



PARK COMMISSION MEETING
May 25th, 2016

6:30 P.M.

Val Smith Park Shelter

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- 1) AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION
- 2) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
 - A. March 23rd, 2016
- 3) I-2 Standards/Redevelopment Task Force
- 4) Comprehensive Plan Recommendation
- 5) Eastside Park Survey
- 4) ADJOURN
 - *If time allows the Park Commission will take a "walk in the park" following the meeting to make observations and follow-up with items noted in the Eastside Park Survey.*

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Sartell Park Commission
March 23rd, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the meeting of the Sartell Park Commission was held on March 23rd, 2016 at Sartell City Hall. Diane Schellinger called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Molitor, Diane Schellinger, Michael Burzette, Rachel Lolmasteymaugh
MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Lindbloom
OTHERS PRESENT: Nate Keller, Community Development Technician
Brad Borders, Public Works Director

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

A motion was made by Molitor and seconded by Burzette to add item 8.5 Discussion of Val Smith Park to the agenda. Molitor made a motion to approve the revised agenda. The motion was seconded by Burzette. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lolmasteymaugh and seconded by Burzette to approve the September 23rd, 2015 Park Commission minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lolmasteymaugh and seconded by Schellinger to approve the February 29th Joint meeting minutes. Burzette and Molitor abstained.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Commission recommended Dave Lindbloom as the Chair and Dianne Schillinger as the Vice Chair. The Commission would like to confirm at the next meeting if Mr. Lindbloom has any objections to being nominated for Chair.

Revised Park Map

The Commission discussed the newly revised Park Map. Keller mentioned the biggest improvement is the clearer distinction between Neighborhood, Regional/Community Parks, and greenways. Greenways are no longer labeled by name on the park map. The removal of the greenway names is an attempt to create a firmer distinction between an “active” park and a “passive” or “natural” greenway. Burzette recommended that the Regional/Community Parks be highlighted in a different color so they are more distinguishable. Keller will work on adding a different color to make the Regional/Community distinction more distinguishable.

Neighborhood Matching Fund Program

Keller introduced and explained the Neighborhood Matching Fund program. Keller explained the drafted documents and asked for feedback. The Commission discussed the positives and negatives of doing a dry-run (test) application. The Commission discussed what projects would qualify and thoughts on how many applications the NMF committee

could award in the application period. The Commission discussed that once the NMF committee is established that they should decide on the final details of the program and criteria. Molitor mentioned he would like to serve as the Park Commission representative for the NMF committee with Burzette as an alternate.

Next Targeted Neighborhood

Keller explained the previous neighborhood survey focus areas. Keller also explained the remaining neighborhoods where public input has not been received.

Burzette made a motion to recommend Neighborhood Four (Val Smith & Eastside Kiddie Park) as the next targeted neighborhood focus area. The motion was seconded by Molitor. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Survey Strategy

Keller explained the previous methodology behind the two previous park surveys and strategies for receiving public input. Keller suggested keeping the park survey but increasing public input opportunities to include a public open house. The Commission discussed the benefits of having the next Park Commission meeting be an open house meeting at the Val Smith shelter. This would provide the public the opportunity to hear the survey results and Commission recommendations while also providing another opportunity for public input. The Commission recommended that a Walk in the Park be done at Val Smith Park after the conclusion of the Open House.

Val Smith Park Discussion

Borders explained how Sartell currently has no pickle ball courts. Discussion was made about the appropriate places for pickle ball and whether it was best to have multiple locations for pickle ball or have one central location. Discussion was made on the tennis courts at Val Smith and the lack of use. Discussion was also made on the different locations currently available for tennis within Sartell.

Burzette made a motion to recommend approval of pickle ball courts at Val Smith park which would replace the tennis courts, the motion was seconded by Lolmasteymaugh. Schillinger opposed the motion due to lack of public input. The motion passed three to one.

Park Commission meeting dates

Discussion was made on the current meeting schedule. The Commission discussed the frustrations behind the long gaps between fall and spring meetings. Keller suggested a joint meeting between the Park Commission, and City Council (along with other Commissions) to occur in January. The January meeting would include a goal setting and visioning for the oncoming calendar year. The Commission agreed this would be a good idea to help provide clearer expectations for the Park Commission as directed by the City Council and provide a sense of achievable results for the on-coming year. Staff will inquire about the possibilities of holding this joint meeting yet this summer since January is a ways off.

ADJOURN

*A motion was made by Burzette and seconded by Molitor to adjourn the meeting at 8:21PM.
The motion carried unanimously.*

Minutes by:
Nate Keller, Community Development Technician

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**SARTELL
CITY COUNCIL**

**AGENDA
COVER MEMO**

Originating Department Planning Department	Meeting Date: May 25, 2016	Agenda Item No. 3
Agenda Section:	Item: Task Force - Interim Ordinance – I2 Properties	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends appointing one Park Commission member to a task force to review the terms outlined in the ordinance.

MINNESOTA STATUTE 462.355:

Minnesota Statutes, section 462.355, subdivision 4, allows the City to adopt an interim ordinance for the purpose of protecting the planning process and the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. While not required, the City did provide the step of conducting a public hearing and sending notices to the affected property owners notifying them of their ability to provide comments.

BACKGROUND:

There’s increasing concerns that the City’s official controls relating to the comprehensive plan (2003 and draft 2016), and that the subdivision and zoning ordinance may not adequately address the specific permitted/accessory/interim and conditional uses allowed on I2 properties, along with the appropriate standards in relationship to setbacks, height, building materials, screening and other site regulations may be outdated

As a result, it is necessary to form a task force consisting of property owners, Sartell citizens, representatives from the City’s Commissions and Council, the development community and other governmental partners to convene a study which will create a vision for the I2 properties along the River, in particular, those properties which are vacant, to determine appropriate land uses (may include master planning), review ordinance standards to determine if there is a need to amend the City’s official controls or its comprehensive plan. Through statute, City’s can enact a moratorium (interim ordinance) which essentially halts any new development from occurring on the identified properties to ensure the planning process can proceed without risk.

The moratorium is applicable to any new uses occupying the I-2 properties, platting, construction, erection, placement, reconstruction, enlargement, or expansion of any new development, not previously approved by City of Sartell as identified on Exhibit A and described as those properties within the City of Sartell at the date of adoption of this. During the period of the moratorium, applications for zoning permits, site plans, rezonings, land use amendments, preliminary plat, final plat and other permits and approvals related to

development shall not be accepted by the City; neither Staff, the Planning Commission nor the City Council shall consider or grant approval of any application for such work shall be issued.

The moratorium shall not apply to (a) existing approved permits, site plans or uses occupying the properties (b) plats and developments which have received all necessary permits and approvals from the City before the effective date of this ordinance, (c) zoning and plat applications which have been submitted previously to the effective date of this ordinance (d) any application to rezone property to I-2 Heavy Industrial.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance and Exhibit A

**CITY OF SARTELL
ORDINANCE NO. ___-16
INTERIM ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM
ON I-2 PROPERTIES IN SARTELL**

Section 1. Background.

1.01. The City of Sartell (“City”) currently regulates comprehensive planning, zoning (subdivision) and building permitting actions with the municipal boundary.

1.02 The City adopted a Comprehensive Plan in August 2003, which identified two areas (100/105 East Sartell Street, Sartell MN 56377 and 250 Riverside Avenue North, Sartell, MN 56377) along the Mississippi River as existing heavy industrial users. Industrial land uses include manufacturing, warehousing, assembly, truck terminals, mining, quarries and other businesses that provide goods and services, but not directly to the public. These industrial uses will often have an administrative or sales office within the same building, which is counted as part of the industrial use, and not as a separate commercial office use. Land used for industrial purposes consume two percent of the city’s total land area and four percent of the developed area. These uses are located primarily along the Mississippi River in the central part of the city. The community recognizes the need to ensure an adequate amount of its growth area for industrial use.

1.03 The City of Sartell set out in early 2014 to amend the 2003 Comprehensive Plan. The 2016 Draft Comprehensive Plan lays out a philosophy Sartell is a progressive community, engaged in shaping its future. The residents and businesses of Sartell are working to capitalize on the qualities and values that have made it a successful and desirable community.

1.04 The 2016 Comprehensive Plan is a policy document intended to guide City decisions. Both timely and necessary, Sartell has established a record of success in the face of rapid growth. However, with the development slower than in early 2000, coupled with high development costs, Sartell faces the challenges of diversifying its economic base; maintain what is in place and further investing in improvements that provide the high quality of life that residents and businesses have come to expect. It was time to take a half step back, leave the doors of city hall and talk to people, and collectively define the next steps forward. As things change, so must the planning and implementation efforts of the City. A fluid and flexible approach will allow the City to take advantage of new ideas or circumstances that may emerge as things progress. Ideas unforeseen today may have profound relevance for the future. The ability to incorporate them will keep Sartell vital and maintain the progressive and charming style that defines Sartell.

1.05. The Draft 2016 Comprehensive Plan has proactively identified areas including the I-2 area included within the property identified as 100 East Sartell Street, Sartell within the community that are anticipated to face significant long-term pressures to change and will likely need some public attention to capture future redevelopment opportunities which included the former paper mill site. As indicated in the plan, redevelopment master

planning process will be required before the commencement of any development activities. This is to ensure community input on the site; environmental concerns are addressed and that the site is developed with the highest and most practical land uses.

1.06. The City is concerned that its official controls relating to the comprehensive plan, and that the subdivision and zoning ordinance may not adequately address the specific permitted/accessory/interim and conditional uses allowed on I2 properties, along with the appropriate standards in relationship to setbacks, height, building materials, screening and other site regulations may be outdated and not meet the minimum vision set forth by the draft 2016 comprehensive Plan.

1.07. Minnesota Statutes, section 462.355, subdivision 4, allows the City to adopt an interim ordinance for the purpose of protecting the planning process and the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. While not required, the City did provide the step of conducting a public hearing and sending notices to the affected property owners notifying them of their ability to provide comments.

1.08. That Minnesota local government units have broad authority to condition or deny special use permits to protect public health, safety, and welfare. When enacting the Municipal Planning Act (“MPA”) in 1965, the Legislature found that “municipalities are faced with mounting problems in providing means of guiding future development of land so as to ensure a safer, more pleasant and more economical environment for residential, commercial, industrial and public activities.” So long as there is a rational basis for a zoning or land use decision by a local unit of government, the courts have affirmed the broad discretion local governments have in developing land use and zoning regulations and will not disturb a decision unless it is unsupported.

Section 2a. Findings for the I-2 area included within the property identified as 100 East Sartell Street, Sartell (former paper mill site).

2.01. The City is a rapidly growing community and with the growth, a well thought out land use plan and permitted zoning standards and uses are needed to accommodate the vision and types of uses on I2 properties is a high concern and priority.

2.02. That the 2003 Sartell Comprehensive Land Use Plan identifies the I-2 area included within the property identified as 100 East Sartell Street, Sartell with a portion of heavy industrial uses (Future Land Use map). Demolition of the paper mill facility, per the approved Interim Use Permit (IUP) was completed to prepare the site for redevelopment which is consistent with its land use designation and may be consistent with the St. Cloud Urban Area Mississippi River Corridor Plan (2011) objective of providing opportunities in the river corridor to create connections to the river (page 23). The applicants provided documentation that the demolition of currently specified structures would facilitate this process and position the site for redevelopment.

2.03. That according to the approved IUP, the property owners of 100 East Sartell Street, Sartell agreed to assist in the funding for and fully participate in a redevelopment and

repurposing planning process for the existing site during Demolition (Approx August 2013 to March 2014). The property owner 100 East Sartell Street, Sartell had contracted with the Planning Firm of Loucks and Associates to assist in the facilitation of the redevelopment planning study. That study was initiated in the fall of 2013 but was suspended by the property owner during the winter of 2014.

