

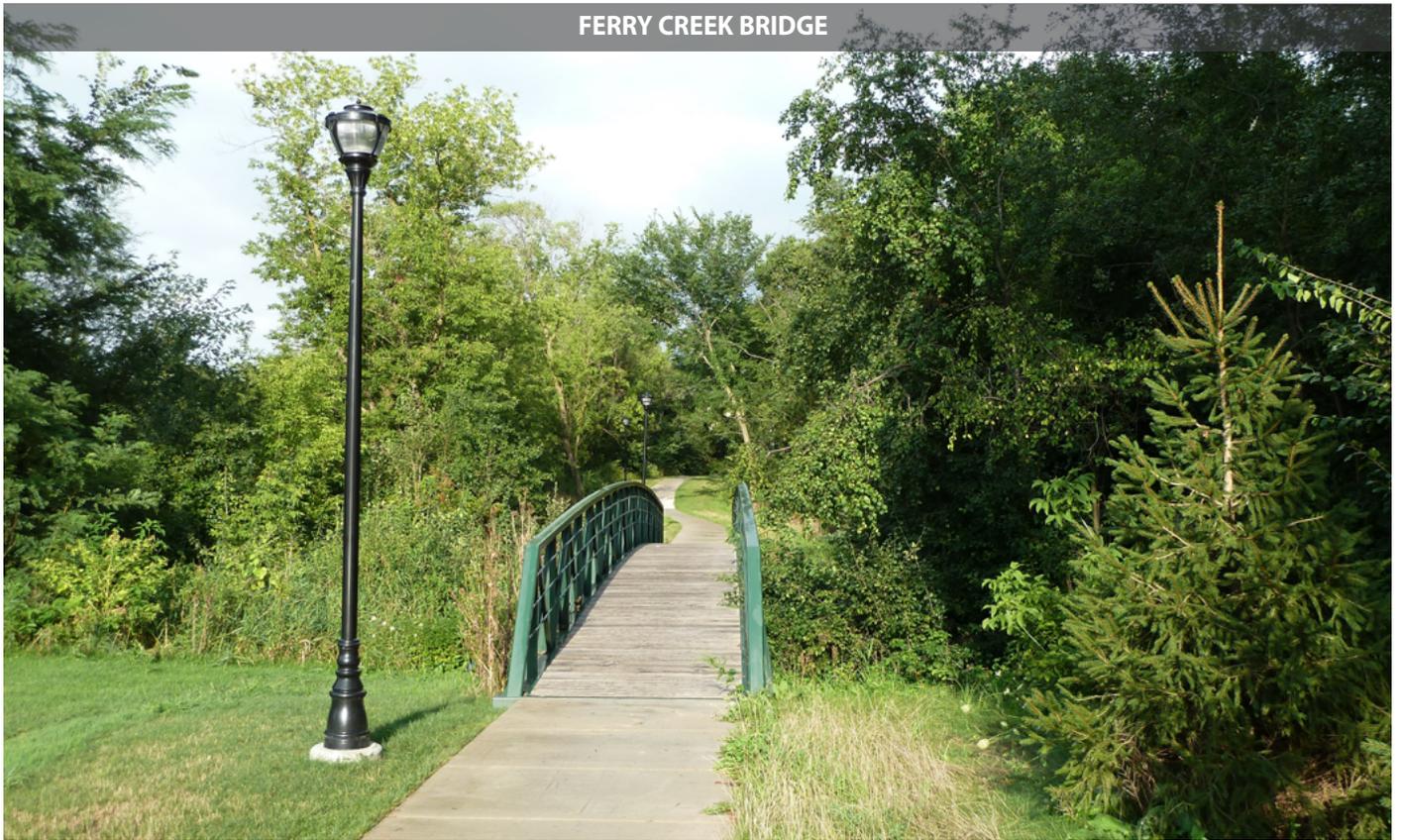
City of Warrenville, Illinois

For a Visit, Or a Lifetime...

