



Cudahy Comprehensive Plan Kick-off Meeting

January 30, 2008
6:00-7:30pm at City Hall

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Plan Purpose & Process
- 2) Review/Discuss 1990s Plans
- 3) Brainstorm Key Issues & Priorities
- 4) Steering Committee Role
- 5) Public Meeting Planning

Meeting Summary

On Wednesday, January 30th, at 6pm, the City of Cudahy hosted a public meeting to launch the next City's Comprehensive Plan process. More than 70 residents and city officials attended the meeting. Following the plan introduction and review of previous planning efforts, meeting attendees were asked to get involved in the meeting. The participants were asked to express their opinions to help guide the Comprehensive Plan process. The following information is a recording of the issues and opportunities discussed separated by broad topic area (in no particular order in terms of importance).

City Image

- Important to consider Cudahy's image and public relations
- Update/revamp City's website
- Develop City "calling card"—marketing materials, etc.
- Develop Comprehensive Plan logo to market the project

Downtown

- A priority is to make sure Cudahy has a safe and viable downtown
- Clean up existing downtown businesses—TLC
- Attract new businesses downtown and fill storefronts
- More parking downtown
- Layton/Pennsylvania Corner is of concern
- Clean up area east of Packard Ave.

General Development

- Better standards for new buildings
- Not every property needs to be developed
- Look at mandatory refill or tear down of abandoned buildings
- Focus on what we want to save too (building restoration)

- Live, Work, Play principles within plan
- Want to learn from model cities—perhaps Beloit
- Work with neighboring communities to better both
- Lakeshore development opportunities—public-private partnerships e.g. Kenosha-Racine
- Consider relocation of City Hall and High School to better utilize lakefront property
- Partnership between airport and hotels to increase activity for both

Housing

- Address rental housing – quality, tenant/landlord issues
- Get good housing rehab program—combine with 1 organization and person

Safety & Quality-of-life

- Need to address crime
- Increase Park & Recreation opportunities for youth
- Retain youth
- Support school system
- Maintaining good City services—schools, parks, etc.—and provide adequately for new development
- Beautification (e.g. tree planting)
- Attract higher income residents to balance the demographics of Cudahy residents

Transportation

- Capitalize on proximity to transportation assets –airport, interstate, parkway, etc.
- Commuter rail with ample parking and access
- Extend parkway south