2.04. The property owners at 100 East Sartell Street, Sartell also agreed on to additional redevelopment and repurposing process steps which could have included, but are not limited to continued discussions with the MPCA and the City's consultants regarding site and concrete conditions, environmental concerns, market studies, master plans and community/professional input into the highest and best use of the property for redevelopment and repurposing. Furthermore, the recommendations of the redevelopment and repurposing plan were to propose ways to incorporate the existing concrete footings and foundations into a master plan, otherwise the concrete footings and foundations were to be removed. The property owner has failed to follow through with this agreement.

2.05. That according to the IUP, future uses of the Site will likely include redevelopment and construction activities. Both immediate and future uses have a high probability of interacting with soils and groundwater, which results in the soils and groundwater being disturbed. The future redevelopment will also likely involve environmental liability protections for property developers, lenders, end users and regulatory closure of environmental issues at the Site from the MPCA. Securing liability protections (No Association Determination and Off-Site Source Determination) and obtaining regulatory closure (No Further Action Determination, Certificate of Completion, and/or Petroleum Site Closure) will require an updated Phase I ESA site characterization, development of a Response Action Plan to remediate environmental impacts and implementation of the RAP. Environmental liability protections and regulatory closures are obtained through the MPCA's VIC and the Petroleum Brownfields (PB) Program. The advantage of MPCA review and approval of an investigation work plan is that it provides liability protection for disturbing contaminated soils during the investigation and provides the opportunity for the MPCA to provide comment on the adequacy of the plan.

2.06. That the property owners were able to obtain a No-Action Letter (September 11, 2015) based on the fact that the use (and re-uses) proposed to include only vacant land, and no development scenarios. As so long as no action occurs on the site, no further action is needed. That arsenic was detected which slightly exceeded the MPCA's industrial soil reference value; Semi-volatile organic compounds were detected with a Benzo Pyrene equivalent concentration less the MPCA residential SRV. Cadmium and Lead were detected in water table groundwater sample exceeding the Minnesota's Department of Health's health risk limits. There was a lack of information provided to the MPCA regarding soil vapor.

2.06. That on two occasions (April 19, 2016, December 2, 2016) City Staff has unsuccessfully obtained requested documents related to the IUP and approved demolition permit including:

1. Copy of Phase 2 Investigation Work Plan
2. Copy of Phase 2 Report
3. Any MPCA approval letters
4. The redevelopment plans submitted as part of the MPCA review
5. Soil Vapor Data
6. Verification that areas below the slabs and subfloors were backfilled as stated on 11/12/2015) including, but not limited to the coal chute, all tunnels, roller grinder pit, lift station. Need descriptions of what areas were backfilled and with what types of materials.
7. Verification that the petroleum storage area(s) were properly filled and materials disposed of per State, Federal, and Local guidelines.
8. Verification that the elevator shafts (4-5) were properly sealed. Describe how the cylinders were capped off (5 stories deep). Provide all certifications and documents related to the Minnesota Department of Health's Wellhead Protection Plan.
9. Verification that the antifreeze areas were properly handled, per State, Federal, and Local guidelines.
10. Slabs core drilled and sampled
11. Verification that the asbestos-related work was completed properly per State, Federal and Local guidelines
12. Verification and/or documentation that the utilities were abandoned (water lines, storm, and sewer)
13. Asbuilts or drawings of any footings/foundations/slabs that remain.

Section 2b. Findings for the Hydroelectric Facility and DeZurik Property.

2.01. The City is a rapidly growing community and with the growth, a well thought out land use plan and permitted zoning standards and uses are needed to accommodate the vision and types of uses on I2 properties is of high concern and priority.

2.02. That the 2003 Sartell Comprehensive Land Use Plan identifies the hydro facility property and the DeZurik Property as heavy industrial(Future Land Use map).

Section 3. Planning and Zoning Study; Moratorium

3.01. The City Council finds that it is necessary to form a task force consisting of property owners, Sartell citizens, representatives from the City's Commissions and Council, the development community and other governmental partners to convene a study which will create a vision for the I2 properties along the River, in particular those properties which are vacant, to determine appropriate land uses (may include master planning), review ordinance standards to determine if there is a need to amend the City's official controls or its comprehensive plan.

2.04. The City Council finds that there is a need to adopt an interim moratorium ordinance for the purpose of protecting the planning process and the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens regarding such matters.

3.02. Pending completion of the task force study and the adoption of any amendments to the City's official controls, there is hereby established a moratorium on any new uses

occupying the vacant I-2 properties, platting, construction, erection, placement, reconstruction, enlargement, or expansion of any new development, not previously approved by City of Sartell as identified on Exhibit A and described as those properties within the City of Sartell at the date of adoption of this. Those properties identified within Exhibit A.

3.03. During the period of the moratorium, applications for zoning permits, site plans, rezonings, land use amendments, preliminary plat, final plat and other permits and approvals related to development shall not be accepted by the City; neither Staff, the Planning Commission nor the City Council shall consider or grant approval of any application for such work shall be issued.

3.05. The moratorium shall not apply to (a) existing approved permits, site plans or uses occupying the properties (b) plats and developments which have received all necessary permits and approvals from the City before the effective date of this ordinance, (c) completed and accepted subdivision, zoning and plat applications which have been submitted previously to the effective date of this ordinance (d) any completed or accepted application to rezone property to I-2 Heavy Industrial.

Section 4. Enforcement.

The City may enforce this ordinance by mandamus, injunction or other appropriate civil remedy in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 5. Duration.

This ordinance shall remain in effect for 12 months from the date of its effective date or until such earlier time as said ordinance shall be revoked or otherwise amended.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect the day after the date of its publication.

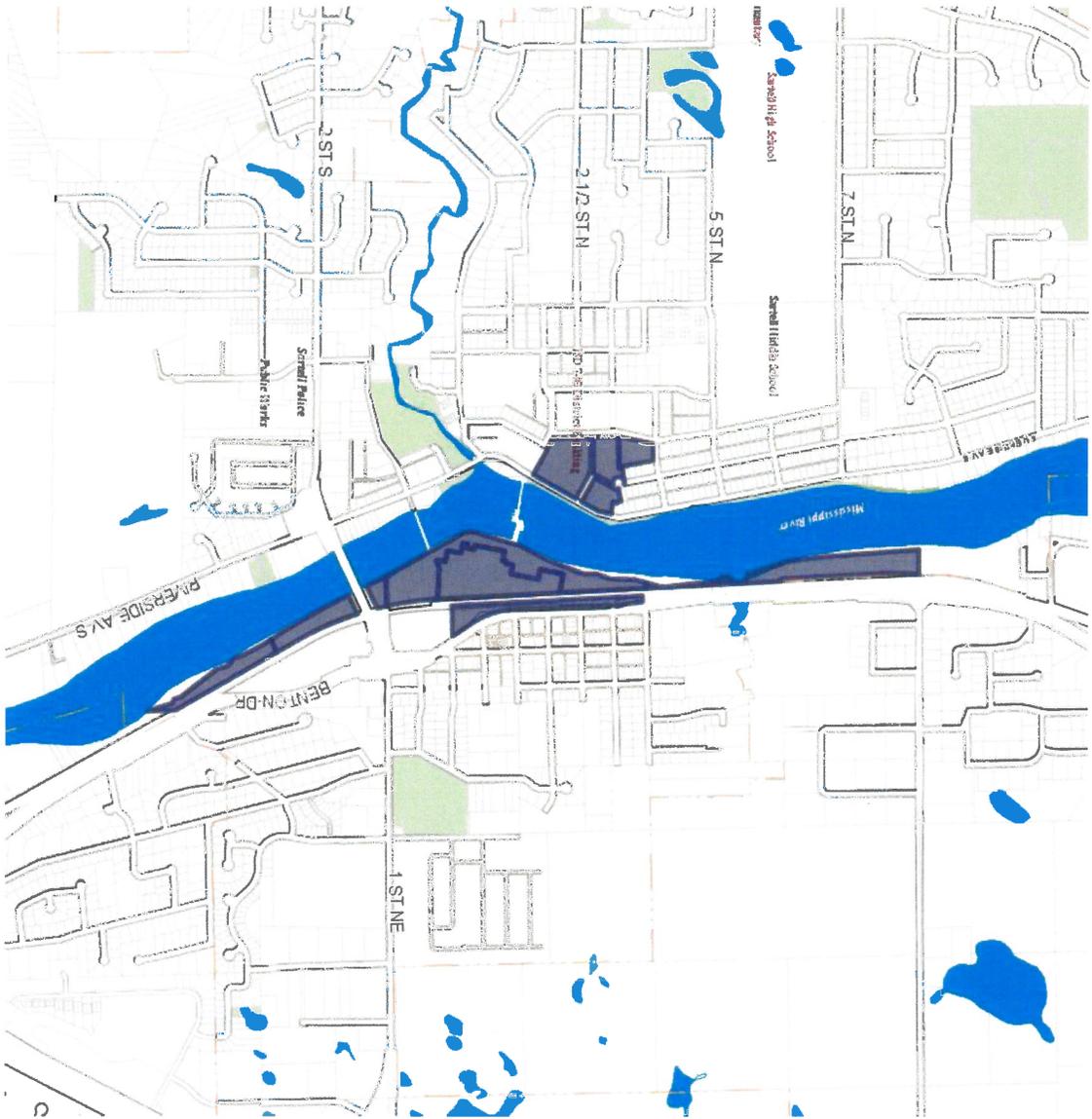
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARTELL, this 9th day of May 2016.

ATTEST: MAYOR

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

I-2 Heavy Industrial Properties – Sartell, MN

Exhibit A



SARTELL

Planning Commission

AGENDA

COVER MEMO

Originating Department Park Department	Meeting Date: May 25, 2016	Agenda Item No. 4
Agenda Section:	Item: 2015/2016 Comprehensive Plan Update - Changes, Updates, and Actions	

BACKGROUND:

Based on input and other circumstances, staff recommends the following changes:

Introductions

1. Add the Regional Active Living Advisory Group (RALAG) Regional Active Transportation Plan – November 2015
2. Adjust to reference that it is a 2016 plan (hopefully).
3. Add demographics (Appendix).