Strategic/Economic Development Plan



FERRY CREEK BRIDGE



Report 2



Specialized Stakeholder Strategic Plan Input Report

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Introduction

Preparation of the Strategic / Economic Development Plan update for the City of Warrenville began in 2013 with a public input process to understand residents' needs and desires for the community. In December 2013, the Warrenville City Council approved a contract with a consultant to help facilitate the strategic planning process with a focused economic development component. That element began in January 2014, with a document review, staff and officials training, and the analysis of resident input obtained from the 2012 Neighborhood Dialogue meetings and the 2013 Community Survey.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the strategic/economic development planning process is to identify and prioritize the issues, initiatives, and projects on which the City will focus in coming years. The final plan will include clear action steps designed to achieve the City's goals.

PROCESS

The process includes a focused effort to establish the foundation for City economic development policies and activities that will enhance the economic health of the community. The first step of this process was development of the Resident Strategic Plan Input Report. Following that initial step, the City collected perspectives and insights from specialized stakeholder groups and synthesized it into this Specialized Stakeholder Strategic Plan Input. That input is summarized in the body of this report, but detailed feedback can be found in the appendices.*

* Participant turn out for both the appointed officials group and Community Organizations group was low. Therefore, the feedback provided in the input meetings for both groups is representative of a relatively small number of people.

TIMELINE

- DECEMBER 2013**
City approves contract with consultant to facilitate strategic planning process.
- JANUARY 2014**
Facilitation begins with a document review, staff and officials training, and analysis of resident input.
- APRIL 2014**
Consultant and designated City staff meet with the overlapping taxing bodies.
- MAY 2014**
City staff hosts two specialized stakeholder input meetings.
- JUNE 2014**
Consultant meets with key representatives of City departments.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Specialized Stakeholder Strategic Plan Input report is to augment information used to draft the initial priorities and goals originating from the Resident Strategic Plan Input Report. This information will ultimately help the City flush out objectives and determine the resources needed and the action steps to be taken to achieve each desired outcome.

► **The consultant and staff identified the following specialized stakeholders:**



Representatives from community whose views may not be appropriately represented in Resident Strategic Plan Input Report (i.e. appointed officials and overlapping taxing bodies' leaders).



Community organizations whose responsibilities and services are covered in the results from the Resident Strategic Plan Input Report (i.e. churches, homeowners associations and volunteer groups).



City staff whose areas are covered in the results from the Resident Strategic Plan Input Report (i.e. leaders from Administration, Community Development, Finance, Police and Public Works).

In April 2014, the City's consultant and designated City staff met with the overlapping taxing bodies, including representatives from the Community Unit School District 200, Warrenville Fire Protection District, Warrenville Library District, and Warrenville Park District.

In May 2014, City staff hosted two specialized stakeholder input meetings. The first meeting included representatives from the City's various boards and commissions including the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, the Electrical Commission, the Environmental Advisory Commission, the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Tourism and Arts Commission. Also in attendance were representatives from the Emergency Services Disaster Agency (ESDA). City staff then hosted an input meeting for community organizations, which included invitations to the Warrenville Historical Society, all churches, homeowners associations, youth groups, and community volunteer groups.

In early June 2014, the City's consultant met individually with key representatives of each of the City's departments.



**STREETSCAPE
LIGHTING AND BANNER**



WARRENVILLE LIBRARY



Defining Priorities

In the Resident Strategic Plan Input Report, the priorities and goals were:

- Encourage thoughtful, planned, environmentally responsible economic development
- Maintain open space
- Reduce flooding
- Continue sound fiscal management (low taxes)
- Coordinate maintenance with targeted infrastructure upgrades
- Comprehensive / proactive policing

The outreach initiatives to specialized stakeholder groups served as a way to further define and refine priorities and goals. The specialized stakeholders were instructed to provide feedback from the perspective of their stakeholder group rather than a Warrenville resident. The input meetings began with garnering an understanding of what is right with Warrenville. Each group was asked to identify qualities that made Warrenville a good place to live and a good place to do business.

► **According to Stakeholders, Warrenville is a good place to live and do business because:**



Each group agreed that Warrenville was a good place to live because of its small-town feel. This sentiment was repeated by several members of each group, making it a common characteristic within and among the groups.



Three of the four groups identified Warrenville's safety as an important characteristic making it a good place to live and do business.



The last two issues brought up by two of the groups were natural areas and resident volunteerism.



