



Village of Mundelein, Illinois
Community Open House
March 3, 2004

General Meeting Comments

Topic:

Public Transportation:

- Additional public transportation
- Being able to get to the airport by train would be a real advantage.

Parking & Traffic:

- I would like to see pedestrian access from the Fairhaven neighborhood to the Metra Station.

Economic Development:

- Lots of Restaurants!
- More density
- More tax money
- Less industrial
- Continued focus on developing vacant industrial properties near Train Station
- No townhomes

Urban Design:

- More upscale
- Downtown currently feels anonymous, particularly since the library left. It might be worth expending the space on a decent downtown grocery store like Whole Foods. The sole reason I come Downtown currently is for the post office and musical evenings in the park.
- No dense, tall buildings.
- Don't try to copy other communities. Mundelein is unique; keep it that way.
- Small town look and feel
- No 3-story buildings
- Keep small town feel

Other:

- It is good to see we are moving ahead to improve our image.
- I thought the slides were good but would have like to compare them rather than just evaluate one and not know the next one.
- Suggestions for Mundelein Downtown Access and Transportation Improvements:
 - Pedestrian access to train station from both McKinley Ave. and Hawley Ave.
 - Pedestrian access is important from both locations
 - I have to drive 8 blocks instead of walking 3 blocks to the train
 - Negotiate with landowners on sides to allow public access to these areas

- Condemn 10-foot right-of-way; possibly pay for rebuilding fence(s)
- Sidewalks on both sides of McKinley, Shaddle and other streets
 - Walking with kids and strollers is very difficult
 - Don't want to teach kids to walk on lawns, too small for street
 - Sidewalks, crosswalks, and curb cuts for park corner between Dean/Prospect/Lange/Shaddle
- Lines for angle-in parking on McKinley between Carmel High School and Prospect
- Crosswalk lines painted on streets
- Repave Hawley in front of City Hall – looks kid of disheveled
- Slightly widen Hawley near the Village Hall, and put in lane markings so drivers don't feel odd passing, or paint parking spaces to show it's bad to pass there.
- Route 176 should be 4-lane divided.
 - Any traffic study of this road should prove this
 - Constant usage, lots of rush-hour delays
- Underpasses (under train tracks) for Hawley, Route 176 and Allanson Road
- More streetlights more often than every block so feel safer at night
- Enforce with minor (tickets/fines) cutting back foliage that overgrow and encroach upon sidewalks in residential neighborhoods. Very often it's impossible to push a stroller with spouse and walk side by side due to bushes taking up half the sidewalk.
- Enact/publicize the fact that the city will pay (half? $\frac{3}{4}$?) cost of putting new trees in parking strips in residential neighborhoods
 - City forester should be willing to consult on type, size, etc.
 - City might pay for installation
 - City might guarantee that the tree lives 2 years
 - City forester can ensure quality and type of tree planted is good, diverse