

**TRIB TALKS FORUMS – COMMUNITY COMMONS**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2016**  
**Summary of Notes Taken**

**CITIZEN-CENTERED PLANNING**

**Table Notes – (Planning)**

Ideas:

Why isn't there an easily accessible public dashboard that shows progress toward projects that have been voted on?

- +Seeking more transparency in local government
- +People need to know what is happening with the money they've approved to be spent.
- +Projects should be included with those in the Enterprise Fund.
- +User-based iterative design/Battle Innovators Facebook page

We could use Poll Everywhere or some other subscription-based program to push polls to those citizens interested in participating.

Questions:

How long do we need to wait for a response from Ameren UE on Option E?

The issue [of stopping the route] was brought up without public notice—is this legal?

What about those who are inconvenienced by the new infrastructure? Could there be a compensation fund?

Is there a model for the “dashboard” or other accountability measurements? Do we need to reinvent the wheel?

Quotes and Themes

“Federal government set a deadline for 2020.” (transmission line)

“What is a necessity, and what is a luxury? That should be an essential question where tax payer dollars are concerned.”

“Accountability is King”

“Dashboard – fired up!”

“We are one!”

Other:

The Ward 5 rep was on the committee for the bond issue. Just can't get over that. People are often short-sighted when it comes to government policy and spending.

## Table Notes – (Bridges)

### Ideas:

Mix Neighborhood assns. by inviting two associations to meet together.

- +Speed networking? NW and SE sides of town
- +Neighborhoods need gathering space and sidewalks.
- +Parts of Columbia have NH that are not part of the city (are county).

### Neighborhood Celebrations:

- +More smaller events to fill in gaps
- +Create “local” festival – music, darkroom recording studio (CPS)
- + “TOPS in Blue (AF) talent search, group pride
  - +OK City -Charlie Parker Festival
- +Teen showcases – distance to downtown is a problem
  - +Can we use Battle as a venue?
  - +Partner with CPS? School buses from the Trib location to Battle High?
- +Roots and schools
- +Neighborhood gatherings
- +WCC bring youth together
- +Spring/Mid-April
- +Boys and Girls Club – High Steppers
- +Neighborhood music – talkin small venues
- +World Cafe
  - +Can we use Battle as a venue?
  - +Partner with CPS? School buses from the Trib location to Battle High?
  - +Music on buses

“Columbia Small World Cup” soccer tournament (suggested on blog)

Aggregate calendars. Can Tribune merge calendars with colleges?

### Questions:

How and where can people come together to discuss ideas and get acquainted?

- +Are there buildings or places to meet?

How can we facilitate more events that invite coming together?

How much involvement do MU players have with kids in the community?

Walkability

Lake of the Woods area confusing area for services—not all in the city.

Battle HS venue?

### Quotes and Themes:

“Lake of the Woods area a confusing area for services – not all in the City.”

“First year felt “together” and magical.” (RootsNBlues)

### Other:

Roots & Blues too expensive. Changed a lot.

Earth Day a good event  
Summerfest  
=> Events compete  
College events too separate  
HC is more open  
All colleges come together  
Black & White Ball—why couldn't it be more?  
Boone Elec. Coop. Foundation help sponsor?  
Youth Comm Coalition  
Location a challenge  
Youth Adm's Council – idea of community school  
Community school would differentiate Battle  
    +First Saturday of the month—focus on services  
    +Help integrate community through the school  
Homeless Connect  
YAC finding underlying issues  
Wake Up! Initiative at Battle  
    +Wake Up! Why can't adults learn to converse peaceably?  
    +Wake up to bias and prejudice  
    +Facilitate conversations  
    +How to help—listen to younger people  
    +CPS equity team—student arm  
    +Oct. 21 Conference, 500 MAC students/grades 7-12  
        +Three positive things about other schools  
Spring showcase—child care?  
Activist Empowerment Session—being heard  
Decision makers present

### **Table Notes – (Inequities)**

#### Ideas:

Racial inequality addressed through housing  
    +Have low-income and high-income housing in the same area, break divided housing between rich and poor.  
    +Establishment of black in BHS  
    +Provide incentives for high-income families to live beside low-income families.  
    +South Columbia is very rich  
    +“Walkability”  
    +Housing issues and homelessness

#### Addressing homelessness

- +Provide fully functioning housing for a homeless community.
- +Temporary housing for homeless to get people on their feet.
- +Where will this homeless housing be located?

#### Grave dialogue

- +Have large group discussions at BHS tackling difficult issues.

Let everyone define what their challenge is.  
Kids come in  
Provide scaffolding  
Activists' empowerment  
Encourage by initiation of movement ->wake up equity at Battle

### Questions:

How does one help reduce Columbia poverty?  
How many homeless people live in Columbia?  
Is it typical for there to be areas with a predominant race (primarily African Americans, primarily whites, etc.)?  
How will we convince high-income families to live beside low-income families?  
What is the relationship status between the different schools?  
How will we get people to participate in these discussions?

### Quotes and Themes:

"Shelter is a basic human right"  
"The vast majority of homelessness stems from not high enough paying jobs, drug addiction, and mental illness"  
"Corporation wants v. societal needs"  
"When children are ignored they feel like their ideas are not valid"  
"Greater wealth in the south side"  
"Convince people to walk to places"  
"Driving tends to place inequalities between people."  
"When children are ignored, they feel like their ideas are not valid."

### Other:

Difficult to strategize and begin to build housing that is diverse when large population growth occurs.  
Difficult to establish homeless shelters because people do not want to be by them (NIMBY)  
We live in a materialistic society, need more of focus on basic needs  
Build bridges and have dialogues  
Speak to and ask what is important to your audience.  
\*Engage Others\*  
Catholic homes and charities in Las Vegas  
Buildings are shooting up everywhere  
Affordable housing