When asked about actions the City should take or focus on over the next five years and what development/redevelopment would best support Warrenville's future, the answers varied depending upon the group.

WHAT MAKES WARRENVILLE A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE AND DO BUSINESS?



BASED ON SPECIALIZED STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

100%

Small-Town Feel

(REPORTED BY 4 OF 4 GROUPS)

75%

Safety

(REPORTED BY 3 OF 4 GROUPS)

50%

Natural Areas

(REPORTED BY 2 OF 4 GROUPS)

50%

Resident Volunteerism

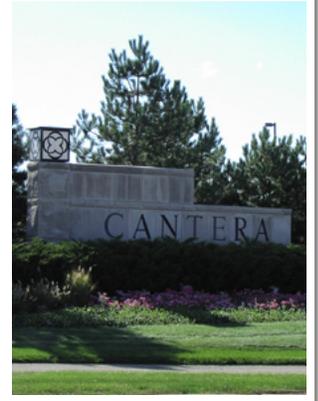
(REPORTED BY 2 OF 4 GROUPS)

Building off the priorities and goals that emerged in the Resident Strategic Plan Input Report, the specialized stakeholder groups had the following perspectives:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOPIC 1

Economic development again emerged as a priority for the City over the next five years.

- Specifically, the appointed officials group and representatives from overlapping taxing districts identified the need for a downtown area or gathering place.
- Appointed officials ranked this as the highest action the City could take to make Warrentville a better place to live.
- The Community Organizations group felt that filling retail vacancies in Cantera and encouraging unique commercial development were the most important issues the City should focus on in the next five years. That being said, when asked specifically about development, this group noted that a gathering place would be desired.
- From the City staff perspective, the most important issue that that City should focus its efforts on in the next five years was development of the Route 56/Route 59 area. This issue was also ranked high by the appointed officials group.

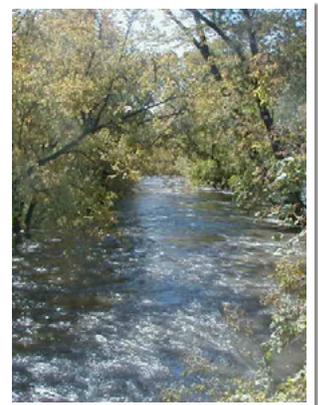


CANTERA MONUMENT SIGN

OPEN SPACE + ENVIRONMENT TOPIC 2

Nature, opens space, walk-ability, and trails were all noted as some of the City's most valuable assets and are among the most important qualities that make Warrentville a good place to live by the appointed officials, Community Organizations, and City staff.

- Improving walk-ability was noted by the appointed officials as a medium priority to focus on in coming years. However, overall, this was not an issue that these groups felt should be a high priority in coming years.



WEST BRANCH OF THE
DUPAGE RIVER

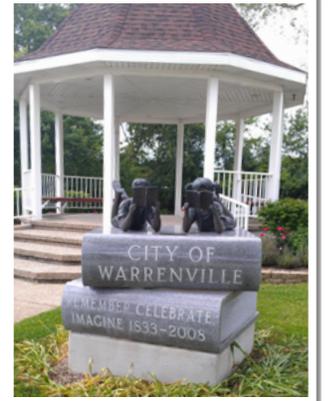


CITY FINANCES

TOPIC 3

This topic did not come up nearly as often as it did among residents.

- The appointed officials group ranked “a balanced budget” as the most important quality that makes Warrenville a good place to live and then echoed this sentiment when asked about the future. Specifically, maintaining a balanced budget was a medium priority for this group.
- The Community Organizations ranked “staying out of debt” as the number one issue the City should focus on in the next five years.
- City staff agreed, noting that maintaining no debt is an important component of the high level of service they feel the City provides.
- The overlapping taxing districts did not discuss this issue.



**ALBRIGHT PARK GAZEBO
AND 175TH ANNIVERSARY
SCULPTURE**

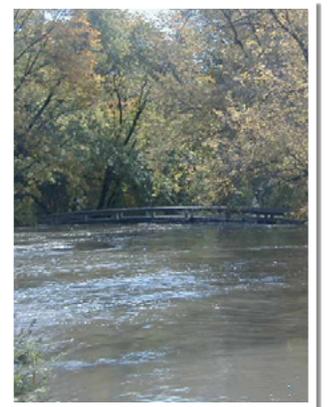


FLOODING + STORMWATER

TOPIC 4

While this was an important issue for residents, these groups had little to say about the topic.

