

Imagine Bloomington

ImagineBloomington Workshop 11: Bell Trace (4/21/2012)

Group Notes

Bloomington “Today” Items:

- College town
- Very friendly
- Congested and busy, not accessible
- Active, engaged, inclusive
- Community driven and civically minded
- Culturally diverse
- Segregated by age
- Progressive
- Good public transportation
- Good town (city and local res.) and Gown (I.U., Ivy Tech) connection
- Confused but willing
- Potential 4 leadership
- Friendly
- Recycling - local ownership
- Nascent recycling
- Recycling
- Progressive
- Bike and trails
- Walkable
- Transportation
- Hard to get around
- Arts and culture events
- (Fairly good) Urban scale
- Transitioning
- Urban density

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Bloomington “Today” Items (Cont’d):

- Growing pains
- Diverse/stratified
- Detached from region
- Lack of elder housing – senior center
- One political party
- Lots to do
- Vibrant
- Divided town
- Liberal
- Population – West/East and N/S
- Exhibits growing pains
- Lots of student driven activities
- Poor roads – infrastructure
- Train east/west, contact w/other towns
- Forward thinking
- Good beauty – naturally beautiful
- Contrast
- Trash
- West 2nd – dug road up
- Moving more
- Attention to elderly
- Not in jail/schools
- Bus system
- Moores Pike

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Bloomington “Tomorrow” Items:

- Students housed on campus
- More places for older adults to socially gather to connect, to be engaged and inspired
- Protect and expand green and urban spaces
- Geriatric specialist and doctors
- Self-sufficient neighborhoods
- Preserving existing infrastructure and built environment instead of expanding into surrounding farm land and forest
- Able to see stars
- Age integrated everywhere
- O - Growth
- Opportunity 4 leadership
- Opportunity for ownership
- Opportunity for public-private partnership
- Housing (less restrictive zoning)
- Active/involved leadership – (required) public involvement, broad
- All ages downtown
- Older chased out of downtown
- Senior gathering
- Urban Ag
- Edible trees
- Self-reliant
- Traffic/parking
- Benches
- Moving sidewalk
- Co-op housing for elderly and multi-generational
- More safety
- Caution lights longer time for walker and cars
- Synchronize lights
- Golf carts – w/license plates
- Diverse downtown – esp @night; older people uneasy w/young people milling @bars
- Elderly residence downtown
- Grocery – neighborhoods, downtown; not “convenience” where prices are higher
- Utility – pay places, sign up and alternative energy options
- Community Calendar where all agencies input – post @Courthouse lawn
- Use elementary schools
- Local food
- Drainage – grates are not where water goes and when H2O is flowing fast it goes over vs. in drain

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Bloomington “Tomorrow” Items (Cont’d):

- Park Ridge – water fall in yard and trash comes too
- CVS East – no access going south from 10th St.; have to know go to 3rd – make Lt. & go to McDs and go in back
- If you make accessible – all can use – not just those who need
- Trash and Recycling are priorities – we are naturally beautiful – need to take care
- Longer parking time and better areas
- More green space
- More buses – later hours so can go to a show – grab something to eat and get home