



July 23rd 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Sauk Village Municipal Center

21801 Torrence Ave.

Advisory Committee Meeting 2

1. Welcoming, Mayor Burgess

Mayor Burgess welcomed the Advisory Committee by thanking everyone for giving their time for this effort. The Mayor also wanted to acknowledge the recent agreement of the land on the northwest side of I-394 and Sauk Trail. The proposed project will be a truck and car gas and washing facility with a 13,000 sq ft convenience store.

2. Welcoming, Joseph Wiszowaty, Director of Economic Development, Sauk Village

Joe Wiszowaty thanked the Advisory Committee and said that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to get everyone's perspective on setting goals for the plan.

3. Setting Goals for Land Use, Economic Development and Transportation

Scott Goldstein, Teska Associates

Scott Goldstein provided a summary of Advisory Committee #1 in which we defined what a comprehensive plan is, laid out a timeline for the plan and reviewed data for existing conditions. He showed a word cloud that will represent vision statement in draft comprehensive plan based on comments at the first Advisory Committee and at the joint Village Board / Zoning Board and Plan Commission. He presented results of the community assets exercise at the first advisory committee and reviewed demographics and housing characteristics.

Draft Housing Goals include:

1. STABILIZE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS
2. REBUILD HOUSING MARKET
3. PROMOTE HOMEOWNERSHIP
4. SUPPORT RENTER STABILITY AND CREATE PATH TO HOMEOWNERSHIP
5. PLAN FOR NEW HOUSING IN STRATEGIC AREAS TO MEET LONG-TERM DEMAND

Draft Land Use Goals include:

1. PLAN FOR BALANCED TAX BASE THAT CAN SUPPORT LOCAL SERVICES
2. MEET DEMAND FOR SPECIFIC LAND USES INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OPEN SPACE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES
3. PROMOTE REUSE, REHABILITATION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING LAND USES
4. PROMOTE STRONG AND COHESIVE NEIGHBORHOODS

Comments from Advisory Committee:

The Committee members commented on the graphic of where residents work and where employees live, noting that it was surprising that the numbers into Indiana and Will County were low. Joseph Wiszowaty commented that there may be additional employees in the Village to add to the employee count.

Jen McNeil, AECOM

Jen McNeil discussed commercial and industrial trends throughout the region and within Sauk Village. She showed the impact e-commerce has on retail trends in the US and that businesses like Amazon have changed the way most Americans have shopped. She provided numbers and graphics that support strong industrial development within Sauk Village, highlighting Industrial Manufacturing as one of Sauk Village's biggest assets with the I-394/I-80 Access, CN Freight Access and Access to the CSX Intermodal. She briefly described the draft goals of Economic Development that include:

1. PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT AND TAX BASE FOR THE COMMUNITY
2. PLAN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TO SERVE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
3. SUPPORT COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL DEVELOPMENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE VILLAGE
4. ADVANCE ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITY AND INNOVATION THROUGH BUSINESS SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

Comments from Advisory Committee:

Property taxes are very high due to the Cook County property tax system. In the past Cook County incentives have been important to help bring taxes down closer to Will County and Indiana, but recent proposals such as requiring Apprenticeships are going to be a major problem. Can the plan look at ways to be more competitive with other areas?

Aaron Patterson, Infrastructure Engineering, Inc.

Aaron Patterson presented on transportation, discussing the study areas within the village which focused on safety and major intersections. He also talked about a potential greenway/bikeway along 223rd Street; this potential design would use an existing median to connect two parks and five churches with a direct route for pedestrian and bicyclists to Plum

Creek Forest Preserve. He briefly described the goals of Transportation that would later be discussed in the breakout sessions, including:

1. IMPROVE SAFETY AND MEET CAPACITY NEEDS OF I 394 AND SAUK TRAIL
2. IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS, SIDEWALKS AND FACILITIES ALONG COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS
3. PLAN FOR A PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE NETWORK TO REACH KEY DESTINATIONS SUCH AS SCHOOLS, PARKS, TRAILS AND FOREST PRESERVE
4. ENSURE FREIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE (ROADS AND RAIL) MEET DEMAND TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5. ENSURE ADEQUATE TRANSIT AND ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION TO MEET NEEDS OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

Comments from Advisory Committee:

“Transit options should extend along Sauk Trail into Indiana and south along Torrence Ave.”

It was suggested that there is a bike route proposed for Cottage Grove.