- The Community Organizations group ranked flooding/stormwater along the DuPage River as an important issue the City should focus on in the next five years.
- City staff noted detention pond maintenance as an issue to address if resources were available.
- The appointed officials group and the overlapping taxing bodies did not mention flooding or stormwater as a goal to focus on in the next five years.



**RAISED FLOOD WATERS
ALONG THE WEST BRANCH
OF THE DUPAGE RIVER IN
WARRENVILLE GROVE**



CITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

TOPIC 5

This goal was also not prominent among the feedback in the specialized stakeholder groups.

- The Community Organizations noted that maintenance of City infrastructure was a low priority to focus on in coming years. Among the appointed officials group, the addition of bicycle amenities was noted as a desire from the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.
- City staff identified infrastructure maintenance as an important element of high quality City services, but did not note it as something the City needed to focus on and improve in coming years.

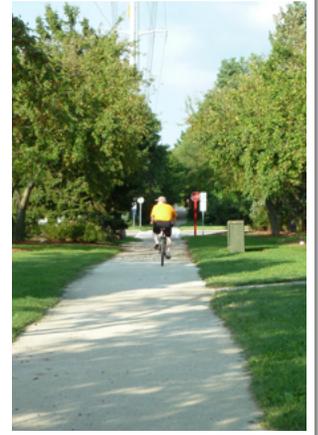


PUBLIC SAFETY

TOPIC 6

Safety was identified by the groups as a quality that made Warrenville a good place to live and do business. But when asked about priorities for the future, the feedback was not focused on public safety.

- Appointed officials asked that public safety funding be maintained and that more community outreach from the Police Department be done. These sentiments were exclusive to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.
- Community Organizations identified policing of the Illinois Prairie Path as an issue on which to focus, but it was a very low priority. Implementing a rental registration and inspection program was a priority in this group and was specifically reflected by a couple of homeowners associations.
- City staff felt that the police provided a high level of service currently, but that a crime-free housing/rental registration and inspection program would be beneficial.



ILLINOIS PRAIRIE PATH



WARRENVILLE POLICE CHIEF
HONORS WARRENVILLE OFFICERS
WITH LIFESAVING AWARD

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Refine Goal Statements

Within this interim report is a further refining of the goal statements presented in the Resident Strategic Plan Input Report. As noted in that report, these goal statements were to evolve as outreach activities with specialized stakeholder, business, and community groups and City Council members took place. Following is a list of goal statements developed in the Resident Strategic Plan Input Report along with a refined statement, if appropriate, based on the input from the specialized stakeholders.

GOAL 1

Economic Development

Resident Strategic Plan Input Report

“Enhance the City’s tax base, increase local shopping and dining opportunities, expand the City’s labor market, and create attractive gathering places by:

- actively planning for and aggressively encouraging well designed and environmentally responsible commercial development in the Route 59 corridor;
- mixed use redevelopment in the Old Town/Civic Center; and
- rehabilitation, improvement, and occupancy of older vacant commercial properties throughout the community.”

► *The input garnered from the specialized stakeholder meetings does not significantly alter this goal statement.*

REFINE GOAL STATEMENTS

CONTINUED

GOAL 2



City Finances

Resident Strategic Plan Input Report:

“Uphold the City’s record of fiscal conservatism by adopting a balanced budget overall and at the fund level, ensuring a relatively low cost of living for Warrenville residents, incurring little to no debt, and maintaining a diversified revenue stream.”

- ▶ *The input garnered from the specialized stakeholder meetings does not significantly alter this goal statement.*

GOAL 3



Open Space and Environment

Resident Strategic Plan Input Report:

“Preserve and protect the natural features, open space, and wooded areas that contribute significantly to the City’s overall character, setting, and uniqueness, and seek opportunities to showcase, access, and promote these components as important and valuable community assets.”

