understand these signs are unenforceable by local law enforcement.

Additionally, there is no city ordinance or state statute limiting the amount of time a car is allowed to be parked on a city street, with the exception of Roseville's snowfall rules. The city does not have a NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ordinance.

Lastly, the city is not posting "temporary" no parking areas during the fair. Temporary signs can be easily removed, making the temporary parking ban a challenge for police to enforce.

The permit that allows existing state fair park-and-ride locations to operate in Roseville expires this year. As part of the permit renewal process, the City will conduct a thorough review of park-and-ride operations and their impact on Roseville neighborhoods.

The park-and-ride permit review process will include an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts about parking during the fair with the City Council. Individuals interested in providing feedback on this topic are encouraged to monitor Nextdoor and other city communications channels for notice about the permit review process.

In the meantime, residents who do witness parking, noise or public decency violations are encouraged to call the Roseville Police Department at 651-767-0640.

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## Idea: Autumn Grove Park--how to better manage problem with littering



Lo Gan at August 25, 2016 at 8:42pm CDT

Autumn Grove Park 1. Add at least 1 more trash can near playground 2. Post signs all over the park in English, Spanish and Somali reminder users they will be fined for littering 3. Have park maintenance empty trash bins at least once per week 4. Have soccer coaches supervise their players as they walk the entire park to pick up trash at the end of every practice. This will get the kids paying attention to littering as well as teach them the civic responsibility of taking care of public spaces.

The playground trash can is overflowing (for 3 days in a row now (Aug 23-25, 2016) and people have been throwing their trash next to it on the ground.

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## Idea: Parking at Rosebrook Park



Cheryl Becker 29 days ago



I would like to see additional off street parking added to the Rosebrook Park near the wading pool and facility. There just isn't enough safe parking in the busy summer months at this park with the unique wading pool feature. There is a business next door that appears to currently be out of business. Has the city considered acquiring this? Or is there a way to work out a reciprocal agreement to use the space for summer parking in exchange for something, like snowplowing in the winter (if the business is operating)? Not having the off street parking has caused traffic flow issues, dangerous situations with small children on or near the road, blocked mailboxes, and illegal parking in the accessible spots (or areas). The problem is compounded by the fact that the current parking is only allowed on one side of the street because it is narrow, and another business in the area has employees that use the street to park as well. Again, I would like to see additional off street parking added to the Rosebrook Park near the wading pool and facility.

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Lo Gan at August 25, 2016 at 9:22pm CDT



I disagree with the idea of adding more parking. The reason Roseville has so many parks is so that they are close enough for people nearby to walk to. Also, if Roseville wants families with children and Gen X, Y and millenials to move here, the city must invest in infrastructure those age groups want which is getting around without cars i.e. more bike and walking paths.

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**Idea: A confidential document shredder we could pay to use periodically would be very helpful. (Free would be even better!)**

**Joanne Chabot** 2 months ago

It was great when the city offered free shredding a couple months ago as a special activity. Unfortunately, I have already collected a ton of things needing burning or shredding since then. I know shredders are relatively cheap for us to buy these days, but like most homeowners, I'm already storing plenty of things that get infrequent use. Would be nice if I could simply go to the city "shred-o-mat" occasionally.

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**Aurel Cernea** about 1 month ago

Actually "Free" service offered by the City is not free as the City has to pay the "shred-o-mat" company to come setup temporary shop here. And if the City pays, it means that in fact you, and me, and all tax payers are "chipping" for the "free" stuff. The only way Government can "make money" is either printing, through taxes and "fees" (which are still taxes but with a snobbish flavor) or bonding (which has to be paid back with interest with money collected from ... ta dam... taxes). We have to stop looking at government for answers to things that are not government's core competencies. You would be surprised how well we can manage ourselves and how quick our taxes will drop.

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**Idea: Sidewalk on Woodhill between Lexington and Hamline**

**Alisha Seifert** 3 months ago

Please consider a sidewalk on Woodhill between Lexington and Hamline. There's no safe way to walk to the park or the Oval from the adjacent neighborhood and I feel unsafe pushing a stroller on the tiny shoulder or worse seeing little kids hauling their hockey bags up the street with no where safe to walk. In winter it's especially treacherous given the snow and ice take up most of the shoulder. Since this is not a county road it would have to be the city that provides the sidewalk. Given the number of 'attractions' in that small stretch of road, it seems very odd that no sidewalk exists at this point. The fire station, city hall, the Oval, Howard Johnson park, and walking trails could all be accessed safely. Instead the side walk ends just past Lexington.

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**Garry Bowman**, Communications Manager admin 3 months ago

Thanks, Alisha. I will pass your idea along to the Public Works Department.

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## Idea: Sidewalks are needed on Fairview and Cty D or Bike lanes

Janice Carlson 4 months ago

It is very dangerous for bikers and walkers in Fairview and Cty Rd D. I see many people biking and walking on these two roads to get to the bike and walking paths. There are also many houses with small children that would benefit from having sidewalks and bike lanes. I have a 7 year old and am scared when we have to cross Fairview at a stop sign, because it is so busy. Please take this into consideration for updating the streets in Roseville. Thank you

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Garry Bowman, Communications Manager admin 4 months ago

Thanks, Janice. I will pass your idea along to the Public Works Department and have them inform Ramsey County. It would also be beneficial for you to inform Ramsey County Public Works about your concerns since these are county roads. Hearing from constituents carries a lot of weight. All of their contact information can be found at <https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/departments/economic-growth-and-community-investment/public-works>. They even have a contact form on that page.

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## Idea: County RD B @ Snelling

Dave Borgman 4 months ago

Has there ever been any discussion about fixing this mess? Trying to go straight or turn left onto Cty RD B from the parking lot in back of Burger King is almost impossible between 3:30 and 6:00 pm on the weekdays.

I just skip it and go the other way to Skillman, to Midlothian, to B and take a left there. However some days B east bound is backed up past there.

The intersection by McDonalds is a whole other story. The design may have worked 50 years ago, but its absolutely ridiculous now.

Also something needs to be done about people picking kids up at the school by Evergreen park. Going past there at 4PM is dangerous. People just stopping in the right hand lane, putting their flashers on and sitting there because they can't get into the parking lot. People wanting to turn left into the school from the center turn lane and it being backed up so you have to stop traffic in the left lane of B so you can turn left onto Herschel.

Keep adding new businesses, and residents, and neglect the infrastructure. I love the area and what it has to offer, but the traffic is ridiculous.

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Marc Culver, Public Works Director 4 months ago

Thank you for your comments. Unfortunately, the situation around "restaurant row" along Snelling is a very difficult problem to solve without involvement and action on the part of the businesses along this stretch. The City has looked at alternative designs, particularly the Snelling access, as redevelopment in the area allowed, but they could not find a design that wouldn't impact other residents in the area.

The City will contact the school district about the situation at Brimhall Elementary.

Thank you again for your comments. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact the Public Works department at 651-792-7004.

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