Introductions: Who are we?

North SAP  
(North of Energy Park)

South SAP  
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Live

Play

Work
Introductions: Who are we?

On a scale of 1 - 10 how involved have you been in the drafting of the ten year plan so far?

1. Not at all
2. Provided some feedback
3. Actively writing the plan
Introductions: Why are we here?

Provide Feedback About The 10-Year Plan

Learn More About The 10-Year Plan
St. Anthony Park Community Council

A largely volunteer organization
Formed in 1976 as one of 17 neighborhood districts in Saint Paul
to advise the City about community needs and desires

Comprised of:
• An elected and appointed, all-volunteer Board of Directors representing residents and for profit and nonprofit organizations
• Two paid staff members (at present)
• Four, all-volunteer standing committees:
  • Equity
  • Land Use
  • Transportation
  • Environment
• One volunteer subcommittee – Transition Town All St Anthony Park
• Occasional, all-volunteer Task Forces or special committees
• Umbrella for organizations including the SAP Community Garden.
Located between the two downtowns in the center of a large metropolitan area.
Who are we?

Recent immigrants and old timers

People of Color

Young folks

Funny folks
Age distribution (2011-2015)

Total = 8196

43%

42%
The number of rentals has increased 50% since the 2000 Census and is rising further with more housing along the Green Line.
3486 total households
1593 with income below poverty level
650 with income up to 149% of poverty level
Mix of residential, small business centers, commercial corridors and large industrial areas
The 10-Year Plan

Every decade, the City tasks its 17 neighborhoods to write a plan.

Parts of the neighborhood plan are adopted into the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

Guides the attention and action of the Community Council and the City.

The planning effort historically was supported by extra funding from the City, but this time, only limited staff time and support are available.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council received a generous $5000 grant from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation to support this work.

A temporary Steering Committee was formed and all parts of the Council are participating in collecting ideas, summarizing data, and drafting the plan.

In November 2017, feedback was collected during two Community Forums.

Additional meetings will be held in late Winter to discuss the full plan before submission to the City in April 2018.
A few accomplishments from the goals in the current 10-Year Plan...

Revitalize - Maintain - Connect

November 21, 2005

St. Anthony Park – District 12 Community Plan
Increase the range of housing types and affordability within the District to encourage a greater diversity of households and to be an affordable community for all people throughout their lives and changing lifestyle needs.
Support the development of family friendly eating establishments (such as pubs) serving food, beer and wine as a new type of place for social gathering.
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Traffic Calming. Make busy thoroughfares safer for bikes and pedestrians and improve visual quality.

Several “Stop for Me” events

Friendly Streets events to learn needs

Drive 25 campaign to reduce speeds

New median and crosswalk
Increase the level of ground water infiltration in the District by 30 percent through development standards, the creation of new open spaces, and the retrofitting of existing structures and properties.

Several raingardens installed along Raymond Avenue

Subsurface infiltration gallery (you can’t see it here!) diverts storm water to reduce runoff
Some good proposals may not be adopted by the City. In the last plan, this rezoning proposal was not agreed to, but has helped guide development in that direction.
What's the best thing about St. Anthony Park?

What can we do better?
Community Feedback

• Over the summer and fall solicited feedback from community to guide planning.
• 411 Online Survey respondents
• More than 300 canvassing and small-group respondents

Where do you live/work/play in SAP?  How long have you lived in SAP?

![Pie charts showing distribution of responses based on location and length of residence.]

• Worked to hear from diverse voices from all parts of St. Anthony Park.
• Well distributed by age, geography, but underrepresented in income distribution (9% of respondents make less than $35k, compared to 38% of population) and race/ethnicity (14% responses from people of color or unidentified compared to 26% of population). More demographic information available at www.sapcc.org.
What types of new housing will be needed in SAP over the next 10 years?

- Overwhelming response for increased affordable housing, density, and senior housing.
- Medium density, multi-generation, mixed income, mixed use, co-op housing options.
- Respondents believe more economic integration would add to vibrancy of neighborhood.
- Appropriate new development, affordable, contributes to neighborhood.
- Other development: restaurants, bars, small retailers open in evenings, co-working space.
Community Feedback

What modes of transportation are a priority for you?