- ▶ *Since this was such a significant issue for the residents and was a topic that was noted as a valuable feature by the specialized stakeholders, it’s recommended that this goal statement remain the same.*

REFINE GOAL STATEMENTS

CONTINUED

GOAL 4



Flooding and Stormwater

Resident Strategic Plan Input Report:

“Improve flood protection and reduce residential and business flooding in the West Branch of the DuPage River Watershed, require environmentally responsible development that effectively controls the volume and improves the quality of stormwater runoff, and address neighborhood drainage issues.”

- ▶ *In the 2013 Community Survey, 75.4% of respondents felt addressing flooding and stormwater should be a priority. Improving flood mitigation/protection was an issue identified for improvement by 68.8% of Warrenville residents.*
- ▶ *However, no one raised it during the 2012 Neighborhood Dialogue meetings, and the only specialized stakeholder group to raise this issue was Community Organizations group; they felt it was something to focus on in coming years.*
- ▶ *In addition, the State, the County and the City have all done significant work or have work planned and funded to address this issue. This includes, replacing and raising the bridges at Route 56, Warrenville Road, and Williams Road, the building of a flood protection berm along the east side of River Road, installation of automatically-operated storm sewer check valves, the installation of four supplemental sluice gate structures, among other things.*
- ▶ *Therefore, as input is gathered from subsequent groups, it is recommended that this goal statement continue to be monitored to determine if it should be maintained.*

REFINE GOAL STATEMENTS

CONTINUED

GOAL 5



City Infrastructure and Utilities

Resident Strategic Plan Input Report:

“Repair, maintain, replace, and strategically upgrade the City’s physical infrastructure assets in a well planned, coordinated, and timely manner that is fiscally responsible, enhances public safety and supports increased private property values.”

- ▶ *This was a significant issue in the Resident Strategic Plan Input Report and it focused on existing trail and path system with a desire to improve the safety and connectivity of the area’s sidewalk, trail, and bike network.*
- ▶ *In the specialized stakeholder meetings, this topic came up only in the context of bicycle amenities. Maintaining the City’s current infrastructure was noted as something that made Warrenville a good place.*
- ▶ *This goal statement could be edited to reflect the appointed officials and the Community Organizations’ desire for a focus on pathway/sidewalk connectivity.*



REFINE GOAL STATEMENTS

CONTINUED

GOAL 6



Public Safety

Resident Strategic Plan Input Report:

“Provide excellent, proactive, public safety service throughout the community, focusing on addressing the perception of gang activity and drug use.”

- ▶ *The specialized stakeholders repeatedly noted that Warrenville was a safe community and that made it a good place to live and do business. The new issue that came up with the community organizations and City staff was the implementation of a crime free housing/rental registration and inspection program. However, this was mentioned by only a few participants in the Community Organizations group, indicating more education is important.*
- ▶ *Depending upon additional input, this goal statement could be revised to reference a crime free housing/rental registration and inspection.*

Warrenville Police Station



Conclusion

The Specialized Stakeholder Strategic Plan Input is step two in assessing the community's thoughts and desires regarding Warrentville's future, particularly in regards to economic development. The purpose of this interim report is to define and refine draft priorities and goals so that, as the process continues, the City will be better equipped to define specific desired outcomes and determine the resources needed and the action to be taken to achieve each of those outcomes.

- ▶ This report suggests the editing or potential elimination of specific goals statements, but only as further input is obtained in future steps. Ultimately, this report will be incorporated into the final Strategic/Economic Development Plan that will serve the community for coming years and help shape its future.

Appendix

INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES - 3.21.14

1. What plans, projects, programs, or enhancements are on your agency's radar for the near and long term future?

- Fire District is working on obtaining property for a new satellite station
- Library is working making interior modifications that would allow for more private rooms and a media center in order to serve small and home businesses
- Park District is updating its strategic plan. Their challenge is the lease and care for parks rather than being able to own them. They have completed renovation on the Community Building and are looking for large pieces of land to develop as parks. There is a continuous cry for an outdoor pool that they are aware of. They are launching an effort to do some environmental education.
- School District will be doing a lot of maintenance and updating to facilities throughout the District. Currently engaged in a community engagement process: <http://www.cusd200.org/Page/296>

2. What qualities make Warrenville a good place to live?

- Small sense of community. Unique culture – feel a part of the community. All different entities blend together. Has a charm. Tight knit. People come together. Celebrate small-town things. A lot of volunteerism. A lot of ways to get involved – diversity of interests.

