

Imagine Bloomington

Workshop Eleven 4/21/2012: Bell Trace Group Theme Summary

Total Groups: 4

Bloomington Today – summary of each group’s three themes from the words shared by the group’s members that describe Bloomington TODAY:

- Not accessible (congested)
- Engaging
- Culturally diverse
- Poor infrastructure
- Need more attention to srs. (not in jails or schools, moving sidewalks, buses)
- Divided
- Confused, friendly, potential
- Recycling, good start
- Localism, progressive
- Transportation – problematic
- Growing pains – urban identity
- Lack of senior supports
- Arts and cultural events

Bloomington Tomorrow – summary of each group’s three themes from the words shared by the group’s members that describe things to CHANGE Bloomington in the future:

- Age integration everywhere
- Self sufficient neighborhoods
- Protect and expand green & urban space
- Travel – pedestrian (sidewalks! Benches, golf carts, synchronize traffic lights, more sidewalk, more seating along sidewalks, train, East/West/N/S communication in town and outlying town, IU/non)
- Neighborhood stores – “not convenience” where prices are higher

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Bloomington Tomorrow (cont'd)

- Multigenerational – use elementary schools
- Community calendar (signage to show all upcoming community events)
- Drainage
- No cars for students
- Improved Bike/Ped infrastructure
- Waste → cash strategy (find ways to turn ‘trash into cash’)
- Poverty affecting: housing, schools, transportation, self-reliance, etc.
- Leadership responsive to broad-based public input
- Self reliance in urban agriculture, energy, transportation
- Zoning and other techniques to encourage diversity of age, services, housing