Communications and Engagement

1. Schedule a minimum of 2 joint meetings between the Commission and the Council per year to ensure the exchange of communication, priorities, goals and plans are discussed. (Text Change)
2. Create a specific branding strategy which capitalizes on the success of our students in our community. (Text Change)
3. Quarterly or semi-annual electronic newsletter to highlight what is going on in the City and Neighborhoods, could include decisions made by the Commission(s) and Council. (Text Change).
4. Create infographics and other communication pieces describing facts surrounding certain housing types, new developments, etc. (Text Change)
5. Goal 3 – Brand -
http://www.lmc.org/page/1/TempHCDwellings.jsp?utm_source=May+16+Bulletin-Cities&utm_campaign=Bulletin+5%2F16%2F16&utm_medium=email (Text Change)

Economic Development

1. Create a specific branding strategy which capitalizes on the success of our students in our community. (Text Change)
2. Include a chronological timeline of decisions and action items related to the downtown/town center concept (Appendix)
3. Review standards through a study and by a task force which reviews current standards and uses for vacant or underutilized heavy industrial areas (I-2) and require master plans for the development of any I-2 properties. The study could exclude existing operational businesses. (Interim Ordinance)
4. Ensure city policies promote a healthy quality of life. (Text Change)
5. Goal 1. Further describe “quality of life” to include health and wellness aspects of quality of life in that description. (Text Change)

Public Safety

No Changes Proposed

Planning

1. Monitor secondary and primary growth areas based on new community facility (school or otherwise) placement and propose adjustments as necessary. (Text Change)
2. Review the former paper mill property for a potential public use (some or all). (Interim Ordinance)
3. Unused land could be allowed to be used for agriculture/gardens. (Text Change)

Community Culture

1. Rephrasing Goal 5 to, "Become a healthy living community." Add continue to enhance Sartell as an active living community. (Text Change)
2. Adding Stearns and Benton County Public Health to the list of partners in Strategy 5.1. (Text Change)
3. Add "Ensure residents have access to healthy, locally-grown food" as a strategy. (Text Change)
4. Add "Ensure residents have access to health care facilities" as a strategy. (Text Change)
5. Add "Ensure residents have *access* clean air and tobacco-free common spaces" as a strategy (Text Change)

Transportation

No Changes Proposed

Parks and Open Space

1. Include findings created by the school district and the city relating to space and amenity needs (Appendix)
2. Include a chronological timeline of park plan adoption/amendments (Appendix)
3. Include the former paper mill property in a study for a review of uses, including any potential public use (Interim Ordinance)
4. Goal 4: The Regional Active Living Advisory Group (RALAG) we recommend adding as a partner for connections and trails. (Text Change)

Community Facilities

No Changes Proposed

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Public Input from Virtual Open House (with staff responses)
2. Public Input from PC Public Hearing (with staff responses)

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Discussion and a Recommendation on Comprehensive Plan

Question 1 What are your feelings about the following goals related to Communications and Engagement:

- While it is important to listen to the community, Sartell has a habit of listening/acting on ONE person in the community. If there is ONE complaint from ONE person, Sartell changes things. I think we need to look at the big picture instead of micromanaging to make ONE rich person happy. A "Sartell Brand"? The rich kids/parents in this community already think they are "entitled", why make it worse? Can you tell I am an old Sartell resident?
Unable to respond to the one person making and getting everything as it's simply not true, nor plausible. Sartell is proud of the many wonderful families spanning all economic backgrounds who choose to call Sartell their home.
- Commitment to community input
Addressed in the Communications Chapter.
- There are plenty of ways to engage with the City. Facebook, etc. I think the Council does a great job at giving opportunities for input - and i appreciate it. Just because people disagree with the outcomes, doesn't mean they do not have opportunities to be heard (i.e....the crazy people who think there's room to in the "center" of sartell to place a school or community center).
Addressed in the Communications Chapter.
- Any way to have some sort of newsletter to send out via email or mail. To highlight what's going on in the city and neighborhoods. It could be something quarterly or as there are updates.
Potential additional strategy in the Communications Chapter.
- There are opportunities to participate, but then the suggestions, when feasible, or supported by a large number of residents are actually put into action.
Addressed in the Communications Chapter.
- If there's a strong enough voice against a decision, it's best to reassess and get buy in rather than passing it through.
The plan should stress that all voices (strong, loud, small, quiet) have opportunities for input.
- Being more open and accountable for the taxpayer. City officials work for the taxpayer; decision-making should have input and not be assumed.
The Communications Chapter addresses this issue. We do try and diversify feedback opportunities. We appreciate the feedback. Popular opinion is one input, but decision makers also need to look at costs, conditions, local/state/federal rules, current and future community needs, and many other factors in making decisions.
- Clear, concise updates on city council decisions
Discussed as a strategy in the Communications Chapter.
- Remember, the type of person that fills out these forms are usually the morons that you would hate to have a conversation with in real life about anything, especially goal for Communication and Engagement.
Noted.
- Pool was on tax plan. Don't see it on any future plans. I would've vote no on bond and referendum. If I knew it was to be excluded. We need and family pool before a library. As we all thought. I'll be very Leary next time.
An outdoor pool is currently depicted as a future amenity on the Community Center site. it has not been excluded.

What are your feelings about the following goals related to Economic Development?

- I do have concerns about the large city buses that seem mostly empty while doing their routes. Would smaller buses be more efficient and economical?
Addressed under the Transportation Chapter.
- Costco, Lowe's, Trader Joes
Addressed under the Planning Chapter. The Comprehensive Plan provides for areas which are guided for Commercial in our Future Land Use Plan. Unfortunately, the City has no control over retail establishments decisions related to location and timing of construction. Sartell can only provide areas (commercially land) which will hopefully facilitate that type of retail growth. It is hoped that with continued residential growth and an identified town center area, that those retail uses may be more enticed to open stores in Sartell.
- It is very hard for small businesses to thrive in this community related to the tax base. Rent also is ridiculous in the "strip malls" that we have. I was very sad to see Paula's cafe go. What advantage is there to be a "jobs center"? What exactly would that be? Makes no sense.
Addressed under Economic Development and Planning Chapters. Being a jobs center creates traffic, employees and clients which in turn supports additional retail/restaurant growth. We also benefit from more jobs by those workers moving into our neighborhoods and raising their children here. We were also sad to see Paula's go, but the current restaurant in that location is fantastic too! The City is unable to control what people charge for rent in commercial areas.
- We do not need another park. Focus on strategic partnerships and an under saturated employment field.
Addressed under the Planning Chapter. The industrial parks depicted are part of a long-range growth plan. We will continue to work with our economic development partners to address the issues of low employment.
- WE NEED AN INDUSTRIAL PARK!!!! Service based businesses do not create wealth, they only move it around!!! These goals do not address any economic issues!!!
Addressed under the Planning Chapter. There are several hundred acres devoted to future industrial growth located in two areas within Sartell (along Highway 10 and south of the Police Station).
- Develop the land where the paper mill used to sit. Great opportunity to attract businesses if developed correctly, maybe a boardwalk along the river with a mix of retail, restaurants, and office buildings.
Addressed under the Economic Development Chapter (redevelopment). The paper mill property is currently privately owned. We are working with our strategic economic development partners to determine an appropriate reuse or development plan for the site which could attract a mix of uses, despite some of the on-site constraints (busy/fast rail line).
- Provide incentives for larger business to grow or invest in Sartell. Currently employment opportunities are mainly in St Cloud especially after the papermill closed. Merrill's wages are relatively low compared to employers such as Pan O' Gold and Golden Plump. No other major employers exist.
Addressed under the Economic Development Chapter.
- Town Square please!!!!
Addressed under the Planning Chapter. Since the establishment of the town square concept in the early 2000's, we have been looking for the opportunity to realize this goal and the Lake Francis improvements are phase one of the actualization of the town square!
- Create a business center that is more centralized.
Commercial areas (new and existing) are addressed under the Planning Chapter. We currently have businesses located along 2nd street South (if that is considered central). We are not advocating for the demolition of any existing businesses and/or homes to make way for additional businesses along this corridor.

- More commercial activity, especially restaurants!
*Addressed under the Planning Chapter.
We currently have lots of areas zoned and guided for commercial activity and restaurants. But we cannot control what retail comes in or on what timeframe.*
- More actual business and eateries in Sartell.
*Addressed under the Planning Chapter.
We currently have lots of areas zoned and guided for commercial activity and restaurants. But we cannot control what retail comes in or on what timeframe.*

What are your feelings about the following goals related to Public Safety

- Our police and fire department do a stellar job. The police department does a great job meeting with the folks in town as well as our youth.
Agreed and noted.
- Make sure the community pays the officers well. More street lights
Lighting addressed within the Transportation Chapter.
- Support of strong enforcement. Start with texting drivers.
Addressed within the Public Safety Chapter.
- we don't need any more roundabouts. they are not safe. They are costly...extra expense during cold months. they promote no use of turn signals...which is a ticket-able driving offense
Addressed within the Transportation Chapter.

We know people have strong preferences when it comes to intersection controls. Aside from moving traffic better, roundabouts reduce the number of crashes, especially severe crashes at the intersections where they are placed. We review each intersection individually and make determinations based on industry standards as to the most effective control (roundabout versus stoplights versus stop signs).

- Lighting! Install more street lights such as the 800 block of 10th Avenue. And encourage apartment owners to keep parking lots better lit and install camera's to deter theft. As well as cameras at all entrances in addition to the main entrance. Police generally can't prevent a crime, however, video surveillance is crucial evidence to ensure perpetrators are caught.
Addressed under the Transportation Chapter.
- Assess whether roundabouts add value in speeds under 45mph.
Addressed under the Transportation Chapter.
- The Sartell Police do not require an official Twitter.
Noted
- Roundabouts are a total joke!
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What are your feelings about the following goals related to Planning?

- feel like we are slowly being annexed into St. Cloud. The Community Center should be closer to the "heart" of Sartell. I would love to see it built on the Paper Mill site-it would have a historical significance.
*Annexation and future growth is addressed in the Planning Chapter.
The borders of Sartell and St. Cloud (along with Sartell and Sauk Rapids) currently do adjoin each other. The areas annexed into Sartell are areas located within LeSauk or Sauk Rapids Township (not the City of St. Cloud). We have been growing north, south, east and west.*
- LIBRARY!!!!!!! And by this I mean a branch of GRRL.
*Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.
Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.*
- "Gateway"? Really? I miss the "small town" feel that Sartell once had. Trying to compete with larger towns is getting us into trouble. Town Square? Best idea this town has had. Check out the town square concept that Greendale, Wisconsin has. It is a great hub for the small businesses that Sartell is lacking. It truly is a center hub for the town. Lifetime housing? People come/go for lots of reasons, rarely staying. The generation now goes where they can benefit the most, much like people flocking to MN for welfare benefits.
Noted. The City isn't trying to compete with larger towns per se. However, Sartell has had tremendous growth over the past few decades due in part to our neighborhoods and schools. We see that growth continuing. Much like you as a resident moved into Sartell at some point for some reason, we feel others have and will continue to do the same.
- The brand that Sartell needs to be is success. Apple does not cater to its customers, Apple builds innovation and the customers fall in love, not Apple falling in love with its customers
Noted.
- Create a strong diversified tax base, don't dump on homeowners as the only source of revenue. And no more lies like the Sam's club deal.
*Addressed in the Economic Development and Planning Chapters.
We hope with the economic development efforts and diversified land uses, we are able to continue the diversification of our tax base.*
- Need a state of the art library that accesses the book and other media exchanges from surrounding libraries.
*Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.
Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.*
- Focusing on a city center and embracing that we have a world famous River in our city would be great. We have little pockets of development scattered around the city instead of focusing on a city center. St. Joe and Sauk Rapids have it figured out, and I know families moving to those cities for that reason.
*Addressed in the Economic Development, Planning and Parks/Opens Spaces Chapters.
So much of the areas along the River are currently developed. We will continue to take the opportunities as they come, to explore ways to feature and enhance all three rivers in Sartell.*
- I hear a lot of concern over the multifamily building. I'm not sure i understand the concern. It's my understanding that it's a lot of elderly/seniors and milliners. Are we saying that we don't want those people in Sartell?
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
The City will welcome all ages into our community, the future land use plan hopes to address appropriate areas for apartments and other types of housing which meet everyone's needs.*
- Community center near center of town with a library branch
Noted. The Community Center will be located near Lake Francis, which is approx. 2 miles south of City Hall. Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.

