



Review of Draft Goals and Objectives with Plan Commission

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On Tuesday, August 2nd the Ready Set Wilmette team met with the Village's Plan Commission to present and discuss the draft goals and objectives, which can be thought of as the first draft of the comprehensive plan.

The [presentation can be viewed on the project website](#). Below are suggestions and questions from the Plan Commission's discussion. "Q" represents a question asked by a Commissioner, and "A" is the response from Michael Blue, Project Manager.

Discussion

- The goals and objectives sound good but need more context – what are these in response to, what was brought up as issues by community? What are the main deficiencies/challenges?
- Find way to cross-reference adopted plans (Active Transportation Plan & Sustainability Plan)
- A lot of overlap between the sections, would like to see intersectionality – i.e. how does housing relate to diversity, businesses relate to transit, etc.
- Consider adding: maintaining the high quality of education (i.e. supporting the Library, capital improvements in infrastructure)
- Tell the story of the Village Center transformation in the plan
- Add ideas for Edens Plaza and Lake & Skokie
- Q: Many of the goals and objectives are about continuing to do certain things, or to preserve what is existing. Why?
 - A: Since a comprehensive plan sets the policy direction for a community, it's important to document what the Village wants to improve/change AND want to continue/preserve, so that those current activities continue to be supported and receive funding. Otherwise, we risk not maintaining current strengths of the Village.
- Q: What about prioritization? Should we think about putting aside some things for now to solve the more pressing problems?
 - A: The Implementation section of the plan will establish priorities for those actions that should be implemented in the near-, medium-, and long-terms

The project team revised the draft goals and objectives per several of the above input from the Plan Commission. A number of the suggestions will be more appropriately incorporated into the full draft plan. Next steps in consideration of the draft goals and objectives are review by the Village Board (October 25, 2022) and Village commissions whose responsibilities relate to the plan themes.