3. What type of development would best support Warrenville's future? What attracts or discourages development in Warrenville?

- Enhance entryways into town. Residents do not want housing for low income or apartments – no high density. No high rises. They might be open to high end rentals. The School District doesn't want anything that generates more children due to facility constraints. Residents want age-targeted (i.e. boomers) homes. They want a community gathering place – there is no downtown. Is Warrenville only a drive-through community? Do they want to draw people in to shop? If so, how do they want that done?

PARTICIPANTS

- *Library District Executive Director*
- *Park District Executive Director*
- *Fire Chief*
- *CUSD 200 Assistant Superintendent*

Appendix

CITY STAFF STAKEHOLDER MEETING NOTES

- ▶ Theme identified by multiple participants
- Comment from one or a few

1. What qualities make Warrenville a good place to live?

- ▶ Location in metro area
- ▶ Nice residential areas / Small town feel / knowing neighbors
- ▶ Relative cost of living / housing / taxes (compared to metro area)
- ▶ Residents / volunteerism
- ▶ Safe community
- Access to nature / forest preserve / open space / trails
- High (boutique) level of City services (pick up branches, Acorn mini van service, police etc.)
- Quality of staff and elected official accomplishes community goals
- Schools

2. What are the highest level and quality of services / programs provided by the City, in general? How about from this Department specifically?

- ▶ Customer service (city-wide)
- ▶ No City debt
- ▶ Police (high level of professional service – focus on personal touch – auto lock out, investigations, vacation checks, check on elderly residents, etc)
- ▶ Review / Approval process for new developments (predictable for developers – makes them willing to return and work in City. Reflected in quality of newer development)
- ▶ Snow plowing
- Administration – focus on problem solving and transparency
- Infrastructure maintenance (PW operations) and response to emergencies (water main breaks)
- Long term policy development (creates consistency between City Councils and supports political stability)
- Website

PARTICIPANTS

- *City Administrator*
- *Assistant City Administrator*
- *Director of Finance*
- *Senior Accountant*
- *Community Development Director*
- *Senior Planner*
- *Senior Civil Engineer*
- *Public Works Superintendent*
- *Chief of Police*
- *Deputy Chief of Police - Operations*

Appendix

City Staff Stakeholder Meeting Notes (Continued)

3. If more resources were available, what services should the City add, in general?

What about this department specifically?

- ▶ Code enforcement
 - ▶ Economic development (reorg CD to add emphasis or bring in outside support)
 - ▶ Information Technology (internal IT services) staff and software for improved records / information management and reporting. Make more use of website and social media – becoming an expectation of residents.
 - ▶ Residential inspections of rental property
 - Administrative Services Coordinator in Police for special events, crime prevention, community relations with business and home owners associations (expand “personal touch” focus of department)
 - Beautify Village
 - Bicycle / pedestrian paths
 - Detention pond maintenance
 - None – lower taxes
 - Residential inspection of all property
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Appendix

City Staff Stakeholder Meeting Notes (Continued)

4. From your department's perspective, what are the three most important issues the City should focus its efforts on addressing in the next 5 years? Please provide specific suggestions on how the City should address these issues.

- ▶ Development of Route 56/59 area. Needs to be fiscally feasible (supported by marketplace) and responsible (not adverse to businesses in City).
- ▶ Warrenville's Identity crisis:
 - Resident's expectations of services are not sustainable from a budget perspective. Those services are provided with lean staffing. Residents have come to expect a lot of services but not interested in paying higher taxes
 - Code enforcement:
 - Longtime residents have a small town, semi rural expectation but new residents expect a suburban character. Longtime residents expect to be able to burn trash in their yard, new residents don't like that
 - Some of the housing stock construction and layout is older and not to modern standards / quality (has poor parking organization). Areas are more affordable, more likely to be rental, and more likely to need repair (that can't be afforded by owners)
 - Residents like small, quaint town feel but businesses (big and small) are looking for more activity, traffic, density, etc.
 - Cantera v small town character (would expect downtown to be more active)
- ▶ Economic Development (Cantera and other parts of City). Residential and commercial areas need improved appearance and businesses (uses like pawn shops and tattoo parlors discourage new businesses and residents from coming to town)
 - Budget/revenue
 - Development of various sites in City (Gas station at Batavia Road, City owned site behind City Hall)
 - Implement town Civic Center Plan / create a gathering place for residents
 - Raise level of Public Works internal management (operations is at a high level)
 - Unfunded mandates related to environmental regulations
 - Training for Police Dept staff
 - Vehicle / Pedestrian safety