- Please find a way to have more than 2 streets that go north/south & east/west through town. It is very difficult to get from one side of town to the other with the limited thru streets we have. Also can we make straight roads instead of having every new road have more curves than straight sections? People have had enough with the round-a-bouts also. Traffic signals are not a bad idea and would have been an option to at least try at Heritage and Pinecone before spending more money on a round-a-bout. The infrastructure for a traffic signal sat there for years without ever being implemented. When the new high school is built by Oak Ridge, 19th Ave will need to be extended to the north to be another connection to access both schools to alleviate pressure from Pinecone. But it was not designed as a main road based on how close the houses are to the road. It will be necessary for safety to have a wider road and another access route to the new school.
Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.
Our future transportation plan contemplates the extension of 19th Avenue North, along with several east/west connections in the northwest area of Sartell. Because of the topography (wetlands, rivers, etc) it is nearly impossible to have a true grid like street system in Sartell.
- To prepare for lifetime housing/living, by understanding and accommodating the needs of the younger people AND the older people.
Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
- Change one to read, "invest in a centralized town square. " if it's not centralized it will never be as great a success.
Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
The centralized part of Sartell is nearly completely developed. Staff is not advocating for the demolition of existing businesses or homes to build a town center. Instead, the town center has been a planning goal since 2003 and significant transportation and utility investments (both private and public) have been made to get closer to that goal being realized.
- Sartell needs to annex more township properties. Those developments built recently will overall degrade the community and not enhance it absent some uniform planning, infrastructure, and regulation. In addition, the council's continued approvals for high density housing will ultimately degrade quality of living in Sartell, and is already having that effect.
Addressed in the Planning Chapter. The City is in the process of creating factual infographics on the status of all housing types in Sartell.
- We have too many apartments. Stop with that type of development and focus on great single home dwellings.
Addressed in the Planning Chapter. The City is in the process of creating factual infographics on the status of all housing types in Sartell. The City will welcome all ages into our community, the future land use plan hopes to address appropriate areas for apartments, a reduction in overall density and other types of housing which meet everyone's needs.
- I have no idea what create and transform Sartell gateways means. Is that a fancy term for roads?
It means creating identifiable entrances to Sartell -- so that you know you are in Sartell. Some have found it difficult to distinguish from when they are driving from Sauk Rapids into Sartell (for instance), and felt having gateways (landscaping, signs, etc) would alleviate that confusion.
- Library!
Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.
Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.

Any comments about developments or concept plans since 2003?

- Maps too hard to see/read. Really, I have no doubt this has already been decided by the developers who are waving money in front of the people who make the decision.
All developers are required to abide by the future land use/transportation plans, along with all zoning and subdivision codes, while going through the appropriate development review process

(public hearings, etc). Suggesting that development is determined by developers waving money in front of decision makers is simply silly and not factual.

- If the new high school goes by oak ridge, you have to create an massive economic corridor between the end of morning star to the new school site. It makes no sense to have agri. in that area especially with all the traffic that will go via that route. Also improve the sholders on that route, as a former high schooler, they are not good drivers
Addressed in the Planning and Transportation Chapters.
The current plans call for low or very low density residential development of those properties. Until such time that the property owners want to sell their property for development, it will be left vacant or agricultural in use.
- **MISSING INDUSTRIAL PARK AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENT**
Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
There are several hundred acres devoted to future industrial growth located in two areas within Sartell (along Highway 10 and south of the Police Station).
- **Too many apartment buildings being built**
Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
The City is in the process of creating factual infographics on the status of all housing types in Sartell. The City will welcome all ages into our community, the future land use plan hopes to address appropriate areas for apartments, a reduction in overall density and other types of housing which meet everyone's needs.
- **Community center should be nearer to the dotted blue line**
The Community Center will be located near Lake Francis.
- **Trails & printing non-car transportation is fine, but realize it's a town of cars & commuters that require a more efficient road system than we have today. I've reviewed the state, county, city road descriptions but isn't fixed now we'll have the same reputation for terrible traffic that we (and St Cloud) do now. This will limit both industrial business and young/knowledge professional interest & attraction.**
Noted.
- **no more roundabouts**
Noted. Aside from moving traffic better, roundabouts reduce the number of crashes, especially severe crashes at the intersections where they are placed.
- **Interesting...i thought most growth was going north. Most of it's south.**
Yep!
- **The new high school should be located in the hypothetical center of Sartell.**
Noted. With the amount of land needed to accommodate a new high school, there are no options in the center of Sartell.
- **High density housing benefitted developers and political cronies, not the community.**
Addressed in the Planning Chapter. The City is in the process of creating factual infographics on the status of all housing types in Sartell. The City will welcome all ages into our community, the future land use plan hopes to address appropriate areas for apartments, a reduction in overall density and other types of housing which meet everyone's needs. The amount of apartment units being built is consistant with the amount of growth experienced in our single family development. Approximately 30% of our housing is considered multifamily. That is consistent with cities such as Edina and Minnetonka, and is considerably less than some of our neighboring communities such as St. Cloud and Waite Park.
- **The majority of the focus has been on the perimeter, or edge of Sartell. We should provide more focus to better develop the central area of Sartell to bring a downtown to the center -- not the edge**
Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
It's natural for suburban communities to grow out from the developed/center portions of the community. Downtowns do not have to be in the center of community to be considered successful (ie Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud, Maple Grove).
- **No**
Noted.

- Way too much spending on things that do NOT need to be updated, upgraded at yhe tax payers rpxense, especially the elderly
Without specifics -unable to comment other than to note that Sartell remains the lowest City tax rate among our neighboring cities
- Pool for all
Noted.

Any comments about the current future land use plan, constraints or opportunities?

- I might be biased, but I like the idea of changing the area located to the north of the “future” Roberts roadway going west as LDR (as currently proposed in the revised 2014 land use plan) vs. mixed use or MDR. This will allow Roberts Street to act as a buffer to the already existing LDR located in this immediate area. If MDR is really needed to south of future Roberts road it's appreciated to not extend the MDR to the north as you've already configured and thank you! In further review I'd ask why we need MDR to the south of future Roberts street. You'd now smash MDR between two larger LDR areas. There appears to be plenty of MDR to the north of Roberts Street.
We will review this comment and revise if there is consensus by the various commissions and Council.
- Make sure to curb the appt being built, it creates a strain on existing infrastructure without adding enough of an economic tax base per unit occupant
Addressed under Planning. We cannot stop high density housing as it is a desired housing choice for many people. We will continue to monitor the construction to ensure it is balanced with other forms of housing.
- Don't like encroaching on rural areas.
Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
- Stop jumping around to annex properties and then not providing adequate roads to places within the city...like the school to the north and BlackBerry
Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
- Expandable roadways that include arteries without roundabouts but have dedicated turn lanes with increased speed limits need to be incorporated into all plans.
Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.
- Do not cut down the woods areas by Avalon & Celebration any more, it is a peaceful area
Noted. Or does this really mean "I built my house and now no one else should build"?
- Please work with the youth softball association on finding permanent fields like baseball and soccer have for the girls to use for softball. Community Ed has a priority of use for the softball fields at the middle school and the softball association has grown to the point that we need to use those fields every night in the summer but do not have the opportunity. We need to work with the city to find an option to provide the same opportunities for softball.
Noted.
- Stop high density housing, do not approve more strip malls, look to other sustainable small cities for examples.
Addressed in the Planning Chapter. We cannot stop high density housing as it is a desired housing choice for many people. We will continue to monitor the construction to ensure it is balanced with other forms of housing.
- Fill in the existing pre-planned growth areas before you get a hard-on to develop more land that will sit vacant the next time we crash our global economy.
Addressed in the Planning Chapter. That desire is reflected in the need for primary and secondary growth areas.
- Planning to buy addituinsl acreage for a new high school when we already own plenty of acreage in the same area???? We do NOT need anymore parks. ENOUGH ALREADY.
The additional acreage for a new high school is not a city expense, but a school district expense. Comment regarding additional parkland is noted.
- Focus on developing a city center on Pine Cone near coborns/hop/usbank
Addressed in the Planning Chapter. That's what the town square goal is hoping to achieve!

What is your opinion on the proposed future land use plan

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See above.
- I don’t like apartments mixed in with neighborhoods, such as the ones in Victory, thus I am not in favor of that. Apartments are fine, but, leave them in separate areas (such as how Grandview is placed, or the ones on Pinecone & 7th). Would the rich people of Sartell like an apartment complex in their backyard? I don’t think so
Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
- The focus should be on the river, it is a key advantage. make your town a destination, and if that involves moving river road to the west do it since you are missing out on tax dollars
Addressed in the Community Culture Section (destination comment).
- Primary growth should be concentrated on either side of the river especially papermill area and not out on pinecone. Sartell was built around the river and both sides of the river will always be “Sartell” (mainstreet, if you want to call it that) to residents whom have lived here for more than 20 years.
Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
- Need industry, not just commercial. (Get input from a real economist!)
Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
- The paper mill property would make an excellent recreation area to embrace River.
Addressed in the Economic Development and Planning Chapter.
- The new high school should be more centrally located in the Sartell community.
Noted. With the amount of land needed to accommodate a new high school, there are no options in the center of Sartell.
- Looks fine, just want the city to watch the amount of apartment buildings it putting up.
Noted. Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
- Lower the high density development and focus on building great neighborhoods in varying price ranges.
Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
- How large do you forecast the population to be in the next 13 years?
- I think our parks and community access for athletics is a joke.
Noted.
- These proposed changes make sense, but are there plans for any parkland along the Mississippi River? Residents need to access our greatest asset, and removal of the docks on Riverside makes that harder.
Addressed in the Parks/Open Spaces, Economic Development and Planning Chapters.

What are your feelings about the following goals related to Community Culture

- Literacy. A branch of the GRRL.
Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.
- We need a real library.
Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.
- As far as to where a community center should be located, once again, it is being placed where the wealthy will be (Chateau Waters) which makes no sense. Sartell is once again listening to them, and not others in the community.
Noted.
- Sculptures do not add to a city. With the new community center get local bands or have a community theater form for performances. Do your own version of what St. Cloud does with Lake George in summer
Noted. Addressed in Community Culture, Parks/Open Spaces and Economic Development Chapters.
- Partner with schools which we already pay highly for.
Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.
- Add more sidewalks, bike paths, make the city more accessible to those would like to walk, run or bike for transportation.
Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.
- Support existing community events equally
Noted.
- developing safer paths for kids to commute to school via bike or walking, bridges or tunnels over or under pinecone and or other busy streets around our schools. Encourage families and neighborhoods to find alternate transportation modes of children to schools versus driving them.
Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.
- Get a Regional State-of-the-art-library.
Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.
- History & art, of the nature described, seem like they will have a lower return on investment and would be better pursued once the business sector is developed to help support the cost with their increased tax base. There're already family oriented activities & festivities, but to attract young/knowledge professional a more upscale 'downtown' culture/sector is needed.
Noted.
- incorporating local arts programming and venues with recreation and athletic activities is not going to get you an accurate measure of true interests. I support more local arts programming and venues but feels athletic arenas and fields have already been too much of a focus in our community. Both my kids and I are involved in athletics, but let's broaden our interests Sartell.
Noted. Addressed in the Community Culture and Economic Development Chapters.
- Along with more art, bring in more local music artists into the city to play shows. The summer shows at the park are a good start.
Addressed in the Community Culture and Parks/Open Spaces Chapters.
- Create a city beautification program.
Addressed in the Community Culture and Parks/Open Spaces Chapters.
- Bike and walking paths are nice and I would like to see those as a priority.
Addressed in the Transportation Chapter. And Noted ☺
- Sartell is so damn white. The racial makeup of the city is 95.5% White, 0.9% African American, 0.2% Native American, 1.5% Asian, 0.5%. You are just asking to offend people with our towns culture.
Noted.

- Public art - YES! Local arts programs and venues - YES! Family-oriented activities are not needed as a focus; most of the investment in Sartell facilities and events is already family focused. Let's build for new audiences.

Noted and addressed in the Community Culture and Economic Development Chapters.