Mayor Burgess commented and suggested their needs to be more/better lighting all along Sauk Trail but particularly between Cottage Grove and I-394 on Sauk Trail.

Scott Goldstein, Teska Associates

Scott Goldstein continued the discussion on land use focusing on Open Space and Natural Resources. He highlighted the biggest issue being stormwater management and presented the idea of creating walking paths and landscaping around stormwater to really embrace the natural resources. He also mentioned unique design and programming for each park to have a different use and character. He reviewed the draft goals including:

1. IMPROVE CONNECTIONS TO EXISTING AND PROPOSED OPEN SPACES AND NATURAL RESOURCES
2. PLAN FOR ADEQUATE STORMWATER FACILITIES TO SUPPORT REINVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY
3. ENHANCE THE USE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE THROUGH UNIQUE DESIGN AND TARGETED PROGRAMMING OF EACH LOCATION

4. Breakout Sessions

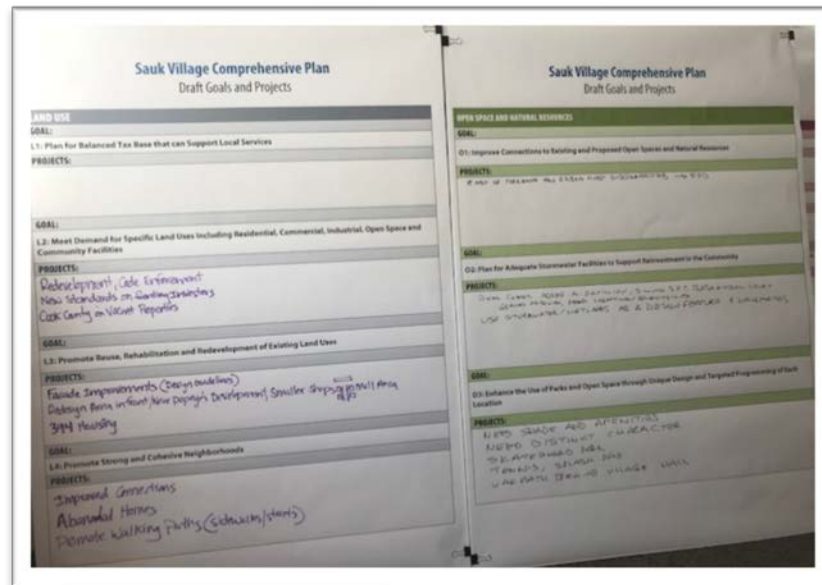
The Advisory Committee moved around to three groups:

Land Use: Housing, Natural Resources and Community Facilities

Economic Development: Commercial and Industrial

Transportation: Roads, pedestrian and bicycle network and freight

Each group brainstormed different objectives and projects for each goal that was listed on the board (as shown below).



5. Closing Comments

The team recapped the big ideas/projects based off of each of their sessions.

Land Use/Housing:

- Promote walking paths (sidewalks/streets)
- Rebrand Sauk Village
- Homebuyer assistance
- Home Repair Program

Economic Development:

- Address localized flooding
- Distribution Centers (Location, tax) to substitute for big box/department stores to be competitive
- Anchor(s) in key locations

Transportation:

- Dual left turn onto northbound 394-maybe reduce to one east
- Ped-Bike Overpass at 394/Sauk Trail
- Bus access to Indiana from Sauk Village

6. Next Steps

The Web site is now up, please follow the web site and post comments at www.saukvilleplan.org.

Please let your friends and associates know that they can find out about the plan and “Submit an Idea” through the web site.

The Sauk Village Comprehensive Plan Survey is now online, please visit www.saukvilleplan.org and click the Take the Survey Button.

Upcoming meetings include:

September 12 th	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM– Community Workshop Meeting 1
September 24 th	6:00 - 7:30 PM – Advisory Committee Meeting 3
November 14 th	7:00 PM-8:30PM – Community Workshop Meeting 2
January 14, 2019	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM - Advisory Committee Meeting 4

7. Adjourn

Meeting Attendees:

Advisory Committee

Marcus A. Atkins
Mayor Derrick Burgess
Juanita Burgess
Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Village Clerk
Alvina Casara
Emmet Farmer
Kathie Newton
Stephen Ostrander
Ed Paesel
Charles Pondexter
Clara Siedelmann
Gene Steinmarch
Joseph Wiszowaty

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