Appendix

City Staff Stakeholder Meeting Notes (Continued)

5. What specific things should the City do to make Warrentville a better place for business?

- ▶ Branding / advertising assets of the community.
- ▶ Economic development emphasis to support existing businesses and attract new
- ▶ Land consolidation to support new development in key areas (find active role for City)
 - Access to retail centers in Cantera during lunch.
 - Improve permit process with better information tracking/reporting (IT solution)
 - Limit undesirable land uses (pawn shops, tattoo parlors)
 - Reducing sales tax and reducing / eliminating food and beverage tax
 - Small business support (ie façade program)
 - Tax incentives

6. What type (location, uses, design) of development/redevelopment would best support Warrentville's future?

- ▶ 59 Corridor and 56/59 area (new businesses, M/F residential, dense residential)
- ▶ Crime free housing program
- ▶ Diverse housing types and densities
- ▶ Redevelopment to establish gathering places for community (need community center – near City Hall an option)
 - Place for children of residents to move back to community
 - Single family, not multiple family

7. What specific actions should the City take to attract desirable development in Warrentville?

- ▶ Assemble property at 56/59
- ▶ Branding (identify and embrace what City should emphasize in all activities)
- ▶ Crime Free Housing Program
- ▶ Emphasize economic development in Community Development Department (perhaps reorganize department to do so)
 - Attract new businesses / retailers
 - Identify implementation actions and follow up to completion

Appendix

APPOINTED OFFICIALS STAKEHOLDER NOTES - 5.15.14

1. What qualities make Warrentville a good place to live?

Balanced budget	8
Small-town feel	5
Low crime	4
Nature	3
Location	3
Schools	3
Close to services	3
Residents/long-time residents	2
Low utility cost	1
Very involved volunteers	1
Contained/no blending into next town	1
Responsible City staff	1
Friendly community	1
Variety of activities	1
Strong arts/culture	1
First place to open chain restaurant	0
Diversity	0
People who care	0
Acorn van	0

PARTICIPANTS

- *ESDA Coordinator*
- *BPAC Commissioner*
- *2 TAC Commissioners*
- *BOFPC Commissioner*
- *EAC Chair*
- *PC Chair*
- *ZBA Chair*
- *PC/ZBA Commissioners*

Appendix

Appointed Officials Stakeholder Notes - (Continued)

2. What specific things should the City do to make Warrenville a better place to live?

One “downtown”	6
Fill vacant Route 59 businesses	5
Develop and market our “own” brand	4
Adopt “green” building and development codes	3
Housing for aging boomers	3
Maintain public safety services	2
Develop CCRS #1 carefully	2
Maintain balanced budget	2
Lake Michigan water	2
Improve walk-ability	2
Do not allow Route 56 to turn into Route 59 or Roosevelt Road	2
City-wide WiFi	1
No roundabout	1
Build roundabout	1
Land for mountain bike track	1
Implement plans City adopts – leadership	1
Support business development (existing/new)	1
Manage TIF #3 carefully	0
Improve bike facilities	0

Appendix

Appointed Officials Stakeholder Notes - (Continued)

3. From your perspective as a Board or Commission member, what are the three most important issues the City should focus its efforts on addressing in the next 5 years?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue bike-friendly application • Plan addition multi-paths • Educate bike safety-training school programs 	BPAC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain public safety funding • Expand involvement in BOFPC to five members now • Perform more PD community outreach 	BOFPC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review green building codes/LEED for neighborhood development • Maintain open spaces/trees/promote natural landscaping • Support climate action plan initiatives 	EAC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branding • Retain and attract businesses • Maintain balanced budget/pension 	PC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial development/support of current businesses and hotels • Re-evaluation of current hotel/motel tax structure • Rapport with hotels; enhance understanding and relationships 	TAC

4. What qualities make Warrentville a good place to do business? What things should the City do to make Warrentville a better place for business?