What are your feelings about the following goals related to Parks and Open Spaces

- Love the trails part of why we bought our house. Super concerned about pedestrians at the round about on Pine Cone and 2nd. I've noticed that drivers only look to the left and not to the right at the crosswalk. My only idea at this point is a well marked crosswalk away from the intersection. Near the entrance to the hockey rink. That would allow pedestrians to cross from one side of the trail to the other with clear visibility.
Noted and addressed in the Transportation Chapter.
- Pulling from the Welcome to Sartell signs and Park Signs, we should highlight the many water crossings by redoing them in the same rock finish...this would go a long way with the Branding efforts.
Noted.
- We don't need a park in every housing development in the city. Look at the ones we have to maximize them. Just because someone wants something, doesn't mean the city needs to give into them, which has become a pattern for Sartell. Need garbage cans along the trails as there is garbage everywhere. Make this a priority
Noted. Addressed in the Parks/Open Spaces Chapter.
- You need a new strong young economic base, and as your report notes they enjoy evening activities ie club, dinner. Tech cities are the goal and parks create more family then a young single tech feel
Noted. Could be further clarified in the Economic Development and Parks Chapters.
- More trails should exist to connect and expand the northeast side. Many improvements and expansion is only done on the north side of the river. It should connect and be ONE.
Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.
- The parks and trail system is nice. But if there is not a safe way to get to the parks and/or trail system unless you drive a vehicle to them.
Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.
- Not just a Sartell issue, however it would be nice to connect Sartell trails with Lake Wobegon trail. Connecting trail on 19 to Wobegon with a trail along 133?
Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.
- Remove signs at local swimming areas that say they are for local residents only, such as the one in the Northern higher income area. Sartell has a reputation of being "elitist". It's ine thing to have pride in your city. It's another to come off as snobbish, especially towards other areas of your own city.
We will review our parks signs, especially where there are public pools. There is a private/neighborhood pool in the Wilds Development which the City does not own, maintain or operate.
- Improve existing parks.
Addressed in the Parks Chapter.
- Would be good if the trail on 19th Ave N went all the way through the roundabout. To provide a safe route on the narrow part of the South side of 19th. Too many times runners and bicyclists are on the road and it feels unsafe because of how narrow the road is.
Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.
- Need to develop more fields for both youth and recreational adult play (coordinate with the school district) as well as continue to build other outdoor amenities - skate park, climbing wall, develop lake Francis (see bigger, better lake George), baseball fields, basketball courts. What about a cool "shelter" at a park like Pinecone Central Park that includes playground, recreational fields, tennis courts, basketball - an all-in one area that can be utilized by families and kids

during soccer and baseball games but would also be a prime area, desired by families/community to reserve for great outdoor events.

Addressed in the Community Facilities and Parks Chapters.

- Nothing missed. Just need to make our river access a priority. Leverage the river to make it more of a focal point for presenting our culture and history.
Noted.
- I like to walk my dog in the Sauk River park and cross the bridge over to the Whitney dog park on the days my eyeballs wont freeze off my face. Good job to who ever planned that one out. I love that park.
Thanks ☺
- More money needs to be spent on activities that our youth participates in. Hockey and baseball fields should be a priority. Champion Fields playing surface is not safe. The arena needs to expand parking. More fields could be added at Pinecone Park. An athletic field house would be a community asset.
Noted. Addressed in the Parks Chapter.

What is your opinion of our current Parks and Open Spaces?

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- South Sartell is in need of parks. I think with the addition of the community center this might do it if we have an outdoor play area?
Addressed in the Parks Chapter. Play area noted.
 - Stop trying to please everyone. Taxes are high enough & people want more, but they don't realize it needs to be paid for someday.
Noted.
 - End the Park expansion, and focus what will bring talent into the city. The type of talent to bring sartell to the next level has not come and sartell has invested in parks. It is an investment with the wrong type of return
Noted.
 - Our trial network is a very important part of Sartell. It is vital to giving us the community/healthy feel we embrace.
Noted.
 - More to connect the northeast side.
Addressed in the Parks and Transportation Chapters.
 - Maybe a splash park?
Noted.
 - We could use more swim/splash parks!!!
Noted.
 - Add small community parks to neighborhoods, making these areas more accessible to the community.
Addressed in the Parks Chapter.
 - Our parks are great and spaced nicely throughout the community but we don't seem to be prioritizing the maintainance of the parks. We need to take care of what we have before we buy or develops more land for parks...exactly what makes the Pinecone regional park a "park"...is the city ever going to get around to developing the area around the Bernick's arena??
Noted.
 - Not sure we need more trails in the residential areas there are enough with sidewalks
Noted.
 - Light the trails. Some areas are kind of scary to walk on at night.
Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.
 - Need to finish some trails that look like they are started. Would he good to have a trail on 133 by the new roundabouts to keep people off the roads.
Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.

- Continue to develop the trail system. This aspect of Sartell is the envy of surrounding communities. This is as much an identity of Sartell as anything. NEVER skimp on this area!
Noted.
- Parks need to be more than recreational facilities for disc golf. Maintain some parks with natural woods and landscapes with trails for walking. Quit letting unrestrained cutting of firewood in parks with no planning on effects or goals.
Noted.
- Only add parks to the extent that city maintenance can keep up with them. That has been woefully lacking for years
Noted.
- Update current parks before adding parks. The Watab Park parking lot is not paved. The parking at Northside Park while a baseball game is in progress leaves very little spaces open for other use. The small city parks are ok if you have a small child and are looking for a playground. Other city parks have very little to attract citizens to them.
Noted and addressed in Parks Chapter.
- Improve the ones we have too. Hire more of the kids home from college cheap to paint fix up the ones we have and make them better. The parks and the kids.
Addressed in the Parks Chapter.
- Trails are a waste of tax payer money.
Noted.
- In fact we have too many!!!!!!
Noted.
- The Mississippi River - it's on the city's signs, but it's no focus. It needs to be. Parkland!!
Noted.
- We have enough
Noted.

What are your feelings about the following goals related to Transportation?:

- pedestrian crossings. Correct lights where you have to cross grass in order to push the walk button for accessibility.
Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.
- The additional landscaping is a complete waste of time and money. As these areas are not regularly landscaped, weed over take these areas and become an eyesore. Don't bother. All the extra lights cost \$. When 2.5 street was updated, there were 6 streetlights, now there are 35. This is a great example of uncontrolled local government spending for some perceived value, I don't know what this is....
Noted.
- I have read about all the "engineers" & "landscaper" that the city in hiring to help with planning of landscaping of the city. Really? I have no doubt that we have very competent people on staff with the city who could do this. With all this, comes upkeep, which, NEVER seems to be taken into consideration. Putting trees on a roundabout is ridiculous. It is great right now that you can see the entire roundabout when you are in it. Trees? I believe this would be safety. What is wrong with grass? Looks should not trump safety. The roundabout that is west of Victory on 6th is one of the best. The lighting is wonderful & you can see everything. Can we think about practicality for a change?
Noted. Addressed in the Planning, Parks, Economic Development and Community Culture Chapters.
- Get the North Star to St cloud, then develop Sartell as a desination
Addressed in Transportation Chapter.

- SAFETY. Maintain well what we have and then look to future growth. Forget "pretty" - if you aren't maintaining the basics pretty will turn to ugly fast.
Noted.
- Put more roundabouts on pine cone. The intersection of pine cone and 2 1/2 is horrible during heavy traffic times. That intersection should have been made into a roundabout when it was redone in 2015
Addressed in Transportation Chapter.
- Enough with the roundabouts! Build an appropriate road to the north of town.
Noted. Addressed in Transportation Chapter.
- No more roundabouts! ENOUGH!
Noted.
- Make arterial roadway improvements & expansion a priority over trails & alternative transportation. Require expandable transportation that can tie into existing systems for all future development. Expand current arterial roadways lanes & speed limits to match the the increased traffic volume. (Ex: increase speed limit on county road 1 & add turn/by-pass lanes & re-purpose the north/west right turn lane at its intersection with Heritage into a bypass lane as is in place on westbound Hwy 23 outside Richmond).
Noted. Addressed in Transportation Chapter.
- Increase public transportation especially during higher traffic times. Public busses don't start until 7:00am. There are a large number of jobs that start at 6:00am, including Merrill in Sartell. Which Merrill's starting wages are only \$12/hr. Hardly feasible for even a single childless person to afford a vehicle.
Noted.
- Make transportation safe for pedestrians and bicyclists.
Addressed in Transportation Chapter.
- Love the roundabouts. Just wish people wouldn't fly through them as though they didn't exist.
Noted.
- Make sure long term growth and needs are properly considered when rebuilding current roads. Let's be forward thinking and not be a "band-aid" community when it comes to road maintenance.
Addressed in Transportation Chapter.
- I question whether we need bus service, it appears they are almost empty.
Noted.
- Pull weeds hanging over curbs along Pinecone Road to make it more attractive.
Addressed in Transportation Chapter.
- Avoid construction of inadequate roadways such as Central Park BLVD, 1st Street South (by Bernicks Ice Arena) and 19th Ave North (from 2 1/2 Street to 11th Street). These roads are too narrow for their purpose. Two of these do not have curb and gutter. Its frustrating to hear the city talk about future goals when we could be making improvements today. The Pinecone Road update is nice, but again future planning was set aside to save money today. I see no added right turn lanes to the side streets. Every time we pass on doing the right thing now, means the cost will be more in the future.
Noted. Addressed in Transportation Chapter.
- Who ever is deeply in debt to who makes roundabouts and must change all existing intersections now into roundabouts must be found and removed from decision making. The roads are great unless you're a 8-5 drone, then the roads are an over-congested mess that needs to be expanded and repaired to a comical level.
Noted.
- The roundabouts in Minnesota are a joke. We'll soon be ripping them out and placing lights.
Noted. The same thing was said about left turn arrows back in the day (joke part).
- You sure did. Seems like all you're interested in is sidewalks and walkways. I drive pine cone road every day and every time i read about you spending millions on everything but pine cone road north it disgusts me. It is UNSAFE!
Addressed in Transportation Chapter.

What is your opinion on the proposed transportation plan?

- Most of the proposals seem to be for future development which is fine But I think connecting 50th to 4th Ave S. and finishing the little jog by Victory for traveling west will help with the commuter traffic and should be done as soon as possible.
Noted.
- They for practical purposes are not prudent choices. There are areas where funds should be spent elsewhere
Noted.
- The plan looks good, but it could be better. Better road ways and traffic management is a must. Pine cone road and river road are two road that can be difficult to when traffickers is heavy. Especially the south end of River Road
Addressed in Transportation Chapter.
- Isn't realistic due to the nature of the soil conditions here
Noted.
- Might need another river crossing farther North, particularly if the High School goes near Oak Ridge Elementary . . .
Noted.
- There're still significant distances between arteries that include eventual dead ends. North/south for the area immediately west of the river still revolves around the river road which isn't suited to be an artery due to reduced speed limit & lack of turn/bypass lanes.
Addressed in Transportation Chapter.
- no more roundabouts
Noted.
- Additional bridge connecting to Benton Drive from Norther Riverside Ave to reduce traffic from people that commute to Sauk Rapids/St Cloud.
Noted.
- The roundabouts are excellent for motorists but scary for pedestrians.
Noted.
- Please find ways to make more through north/south & east/west connections so there are more options to easily get through town. The construction on Pinecone last summer showed the lack of options to move easily thru town
Addressed in Transportation Chapter.
- Undecided
- We are still lacking another north/south connector road. unfortunately it may be too late to fix this problem
Addressed in Transportation Chapter.
- Connect 4th ave S to Heritage first.
Noted.
- I think the 4th Ave. S. Connection to Heritage Drive should be a priority.
Noted.
- Focus on traditional intersections, no more roundabouts.
Addressed in Transportation Chapter.

What are your feelings about the following goals related to Sustainability?:

- Protecting water is a hard one isn't it? As a resident who's sump pump may pump all winter I realize this contributes to run off from my lawn fertilizer etc. What to do? There must be other communities that have dealt with the water issues that Sartell has. I get concerned about the standing water in yards and roads from sump pumps and mosquitoes. I support the concepts of

- community gardens, front yard gardens, harvesting rain water(ump pump water) for other uses, clotheslines, and farmer's markets.
- Tree planting is great, just not on a roundabout. If you are to be successful with composting, etc., need to have multiple locations for the residents.
Noted.
- CSR is dead, read Porter and Kramer Creating Shared Value, trust me these partnerships are superficial at best
- Treat our retention ponds like nature habitats
To the extent that we can, we will. However, the ponds have a job to do – and that is to remove sediment before going into the actual natural habitats. At times, that sediment has to be removed, thereby disturbing the pond.
- With annexing, try to eliminate where one votes for the City Council, but also votes for the St. Cloud School District. A Sartell address should give rights to vote for Sartell City Council and the Sartell School Board. Build the Community Center on Sartell land and don't have it where the votes or partial monies go for the St. Cloud School District.
The City is unable to change school boundary lines. The City currently has three different school districts within the municipal boundary. The Community Center will be built in Sartell and City buildings are tax exempt so no monies go to the St. Cloud School District from any City-owned building
- City water is undrinkable and destroys faucets, coffee makers and refrigerators with mineral build up. It has a bad taste. Having to use bottled water to make coffee, tea and other beverages is unacceptable.
Noted.
- Don't dump too much crap into the rivers and try not to be a leader in "green energy." Just look south at a worthless windmill that blocks more solar energy from hitting the ground than what it produces. If we get a huge grand then so be it, but we are better off improving the schools and investing in the children then trying to be a carbon offsetting community. I would rather we just plant some more trees.

