

APPENDIX A

Group Results of Community Analysis and Visioning- June 30, 2008 2030 Comprehensive Plan- City of Brooklyn Center

I. What do you consider to be the best features, characteristics, aspects of Brooklyn Center that should be preserved and enhanced?

Group 1

Parks, trails, Mississippi River
E.B.H.C.
City Management's effectiveness
Sense of neighborhood (needs to be maintained)
Proximity to downtown Minneapolis
Freeway access
Neighborhood schools, basic to neighborhood strength
Diversity can be positive
Owner-occupied housing builds strength in diversity
Mass transit
library Center

Group 2

Preserve balance of quality housing and commercial property with emphasis on better utilization/maximizing commercially zoned property (perhaps expanding somewhat).
Clean accessible water spaces for all to enjoy; ensure public access preserved/improved
Improve traffic flow and access to City Center and neighborhoods; improve public pathways; increase "green belting" at all traffic points/paths

Group 3

Earle Brown Conference Center- preserve and enhance
Parks and trails, trail access to the Mississippi River Regional Trails and community playfields
Housing and improvements to all types; creation of upscale housing opportunities
Affordable housing- maintain
Brookdale shopping/commercial opportunities- maintain and enhance
Location- proximity to downtown

Group 4

Parks, green space, trails
Location, access, mass transit
Neighborhoods, single family homes
Employment opportunities

2. Of the issues identified in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan (refer to handout), which have been adequately addressed and which remain to be addressed? What issues not identified in the 2020 Comp Plan should be addressed in this Plan?

Group 1

Streetscapes improved Brooklyn Blvd.; 57th use as amenity
Owner-occupied senior housing
Revisit Opportunity Site vision
Redevelop stressed rental property
Revisit Brookdale vision

Group 2
Consolidate school districts in Brooklyn Center
Brookdale economic viability and traffic patterns
57th and Logan
Civic Center improvement/expansion

Group 3
Brooklyn Blvd. south of 65th- development
Multi-family- needs continuous work on maintenance
Foreclosed housing issues
Promoting the Opportunity Site
Preserving elementary school sites

Group 4
Brooklyn Blvd.- overlay
Redevelopment of underutilized sites
Humboldt Square

3. What is your vision of the ideal for Brooklyn Center in the year 2030?

Group 1
Affordable, safe, comfortable
Slow speed limits on Brooklyn Blvd.
Great parks and trails
Daylight Shingle Creek through Brookdale
Consolidate school district
Increase owner-occupied housing
Family friendly
High-tech service and manufacturing jobs

Group 2
Brookdale- viable or redeveloped
Shingle Creek "daylighted"
Senior housing- accessible
Town Center
Opportunity site 100%
Crime level reduced below metro area

Maximize on our great location
Maximize on a diverse tax base
Great schools
Clean, attractive Highway 100
Parks and trails
Bustling Brookdale!
Increase population to 30,000 to 35,000

Group Results of Community Analysis and Visioning- October 8 &15 2030 Comprehensive Plan- City of Brooklyn Center

1. What do you consider to be the best features, characteristics, aspects of Brooklyn Center that should be preserved and enhanced?

Group 1

Small town atmosphere
Location (close to everything)
Schools
Parks/Trails
Well-built housing
Mississippi River National Park
Huge opportunity sites (close in)
Pride of people

Group 2

Parks
Schools in parks
Proximity to downtown
Solid neighborhoods

Group 3

Linkage of parks and schools
Location of the City- vis-a-vis metro
6 minutes from the new major league baseball field
Preserved/enhanced multi-modal transportation
Mississippi River in a national park and recreation area
Twin Lakes- unique feature
Shingle Creek- ideal feature
Hennepin County Service Center
Trail system- North Mississippi Regional Trail
Less than one mile from North Star Commuter Train (linking city both north and south)
Belvue Park housing development enhanced to Humboldt
Belvue trail redevelopment corridor
Small town feel in large metro area
As a residential community preserve and reinvest in single-family and multi-family housing
Excellent parks enhanced through improved walking and bike trails
Excellent schools, 6 elementary to choose from
Earle Brown Heritage Center

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Addressed

Group 1:

53rd Ave redo
Sewer/water/curb/gutler/streets
AA bond rating
Metro Transit terminal

Establish unique identity/distinct from Brooklyn Park
Easier transportation to downtown
Constructively build community & engage diversity
Take advantage of Mississippi River

Group 3

Increase storm water treatment
Increase number of rain gardens/the right planting low maintenance and right for Minnesota
Multi-modal transport plus more pedestrian friendly
Maintaining trails- bus shelters
Assisting to create community
Strategies to implement goals
Learn from other cities
Major attraction for Brooklyn Center
Image decoupled from Brooklyn Park
Change our name?