Friendly local government
High traffic/easy access to major roads
Promote and market qualities that make Warrentville a great place to do business
Good labor supply
I-88 blue business signs
Offer tax incentives
Increase population
Increase visitors
Residents want to shop in town. Get more business for loyal residents.
Get more sit-down restaurants
Employ Lobbyist/Economic Development Director
Be smart about leveraging TIF money
Low crime
Encourage competition
Community map
Increase key words on search engines so Warrentville comes up more

Appendix

Appointed Officials Stakeholder Notes - (Continued)

5. What type of development/redevelopment would best support Warrentville’s future? What specific actions should the City take to attract desirable development in Warrentville?

Attract and cluster special unique business in center of town to promote “destination”	6
Design/implement community engagement program regarding development and redevelopment opportunities	5
Mixed use development in Old Town/Civic Center	5
Carefully controlled/regulated development standards	4
Promote “lifestyle” not utilitarian business	4
Residential density with high-quality amenities	3
City financial incentives to promote key property assemblage for desirable redevelopment	3
Encourage desirable business in Uptown/downtown that capitalizes on unique strengths of each area	2
Café/coffee shop	1
Downtown (Old Town) tasting room/brew pub	1
Tie in arts/performing center	0
Home improvement store	0

6. What can the City do differently to support the work of your Board/Commission?

Maintain and support volunteer opportunities
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Appendix

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS STAKEHOLDER NOTES - 5.21.14

1. What qualities make Warrenville a good place to live?

Low crime	6
Good public facilities (library, museum, park district)	6
Good schools	5
Small-town atmosphere	4
Natural areas	3
Well-maintained City	3
Walk-ability – Trails – Biking	2
Strong sense of community/civic pride	2
Low taxes (relative)	2
Good access (I-88)	
Friendly residents	
Cost of water	

2. What are the three most important issues the City should focus on in the next five years?

Stay out of debt	6
Filling retail vacancies in Cantera commercial area	5
Encourage unique commercial development	5
Flooding/stormwater along DuPage River	4
Improve community identification, directional signage	3
Improve public transportation	3
Implementing rental registration/inspection program	2
Community pool	2
Enhance City beautification efforts	2
Youth transportation	2
Maintenance of City infrastructure	1
Improve day-to-day City-resident communication	1
Improve communication about important City issues	
Policing Prairie Path after dark	
More public parking	

PARTICIPANTS

- Historical Society
Museum Director
- Cantera Village HOA
- Edgebrook HOA
- Winchester HOA
- WIB
- Hubble Principal
- Park District Board
Member/Friends of the
4th of July Chair

Appendix

Community Organizations Stakeholder Notes - (Continued)

3. What qualities make Warrentville a good place to do business?

Near I-88, Route 59, and Route 56
Close to airport
Got license within one day; smooth process
Helpful City staff
Loyal consumers that shop locally

4. What specific things should the City do to make Warrentville a better place for business?

Shorten time it takes to open a business
Impose traffic access/circulation to commercial areas where vacancies are prevalent
Implement business outreach meetings

5. What type of development/redevelopment would best support Warrentville's future?

Commercial development with character (non-strip)	8
Encourage new development with small-town, quaint character	6
Mixed use/multi-story development on Musselman property	5
More mid-scale move-up housing	3
Public gathering space enhancements in and near natural/open space areas	3
More housing to accommodate aging population (ranch/first floor master)	2
Higher density/multi-story residential on Musselman property	1

6. What specific actions should the City take to attract desirable development in Warrentville?

Upgrade existing businesses (the look)	9
Encourage gathering places in Civic Center (coffee, ice cream, etc.)	9
Local programs that could assist with façade improvements	5
Encourage Businesses to stay open later	4
PR material showing the features of Warrentville	2