What are your feelings about the following goals related to Community Facilities?:

- GRRL branch.
Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter. Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.
- Reassess where community center is to be. Stop listening to the wealthy of the community. I know they are not used to being told "no", but you have to start somewhere
Noted.
- Must be thoroughly justified and not redundant to other spaces, including private, providing similar services.
- A LIBRARY
Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter. Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.
- Don't waste time & money on a library and/or other cost intensive ventures before addressing existing infrastructure needs (ex: the landscaping by the community building next to pine cone south of 2 1/2 street when north pine cone needs re-surfacing & turn/bypass lanes).
Noted.
- I like the location of the community center. it makes sense. I was NOT in favor of stuffing it in the "center" of town. What business did people want to take out in order for that to occur? duh.
Noted
- No library is needed!
Addressed in the Community Facilities chapter. Many people have voiced an opinion for the need of a library or library services. Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.

- Missed a huge opportunity with not partnering with the schools on the community center. Location of the center was total pandering to <<<<>>>. Can't tell me it was unworkable <<<>>> introduced themselves to one another in September of 2015. It was absolutely shameful that our two government entities could not work together on this.
No pandering took place. We are and will continue to partner with the Sartell School district on various items, including the community center. See Council agenda packets for more information, including a detailed memo from the City and School architects who reviewed opportunities for the City and School sharing a site for School & Community Center, and why it was not recommended.
- I voted "I Agree" with the second question: Ensure high quality and effective public safety, education and civic services. I am all for supporting the police, fire and schools. I am not sure I am on board with the city needing a library. I wish these were not lumped together.
Noted.
- I sure do hope we can build a \$17 million library so I can go see a llama in person with my kids, twice. Also, it is nice to use a bathroom to wash my hands of llama smell and see a homeless person washing their underwear in the sink next to me while I do so. That was a fun activity. I hope we can bring that sort of excitement to Sartell.
I appreciate your humor. Llamas are conical to watch, but goats are a riot to hang out with.
- Spend some money on the YOUTH!!!!
Noted.
- Solicit creative funding resources???? If you mean tax us to death, or shove another referendum or bond down our throats? Then you are succeeding.
Creative funding sources include seeking grants, federal and state dollars, crowdfunding, etc. The City has not proposed or seeking a referendum or bond for any improvements.
- Love the Community Center location - makes a lot of sense! High School location (new one proposed) is in the middle of nowhere.
Noted.

Any parting thoughts or words of wisdom you would like to share to improve the City's Comprehensive Plan?

- When we moved to the area, I researched the surrounding communities online and chose Sartell because there was a visible comprehensive plan on the website. Might not mean anything to some but meant a lot to us. Sort of like a retirement plan. Reminds me: Attract more retirees.
Means a lot to us! Might be my favorite comment to date...ever!
- Government is not in the business to fix everything...
Agreed and noted.
- Shouldn't it be the 2016 Plan?
Yep! We must have lost track of time...
- Sartell needs to stop trying to please everyone. Listening to workers of the city might be a good place to start as what the residents want, may not be a good idea. Stop letting the wealthy run this town.
Not sure I totally understood, but noted.
- Get the North Star to St. Cloud, then develop Sartell as a destination, there are alternatives methods of transporting people cheaply from one place to another that can be done creatively. mini scale the vegas to So Cal project. Look it up
Addressed in the Transportation Plan. Will review alternative methods as suggested.
- Include industrial park and focus on high quality BASIC SERVICES. Stick to basic government and get that right.
Noted. Addressed in the Planning Chapter.
- Finish it already!!
Believe me...we agree.
- Build a State-of-the-art Regional Library
Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.

Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.

- Sartell was a small town but it's recent and planned growth is changing that. If we cling to that or avoid changes because of it we'll continue to lose out to other local communities like Sauk Rapids & St Joe who are becoming more desirable to new/local businesses & young professions & families.

Noted.

- no more roundabouts

Noted.

- Stop tearing down the wooded areas for homes we are losing all the beauty of nature. There is TONS of wildlife in the woods north of Avalon and we need to allow them to be preserved or allow current residents the ability to know who owns this land to purchase it to protect all the deer we see daily! Stop taking away nature

Noted. We often hear this concern over privately owned property and that people often want us to stop development after their house has been built. Properties are treated fairly as far as greenspace requirements and environmentally sensitive areas.

- It sucks that a few people (library folks) have turned the city into a fighting ground (perceived). We live in a lovely community and we are blessed with all that we have. People forget the problems most cities our size have...libraries and pools (or lack of) aren't serious problems. Fighting over how to spend \$10 million...seems stupid. No wonder other communities make fun of us... But in all seriousness...i love Sartell. I came here because of my grandkids....and i plan on staying here for a long time.

Noted. Glad you love Sartell!

- Don't waste money on building Community Center, Senior Center, Library, etc. that are all readily available just a couple of miles away in St. Cloud. Coordinate use of St. Cloud facilities already available. Use Sartell public funds to buy Mill Property to develop as the most desirable urban/riverfront multi-use park in central MN--use of which can be shared with SC and other local communities. There is only one Mississippi River. The river is the most important feature of Sartell. Embrace it. Don't waste this opportunity like SC has wasted so much of its riverfront. This is a limited opportunity and when it's gone it's gone and it will be many years (if ever) that there will be another opportunity like this. Even if the city cannot afford to fully develop now--grab the property and hold on to it for future park development.

Noted. Addressed in the Planning and Economic Development Chapter. May warrant additional discussion regarding using public funds to buy private property (mill property).

- Reduce traffic on Pinecone Road.

Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.

- Rethink the community center location. You have to invest in pinecone north if the school bond passes, this would be the time to right a wrong

Noted.

- Thank you for putting in the time and effort to make our city a better place. I felt this survey had some difficult questions to answer. I read the chapters and felt a few goals had items I was interested in, and the same question had items I was not interested in. It is hard to get a feel of what the community wants if a large number of items are lumped together.

Thank you for thanking! Obtaining input on such a large document, can be daunting.

- This town has little to no actual personality. It is houses and a hospital. Either make it the prettiest damn town around or make it so the schools get even better than the ones surrounding us.

Sartell does not have a hospital. But your comments are noted.

- I feel the Sartell City Council needs new blood...., and fast. They're going to drive us all so far into debt with their entitled ideas. This group has no interest in representing the elderly in this community who have lived here longer than they have been on this planet and I see no future for us in this city. They are all about me, me, and me.

Elections are held regularly. There will be two open seats in the 2016 elections -- consider running for office!

- Looks good. Keep up the good (and challenging) work.

Thanks!

Planning Commission Public Hearing – Comprehensive Plan – March 7, 2016
Testimony and Staff Responses

1. Voiced objections to the Comprehensive Plans not comprehensive or realistic regarding implementation.

Staff and the Planning Commission (who is the advisory body overseeing the development of this plan) believe it is a comprehensive and realistic plan.

2. Needing resident survey

Performance survey is conducted yearly, in addition to the comprehensive plan input methods outlined in #3.

3. Not enough community input.

Community Input Plan approved by the Planning Commission.

Blended Input Approach

-Included Open Houses, City Events, Internet Survey (Jan 2014), media, focus groups, geographic focus areas, Virtual Open House (2016)

-100's of people have provided input for the past 1.5 years.

-Some residents have provided input 5+ times.

-Used yearly performance survey (and comments).

4. Virtual Open House not an adequate form of input.

Virtual Open House is a legitimate form of modern civic engagement. There is a significant amount of scholarly research which describes the benefits of a blended approach to civic engagement and participation.

5. Need to tie goals to a financial plan.

The strategies are tied to the financial management plan reviewed and adopted by the City Council each year. Like many communities, we do not adopt the Comprehensive Plan yearly to account for changes in the financial management plan or change in priorities from year to year.

6. Feels there should be a preamble as what Sartell will look like in the next ten years.

The goal of the overall plan was a succinct document which layouts out nine balanced principals, goals and strategies. A preamble is a redundancy of the document.

7. The plan should include a GRRL Branch Library.

It does.

Strategy 2.3, Community Facilities - The City is served by the Great River Regional Library System. There are no library branches located within City limits; however there are libraries nearby in St. Cloud and Waite Park. There is a strong desire by many residents to enhanced GRRL library services within the community as it would be a valuable asset for Sartell's existing and future residents. Sartell will continue to work with GRRL to monitor and identify the options for future library services.

8. Concern over the lack of GRRL library services in Sartell.

That is a concern that can only be resolved with GRRL and after the GRRL completes its assessment plan.

9. City is ignoring the requests of library advocates.

Library advocates have had many opportunities to have their voices heard and there isn't been one instance where any Commissions or the Council had refused to allow people on this subject to speak during public hearings, during input sessions or during open forums. The City cannot ignore the request of GRRL which have requested time for them to complete their assessment of services.

10. Funding for the library is not indicated in the plan.

Not applicable to the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is not a financial management plan. Allocated funding sources would not be depicted in this plan. Similarly, roads, parks, and other community facilities such as a new public safety facility do not have allocated funding sources depicted in the Comprehensive Plan.

11. Believes that libraries are not dying and are needed.

No one disagrees with that.

12. Disappointed that the Council vote down and didn't pursue meeting and showing Mark B and Executive Director the site.

Not applicable to the Comprehensive Plan.

But because the testimony is not factual I have included the minutes from that Council meeting:

Council Minutes 11/23/15
Council member Hennes suggested to Mark that the Board meet with the Council and review the plans. Council member Braig-Lindstrom was opposed to that type of meeting because she felt it may aggravate the situation.

Commissioner Bromenschenkel thought it would be beneficial for GRRL Board members to see the community center plans. Council member Hennes recommended Council and staff sit down with GRRL and talk about the community center plans as well as the City's growth information. Braig-Lindstrom was opposed to presenting those plans to GRRL Board members in case it aggravated the situation, and she suggested an amended motion to include a statement that we won't present GRRL with the community center information. Hennes withdrew his recommendation, so no amendment to Mayor Nicoll's motion was needed since the motion did not include anything about presenting more information to GRRL. **UPON VOTE BEING TAKEN, THE FOLLOWING VOTED:**
AYE: MAYOR NICOLL, COUNCIL MEMBERS LYNCH, HENNES, BRAIG LINDSTROM
NAY: COUNCIL MEMBER PETERSON
MOTION CARRIED

13. Secondary growth area around the new high school will need to be changed to a primary growth area because of the amount of growth that will occur as a result of that new facility.

Staff has presented the Plan to the School Board along with having a number of conversations regarding the proposed school location. The District has indicated that they do not disagree with the growth areas as depicted.

14. Should use the schools more in the promotion and branding of our community.

We currently do include the promotion of the school's performance in our branding efforts. Could do more, as so long as we stay fair and respectful of those residents that live in our community but do not go to the Sartell school district (Sauk Rapids/St. Cloud).

15. We need a library (provides the Commission with a copy of a city website page describing the community center master plan from 2008).

