



September 12th 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Sauk Village Municipal Center

21801 Torrence Ave.

Community Workshop 1

1. Welcoming, Mayor Burgess

Mayor Burgess welcomed the public by thanking everyone for giving their time for this effort and then introduced Joseph Wiszowaty who mentioned the importance of getting input from the community. The Comprehensive Plan will be a guidepost to set future actions of the Village.

2. Presentation on the benefits and goals of the Comprehensive Plan

Scott Goldstein, Teska Associates

Scott Goldstein provided a brief description of what a Comprehensive Plan is and what the plan will focus on, building off of the previous work done in the Plan for Progress. Scott presented an overview of Sauk Village, looking at Demographics and Housing, Land Use, Open Space and Natural Resources.

Abraham Lacy, Far South CDC

Abraham Lacy discussed industrial real estate and real estate trends in Sauk Village comparative to surrounding municipalities, adding that the strength of the Village is industrial development. Abraham also provided analysis on Sauk Village retail sales, mentioning that even though the numbers are lower than surrounding municipalities, the retail sales have stayed consistent for the past 8 years. Abraham reinforced the economic development goals that have been discussed in prior advisory committee meetings.

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.

3. Breakout Sessions

The public was able to move around to three groups which were:

Plan it!: Creating ideas for new development on Sauk Trail between I 394 and Jeffery Ave.

Economic Development Goals: Discussing the projects and opportunities that relate to Economic Development.

Transportation: Discussing and voting on the proposed 223rd Greenway, along with pedestrian and vehicular safety concerns within Sauk Village

4. Break Out Session Comments

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Key public comments:

- One group mentioned that Sauk Trail and I-394 is a major intersection and attracts a lot of people, so the space should create a “center” for the Village.
- Both groups suggested a new location for the Sauk Village Fire Department (as shown in Purple on the image to the right)
- Creating a small business, boutique shopping experience, something the group says is lacking in Sauk Village
- All groups liked the idea of a village green (space for events, kids to play and something aesthetically pleasing). There were differences on where the village green should be placed. Some groups liked it closer to Sauk Trail, to attract visitors and be safer. Other groups like it pushed back a little to create a connection within the development and to allow for businesses along Sauk Trail.



Economic Development Goals: Discussing the projects and opportunities that relate to Economic Development.

Boards displaying all of the Economic Goals were discussed and groups were able to write down projects and opportunities they would like to see within the Village. Some of the key questions we had groups focus on were:

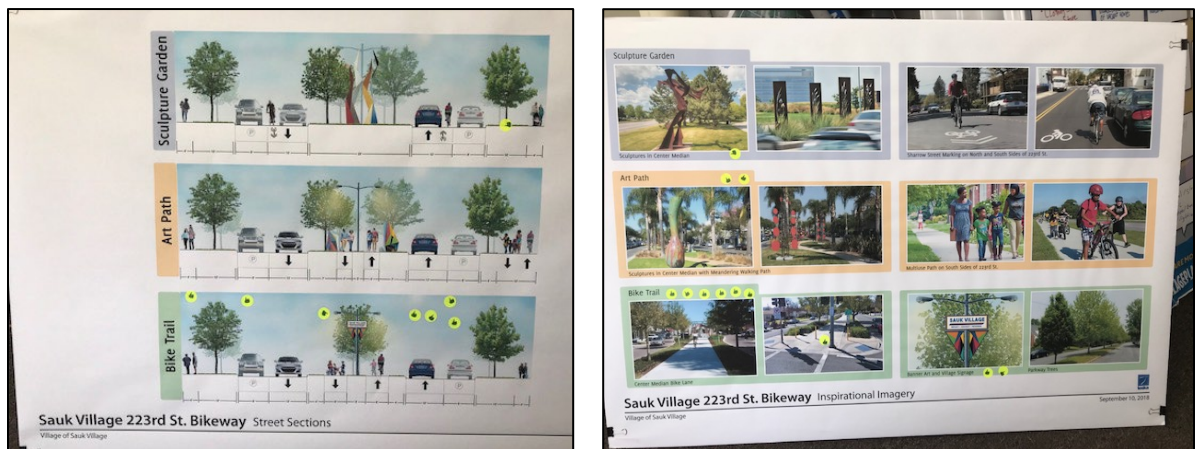
- What jobs/resources do we need in Sauk Village?
- How can we attract more investment?
- What types of retailers and restaurants would work?

Key public comments:

- Address the need for landscape improvements around key commercial areas by creating guidelines.
- Attract anchor stores in key locations (grocery store)
- Youth Corps, skill building and investment back into the company
- Utilize the industrial developments and create workforce training and distribution centers.

Transportation: Discussed and voted on the proposed 223rd Greenway, along with pedestrian and vehicular safety concerns within Sauk Village.

Image boards were placed on easels so each group had an opportunity to see what designs could be done within the median of 223rd Street. The groups voted that they liked the Bike Trail the best. (As shown below)



The idea of a bike route along 223rd Street received strong support, using the median in the street to create a bike path that could travel from Cornell Avenue on the west to the Plum Creek Forest Preserve on the east. In addition, the route could turn north on Cornell Avenue and connect to a new multiuse path that is being built on the south side of Sauk Trail from I 394 to Bloom Trail High School on Cottage Grove Avenue.

Other transportation comments included:

- Sidewalk on Torrence Avenue between Sauk Trail and US 30
- Create a skate park on one of the parks
- Create a walking path behind the Municipal Center
- Provide more off-street parking
- Provide Pace service to 95th Street in Chicago
- Add a bus stop at Torrence Avenue and 223rd St.

5. Next Steps

MORE PUBLIC COMMENTS!! We would love to hear more from YOU! Please follow the website 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:

October 22 nd	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

6. Adjourn

Meeting Attendees:

Dr. Donna Leak
Emmett Farmer
Charles Pondexter
Clara Siedelmann
Hedi Parks
Bob Ketlham
Rose Ketlham
Mayor Derrick Burgess
Juanita Burgess
Arnold Coleman
Linda Ross
Jim Czarnik
Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Village Clerk
Kathie Newton
Stephen Ostrander
Joseph Wiszowaty

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