

Winona Comprehensive Plan Update

Steering Committee #2

December 14, 2021

Mural Board Input

PART TWO

Of the 10 identified key topics, **accessible government** is a topic that has not previously been included in the Comprehensive Plan nor has a related plan been completed. To help frame future discussions, Steering Committee members are asked to share their ideas about issues and opportunities related to accessible government that could be included in the Comprehensive Plan.

Accessible Government

Maintaining and enhancing connections between residents and city government.

For example:

- *Increasing participation/representation on City Boards, Commissions, and Council*
- *Getting the word out about City Activities*
- *Specific outreach to BIPOC and youth*
- *Templates, considerations, and contacts for resident-initiated projects on City property*
- *Access to government data (e.g. building permits, site plans, etc.)*

What ideas do you have to help maintain and enhance connections between residents and the City of Winona?

Synchronous and asynchronous modes of two-way communication available online and at public library for all public input solicitations and meetings

The City of Winona is more than just meetings. This comprehensive plan encompasses a lot - housing, economic development, natural resources. Build an understanding of that

Community projects dashboard. Includes project details (plans, timeline, budget) and is updated on a regular and frequent basis with project updates and progress. Allows for public feedback.

Provide community education about LGU processes and procedures

Accessible government is both access to information AND active participation by residents

Provide quarterly open-houses at each department where the community is invited to come and learn about department projects and workings

Require community engagement/participation training for all city staff and elected officials (like IAP2)

Identify precedents from other communities

Process information for the public

Develop accountability measures for city staff/officials and plans/programming

Add non-decision making meetings with city council and commissions a week before regularly scheduled meetings. Use to more deeply discuss issues and upcoming decisions in an environment that does not require participants understand Roberts Rules (which are intimidating and a turn off)

Accessibility of city resources for users and non-users and adaptability for city resources (park and rec, city buildings, streets etc.)

Onboarding information available to the public

Public participation in pre-Council workshop meetings

Communications and collaborations pointperson at the City