Strategy 2.3, Community Facilities

The web page was outdated (from 2008) and should be considered misleading and not current information. Pinecone Regional Park has had a revised master plan which identified more parking and a large building with no distinct uses proposed. (recommended by Park Commission and adopted in 2009 by Council). Planning Commission and Council also approved a CUP for an expansion of parking spaces on the property (2016).

16. Disagrees with the location of the community center.

Public facilities, including the Community Center are allowed uses in most land use categories. There has been such substantial effort made over the past decade to include community amenities as anchors in the town square area, it might help the Planning Commission to look at some past records, if requested by the Commission. There are many instances of this location being discussed and supported for community facilities by past Councils.

17. Questions the spending of \$13.5 million dollars and would like to know specifically what is included in the \$13.5 million expenditures.

Not applicable to the Comprehensive Plan.

18. Objects to \$2.5 million going to the ice arena.

Not applicable to the Comprehensive Plan. However, this is also misinformation.

19. Questions the need for doubling up on the gym space at the community center when we are building a new high school.

Not applicable to the Comprehensive Plan directly. But the draft plan does encourage collaboration with our partners, including all three school districts. However, there's a joint memo which was released in early 2016 from the School and the City explaining the gym use needs and that there is no duplication.

20. Library should be in the center of the community.

Public facilities, including the Community Center are allowed use in most land use categories. However, the Council reviewed sites which include areas nearer the center of the community. They were neither cost effective, land was not for sale or the site had too many physical constraints to make it a practical location for a community center and/or library. See also #16.

21. Commented that the perception of the community is that we are getting a library and GRRL programming services at the community center. People are going to be upset when they find out it is not occurring.

Not applicable to the Comprehensive Plan.

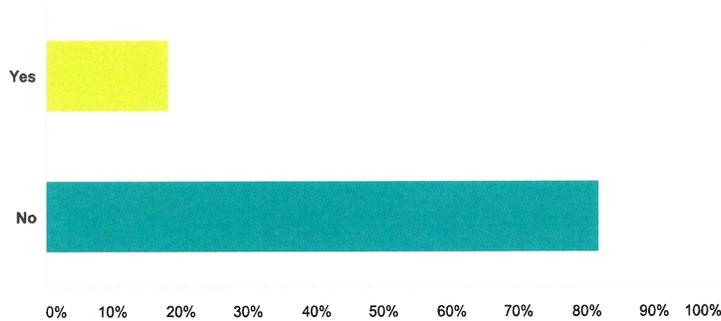
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PARK COMMISSION

Originating Department: Planning Department	Meeting Date: March 23rd, 2016	Agenda Item No. 5
Agenda Section:	Item: Eastside Park Survey	
<p>Background: Attached in your packets are the results of the East Sartell Park Survey. The city received 79 individual responses from this survey. The feedback along with Park Commission's recommendations will help the city plan for improvements to these parks by adding projects to the city's financial management plan.</p> <p>Attachments: 1. Survey results</p> <p>Action Requested: Staff is requesting discussion on the results of the survey and is looking for recommendations from the Park Commission.</p>		

Q1 Do you live within Neighborhood 4 as seen in the map below (You do not have to live within Neighborhood 4 to take the survey)?

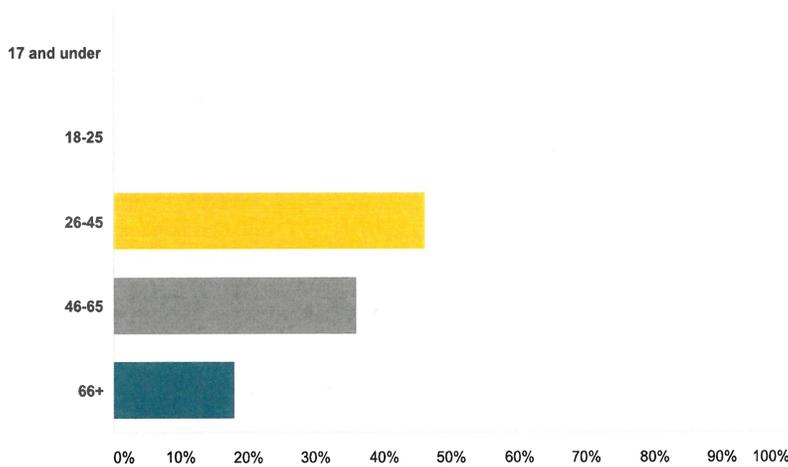
Answered: 77 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	18.18%	14
No	81.82%	63
Total		77

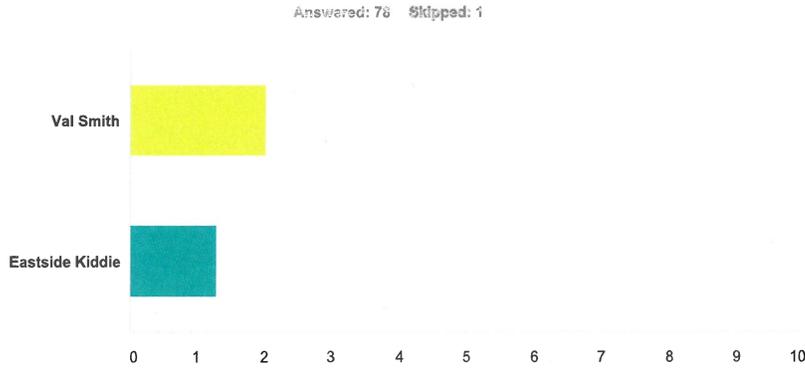
Q2 What age group are you in?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
17 and under	0.00%	0
18-25	0.00%	0
26-45	46.15%	36
46-65	35.90%	28
66+	17.95%	14
Total		78

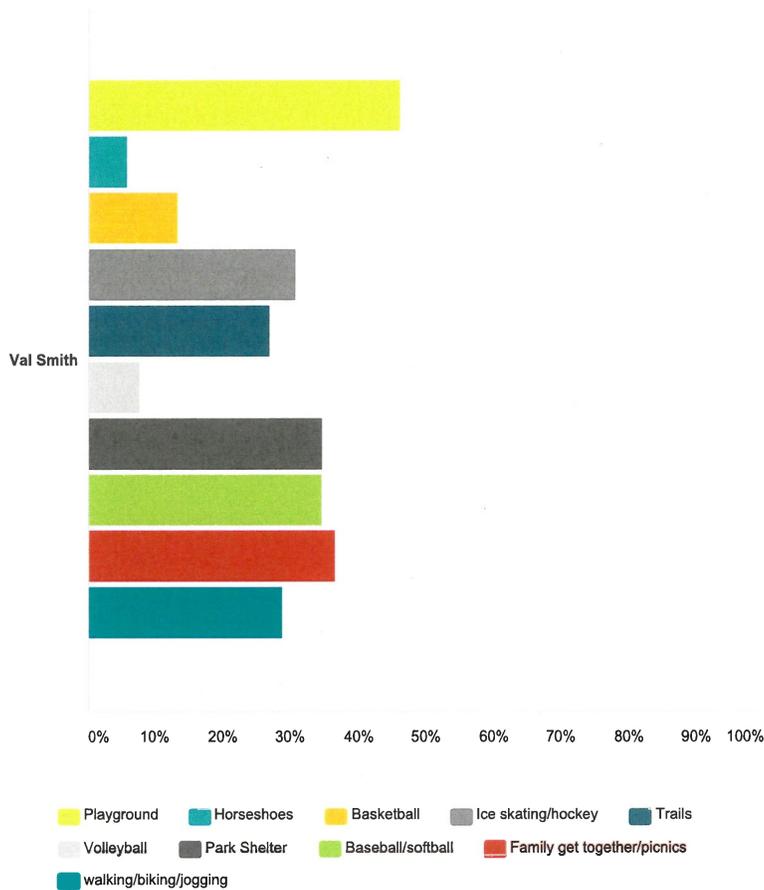
Q3 How often do you visit the following parks?



	Never	Few times during the year	Once a month	More than once a month	Weekly	Total	Weighted Average
Val Smith	33.33% 26	53.85% 42	1.28% 1	0.00% 0	11.54% 9	78	2.03
Eastside Kiddie	76.71% 56	20.55% 15	1.37% 1	0.00% 0	1.37% 1	73	1.29

Q4 What are some reasons that bring you to Val Smith park and which amenities do you use? Please mark all that apply.

Answered: 52 Skipped: 27

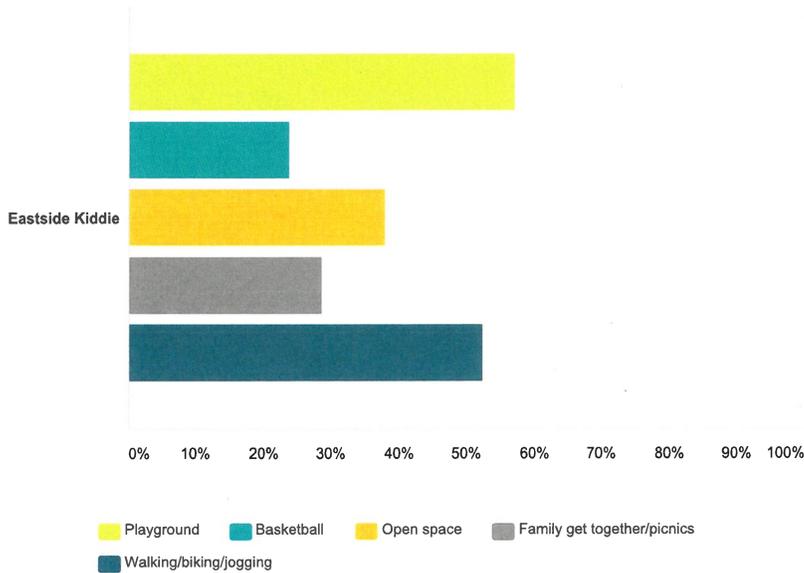


Playground	Horseshoes	Basketball	Ice skating/hockey	Trails	Volleyball	Park Shelter	Baseball/softball	Family get together/picnics	walking/biking/jogging	Total Respondents
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Val Smith	46.15%	5.77%	13.46%	30.77%	26.92%	7.69%	34.62%	34.62%	36.54%	28.85%	52
Eastside Kiddie	24	3	7	16	14	4	18	18	19	15	

Q5 What are some reasons that bring you to Eastside Kiddie park and which amenities do you use? Please mark all that apply.