- Respondents use many modes of transportation, bus and LRT higher for low income respondents.
- Walking, Bus, and Metro Mobility higher priority for disabled respondents.
- Many seasonal public transit riders, many want to increase use of public transit.
- Traffic and crosswalks high safety issue among respondents, especially among disabled.
- Recommend more bike racks, benches, signage, traffic calming, and better connections.
Community Feedback

What pollution issues are a concern for you?

- Green space and tree canopy highly valued by respondents, priority to increase access in South SAP.
- Pollution of greater concern to lower income residents, especially air pollution and access to green space.
- More public infrastructure such as gathering spaces, seating, drinking fountains, and trash bins.
- 76% of respondents have “easy” or “somewhat easy” access to food, but only 67% among disabled, and 56% for respondents with low income.
Committee Priorities
Equity at SAPCC

- SAPCC implements an Equity Framework, the only in St. Paul, and our Strategic Plan strives for “equity in all we do”

- Top priorities from feedback:
  - Engaging the whole community
  - Mobility and universal design
  - Affordability and economic access
  - Sustainability and green spaces
  - Food access
10-Year Plan Equity Goals

- Community - providing spaces and events to gather together
- Food - improving access to fresh food year round
- Develop plans to address local discrimination and disparities
- Facilitate partnerships and access to resources
- Address gentrification and maintain access to housing and desegregated spaces that are welcoming to all.
Land Use

- Housing:
  - Increase the range of housing types and affordability throughout all of St. Anthony Park
  - Maintain long term affordability of housing in SAP
  - New housing along the Green Line is in appropriate locations and provides a variety of housing types
  - Where housing density is increased, shared public green spaces are created
Land Use

- Economic and Business Development:
  - Reuse and redevelopment of industrial areas to accommodate modern businesses
  - District systems for infrastructure in redeveloped areas
  - Changes to industrial area zoning to allow greater mixed use, that includes commercial and residential
  - Changes to industrial area transportation network to make more of the area attractive for redevelopment
Land Use

- Economic and Business Development:
  - Changes to zoning and other regulations that will support residents working from their home
  - Promote and strengthen the retail businesses to maintain and revitalize the village center in North St. Anthony Park
  - Redevelop the village center in South St. Anthony Park to provide services to the existing community and new housing along the Green Line.
Land Use

- Historical Preservation:
  - Protect, maintain or adaptively reuse designated historic buildings when possible
  - New development or redevelopment is complementary and contextual rather than strict historic replication
Transportation

- Make safety the highest priority on our streets, with the most vulnerable users (pedestrians and bicyclists) considered first.
- Encourage the city to begin completing sidewalk infill throughout D12
- Improve the pedestrian and transit-user experience
- Identify and work with city planners and traffic engineers to modify intersections dangerous to pedestrians and bicyclists
- Make the neighborhood more welcoming to bicyclists and safer for them on our streets.
Transportation

- Optimize truck movements to reach adjacent highways without decreasing pedestrian safety and general livability, primarily in South St. Anthony Park and Westgate.

- Recognize that parking, whether on streets or private land, comes with a cost borne by us all. As vehicle technologies change, be ready to adapt to the need for less parking.

- Improve bus service so it’s easier to be mobile without a personal car.

- Improve the ability to live without a car or with fewer cars.

- Support enforcement and awareness of traffic laws and transportation options.
Environment and Water Resources

Reduce, mitigate, and build resilience to severe weather
   Work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
   Increase local renewable energy production
   Improve infrastructure resilience
   Improve emergency preparedness

Enhance water conservation and runoff water quality
   Reduce runoff, increase storage, reuse gray water reuse
   Reduce harmful chemical use

Eliminate the “food desert”

Identify and remediate soil and air pollution

Reduce noise and light pollution
Preserve, enhance, and increase parks and green space
   Public and private funding in new developments, elsewhere
   More walkways, benches
   Include on any freeway “lid”

Promote non-traditional use of green space and boulevards
   Broader use for public gatherings, food production, off-leash dog space
   Raingardens maintenance, harvest crews

Maintain and expand Community Garden

Enhance the urban forest, protect solar access

Create a “rewilding plan” for native animals and plants
What do you want to see in SAP?
Feedback Wrap-up

What did you learn?

What is missing?

What are you most excited about for the next 10 years in St. Anthony Park?
Next Steps

- Continue to solicit community feedback
- Business survey is open for targeted input
- Committees will incorporate feedback into drafts
  - Drafts released for review in March 2018
- Final documents sent to City of St. Paul in April

Thank you!