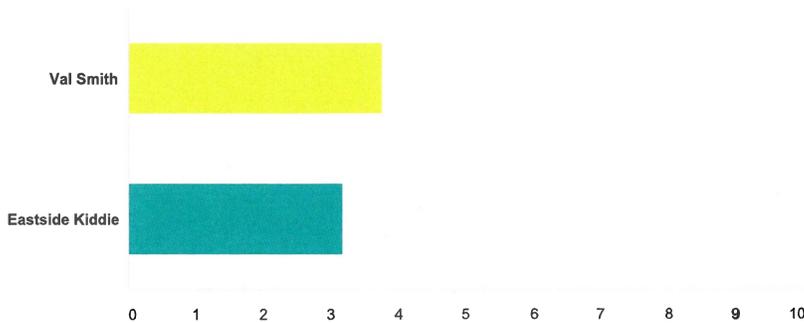
Answered: 21 Skipped: 56



	Playground	Basketball	Open space	Family get together/picnics	Walking/biking/jogging	Total Respondents
Eastside Kiddie	57.14%	23.81%	38.10%	28.57%	52.38%	21
	12	5	8	6	11	

Q6 Please rate your happiness with the amenities offered at each park (1 being very unhappy and 5 being very happy)

Answered: 56 Skipped: 23

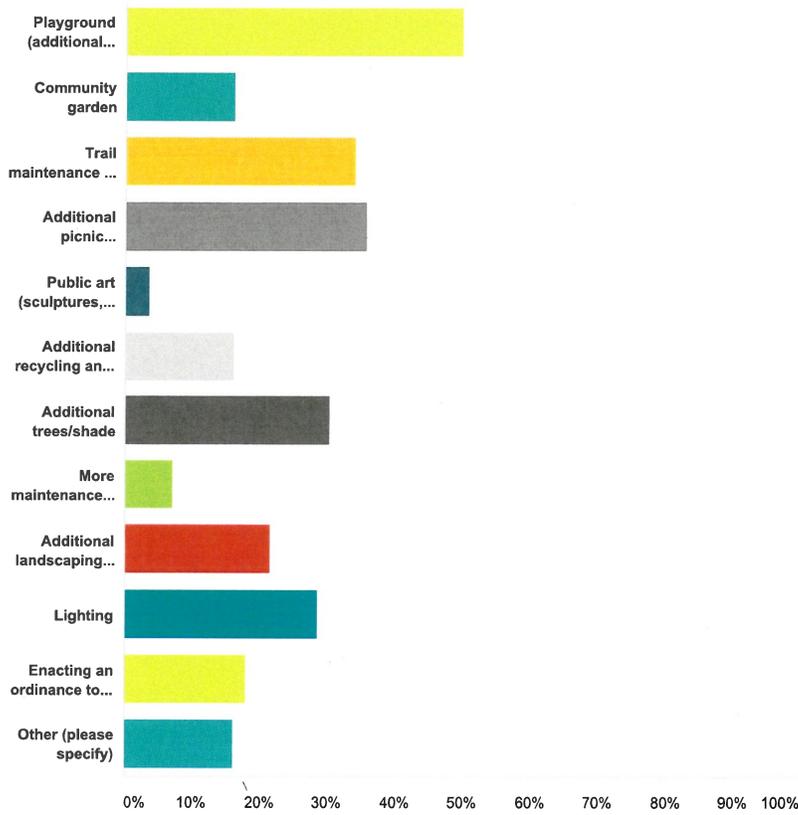


	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Weighted Average
Val Smith	1.79%	10.71%	25.00%	35.71%	26.79%	56	3.75
	1	6	14	20	15		
Eastside Kiddie	10.53%	7.89%	47.37%	21.05%	13.16%	38	3.18
	4	3	18	8	5		

Q7 What are the top three priorities for Val

Smith park?

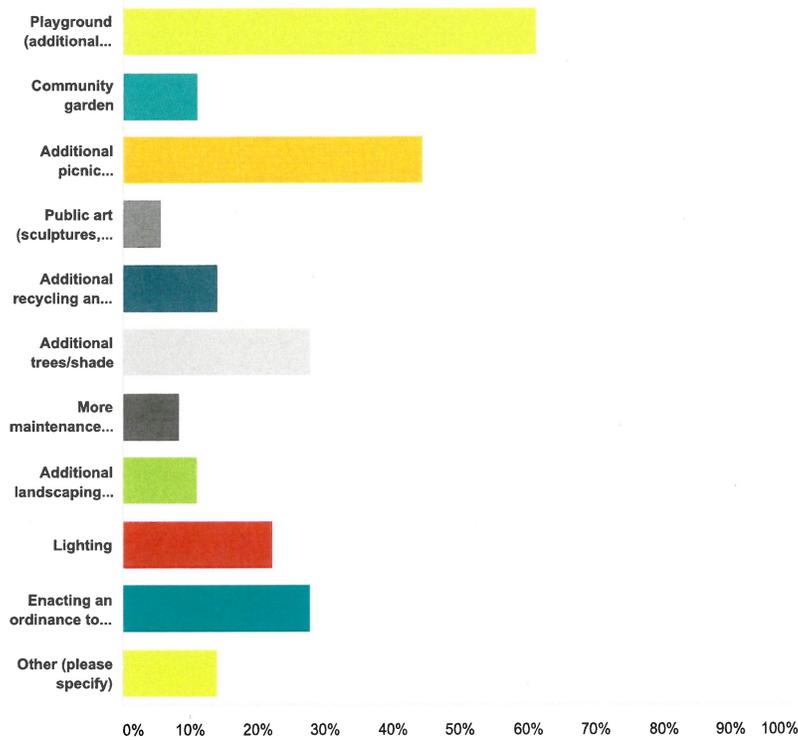
Answered: 56 Skipped: 23



Answer Choices	Responses
Playground (additional equipment, upgrade current equipment)	50.00% 28
Community garden	16.07% 9
Trail maintenance or additional trail connections	33.93% 19
Additional picnic tables/benches	35.71% 20
Public art (sculptures, paintings)	3.57% 2
Additional recycling and trash receptacles	16.07% 9
Additional trees/shade	30.36% 17
More maintenance (weed cutting, tree trimming, garbage removal)	7.14% 4
Additional landscaping (shrubs, gardens, other plantings)	21.43% 12
Lighting	28.57% 16
Enacting an ordinance to be smoke free	17.86% 10
Other (please specify)	16.07% 9
Total Respondents: 56	

Q8 What are the top three priorities for Eastside Kiddie park?

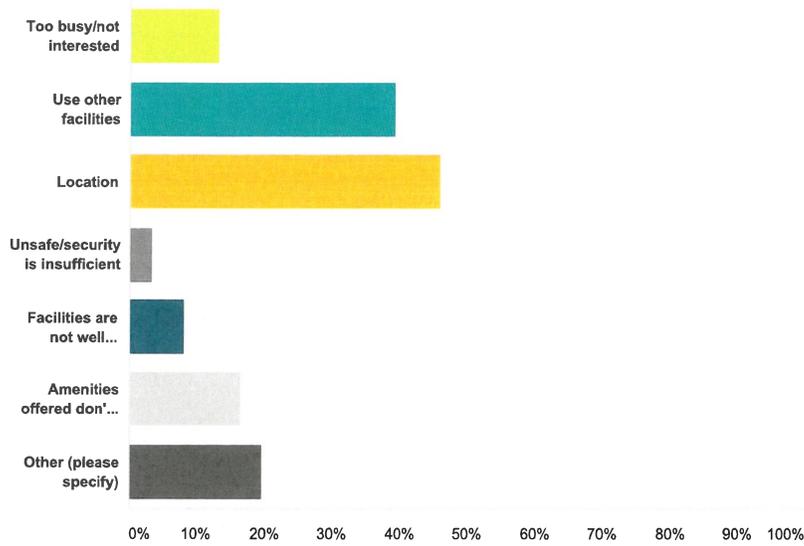
Answered: 36 Skipped: 43



Answer Choices	Responses
Playground (additional equipment, upgrade current equipment)	61.11% 22
Community garden	11.11% 4
Additional picnic tables/benches	44.44% 16
Public art (sculptures, paintings)	5.56% 2
Additional recycling and trash receptacles	13.89% 5
Additional trees/shade	27.78% 10
More maintenance (weed cutting, tree trimming, garbage removal)	8.33% 3
Additional landscaping (shrubs, gardens, other plantings)	11.11% 4
Lighting	22.22% 8
Enacting an ordinance to be smoke free	27.78% 10
Other (please specify)	13.89% 5
Total Respondents: 36	

Q9 What are some reasons that keep you from visiting Val Smith and Eastside Kiddie Park? Please mark all that apply.

Answered: 51 Skipped: 18



Answer Choices	Responses
Too busy/not interested	13.11% 8
Use other facilities	39.34% 24
Location	45.90% 28
Unsafe/security is insufficient	3.28% 2
Facilities are not well maintained	8.20% 5
Amenities offered don't match needs	16.39% 10
Other (please specify)	19.67% 12
Total Respondents: 61	

Q10 Please share any final ideas on how Val Smith and Eastside Kiddie can be improved and enjoyed by more people of all demographics, ages, and abilities.

Answered: 24 Skipped: 55

East Sartell Park Survey

Individual Responses

Q4: What are some reasons that bring you to Val Smith park and which amenities do you use? Please mark all that apply.

- Walking path
- concerts
- picnics and social gatherings
- NA but parks are good to have.
- My children use it for PAL 6 to 8 weeks during summer
- sledding hill
- PAL
- Sledding hill in winter
- sliding
- None - never been

Q5: What are some reasons that bring you to Eastside Kiddie park and which amenities do you use? Please mark all that apply.

- NA but Parks are good to have.
- I do not visit this park because of its distance from my home and I have what I need nearby at Val Smith Park
- None - never been

Q7: What are the top priorities for Val Smith park?

- would like a refrigerator in the shelter for potluck meals. Would prevent safety of food on hot days.
- Splash pad
- develop this area so our PAL activity could be enhanced
- upkeep on baseball field
- parking, greater separation between baseball field and busy street
- Shade for picnic tables

- Splash pad
- Pool
- Larger year round shelter

Q8: What are the top three priorities for Eastside Kiddie park?

- I've never been to the park
- restrooms
- Never been there
- Bathroom
- Pool

~ Portable Restrooms?

Q9: What are some reasons that keep you from visiting Val Smith and Eastside Kiddie Park? Please mark all that apply.

- I do not know the location of the Eastside Kiddie park
- There is not much in the park
- Ball field is too busy and being used all the time!
- East side kiddie not a safe playground
- The lighting needs to be improved to enjoy at later hours
- we are both 53 with no kids. We ride bike in the summer.
- Don't have small children anymore
- It doesn't take much for the parking lot to get full. On road parking doesn't seem to be too safe.
- I do visit Val Smith often. The Eastside Park location is not convenient for me.
- Grandchildren no longer live in the area
- Not located near my home
- Not kept up

Please share any final ideas on how Val Smith and Eastside Kiddie can be improved and enjoyed by more people of all demographics, ages, and abilities.

- Val Smith could be a very nice park, but it needs to be sheltered from the busy road. There is a lot of road noise which does not make for a relaxing time at the park.

- Eastside Kiddie Park would benefit from a shaded picnic area. It would be nice if the city purchased the property west of the park, across the alley, and turned that into a picnic area. The trees are already there. Put a picnic area with tables and perhaps gardens.
- People just don't know about these great parks! But the word is getting out they are used more and more every yr!
- Why don't you do a survey on where to put the community center! A bit more important to get the people's opinion on that!
- For Val Smith stormwater management could be improved. The open areas behind the ball fields become very waterlogged whenever it rains.
- Playground could be updated at Val smith. Many children occupy the equipment. More Benches could be put around the playground for parents to sit on.
- This is a business - not a residential address.
- I was VERY disappointed when the fire engine was removed from the Eastside Kiddie Park.
- Better landscaping
- Put a refrigerator in val smith park shelter.
- I think a splash pad and a small community pool be great for kids and family get togethers
- Would LOVE to see a splash pad at Val Smith!!!!
- make the changes...
- Develop Val Smith so our kids could be kept occupied by pal. I helped my sons very much
- More picnic tables on the west side of Val Smith and off street parking by the sliding hill in the winter time.
- We should put the sartell community center on the available land along benton drive and expand the kiddie park
- Val Smith should have more landscaping.
- Nice park. Needs more shaded areas for sitting and picnics while children play
- shaded benches for sitting would be nice
- Sartell is an ever growing community. it would be nice the have a splash pad in the area.

- Build a large year round shelter for families & organizations to rent. If you update the park, it'll attract more people. There's tons of space & existing facilities to make it a new attraction for Sartell at a reasonable cost. Think big! Splash pad, art sculptures...commission local artists, ask businesses to sponsor a section of the park & have it named after them...Val Smith Park can be the overarching umbrella name, but then businesses can donate to have their name on it & take ownership in volunteering in the spring or fall to help clean up their section. For instance: "Hardware Hank Horseshoes", "Wells Fargo Hockey Rink", "CentraCare Children's Playground ", etc. individual donors too! think about building a partnership with the community like you did at pinecone Central Park
- The ice rink is very important to me and my family
- The main draw of Val Smith for our family is the baseball diamond for Sartell Baseball. The playground is helpful for families with younger children while the older kids play ball.
- Would love to have a splashpad in Sartell. Would also appreciate picnic table(s) at Huntington Park. Great fitness amenities at that park. THANK YOU!