

Date: 01-29-13

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1. What are your concerns?

- Housing / affordable

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

- More information in the community  
in the languages we speak.

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

Work more for our community -  
be more engage with community /  
city issues.

Please list one idea that occurred to you as a result of the exercises and presentation

There are problems / as community  
engagement that keep our community  
not get involve.



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THE QUESTION OF WHO IS MISSING OR NOT REPRESENTED IN THE ROOM -- AND WHY? WHAT NEW MODES OF OUTREACH CAN WE PURSUE?

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

WEST END VENUE FOR MEETING?

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

I WOULDN'T... YET.

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1. What are your concerns?

facilitator was excellent  
not enough time - a good concern

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

bonding -  
building consensus  
hopefully will encourage pol.

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leaders to be courageous

process & engagement are important.





# MEETING EVALUATION

Date: Jan 29

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1. What are your concerns?

An informed leadership + Citizens who make decisions

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

NOT really

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

good ideas on how this process should work

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1. What are your concerns?

*Need to reach groups that are not traditional participants in this type of meeting*

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

*Problem needs to be broken down into components -- there is too much to discuss in part 2*

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

*helped people learn to talk to each other w/illy.*

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Date: 1-24-13

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1. What are your concerns?

laborious process that  
over quick made as thoughtful  
& expedient as possible

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

too abstract - make more realistic

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

Able to complete tasks  
assigned  
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• ~~more~~  
let our elected officials lead



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1. What are your concerns?

I think too many Alexandrians have felt left out of decisions shaping their city.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Dialogue, education, input; whatever the decision in a particular case, ensure that citizens understand that their perspectives have been heard and considered, and stakeholders

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

We established both the need for greater citizen involvement and for transparency in the decisionmaking process.

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can't think of something that hasn't already come up



# MEETING EVALUATION

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1. What are your concerns?

*Good efforts*

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

*way too little time for part 1  
and feedback  
Way too much time for part  
2*

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

*not sure*

Please list one idea that occurred to you as a result of the exercises and presentation





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1. What are your concerns? The extent to which "citizen participation" is purely window-dressing.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements? The need for a more structured approach to citizen participation - look at Arlington look at best practices.

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

The discussion at my table was interesting. We won't know what was accomplished until the completion of the process.

Please list one idea that occurred to you as a result of the exercises and presentation

Starting with the community - asking what they want - using technical people to explain what is practical & what isn't & why.  
explaining decisions in order to achieve maximum buy-in.





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1. What are your concerns?

That none of this will make a difference with city staff.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Take concerns seriously & acknowledge there are problems.

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

Trying to engage citizens is good. Lets see results.

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~~That we, ~~the community~~, bring together many viewpoints, offer as many avenues and select as many cities for all residents as possible to engage with ~~all~~ City leaders & staff & other professionals. That we stay focused + don't dwell on past frustration~~

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

~~Strong facilitation is key.~~

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

We refined our idea and clarified our thinking on several issues. We attempted to take our hopes and frustration with process, and our love of our City, and tried to formulate a better way forward.

Please list one idea that occurred to you as a result of the exercises and presentation

- Education is critical, along with open participation
- we need to act to ~~prevent~~ improve our planning process now.



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1. What are your concerns?

The discussion is too abstract. A case study of a controversial city event would be good

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

no

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

food for thought

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A CITY THAT INVOLVES EVERY CITIZEN; A GOVERNMENT THAT RESPECTS & SUPPORTS ITS CITIZENRY; A CITY THAT IS DESIRABLE

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

great participation

Please list one idea that occurred to you as a result of the exercises and presentation

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2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

OPENED A DIALOGUE WITH A DIVERSE GROUP OF COMMITTED CITIZENS. EXCELLENT COLLABORATION.

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CITY SHOULD PROVIDE DEVELOPER WITH A "WISH LIST" SO THEY KNOW WHAT TO OFFER IN RETURN FOR DEVELOPMENT.



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I feel good about the process this evening & thought we did well as a group to come to consensus, listen to one another, share & be supportive. Tonight was more focused but also our second one.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

The less read from the podium the better. The engagement is where it's at - 2-way & multiple interactions

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

There was a good faith effort & lots of energy & engagement at our table. Courtney K. & Dave C. were fabulous facilitators!

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Just the idea of keeping the processes as simple & clear as possible. And having clear communication.



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To some degree feels like reinventing the wheel. Alexandria already has many mechanisms and processes in place that ~~promote~~ promote civic engagement. Kinds of changes needed to truly expand public engagement take a moral commitment that may not be an outcome of a process like this.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Maybe more emphasis on values along with principles of engagement. Disability community didn't seem to be here but they may well be. Perhaps participants could be informed re: who is participating in the discussion. There was some representation of Latino community.

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

At our table we made some new acquaintances that were enjoyable and discussed ideas for expanding engagement of language minority families.

Please list one idea that occurred to you as a result of the exercises and presentation

New immigration policies may make it easier for some of our immigrant families to become civically engaged.





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1. What are your concerns?

Lack of diversity

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Provide a bus to pick up those folks who don't usually attend

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

We've taken the next step.  
We've made earnest progress.

Please list one idea that occurred to you as a result of the exercises and presentation

We need to find ways that will help those under-represented.

Please provide the agenda, and the exercises <sup>before hand</sup> we will do  
at the actual meeting to save time & make us more  
thoughtful in our discussions.



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1. What are your concerns?

That we are really not coming to grips with our real problem!

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Need to be more realistic

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

good progress on principles but not much on Question #2

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Training for both staff & some citizens in the New England Town Meeting style of government



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1. What are your concerns?

How do we know we've heard from a sufficient sample of Alexandria's residents, not just the usual suspects?

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Lots of them, including

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

More ideas documented to move toward a more democratic Alexandria

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→ deliberative polling of a random sample of Alexandria residents on major issues or priority setting.



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1. What are your concerns?

One member of the table commented that, looking at the people in the room, it looked like every other city meeting.

If, somehow, more people that don't normally engage w/ the city could come, that would be useful.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Staff/Volunteers have done a great job with the short amount of time involved!

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

- Provide input and ideas in how to ~~also~~ tackle city processes.
- Learned what others felt was important to the public process.

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That participation should/could be broadened



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Informing public about project scheduled for final decisions so that public has ample time to be heard & to have influence on planning process.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Have a rule that any document relevant to a project be issued & made available well before a public hearing is held or a decision on a project is made. There have been occasions that a new relevant document ~~was made pub.~~ has not been made public until ~~the day before a hearing~~ - one was 100 pages!

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

We came up with several good suggestions for informing the public about proposals & getting public comment (citizen feedback) in a timely manner.

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See my comment under #2 above.





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2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

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*City staff (at table) tend to dominate discussion  
& have too much input in process*

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1. What are your concerns?

I think the process is going well.  
It's good that the process has been so transparent. I appreciate all the effort.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

It might be helpful during a future meeting to ask participants to take the dialogue out to their communities (outreach led by participants) with consistent process & goals

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

We developed principles for public engagement & a framework for civic engagement

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I just appreciated all the contributions made by our group.



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① Being informed during the decision-making process, not after the fact. Opportunities for input & feedback should be frequent enough to consider my schedule and/or utilize technology (ie virtual tables, etc) to ~~expand~~ <sup>facilitate</sup> my engaged involvement.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Good process. I like the virtual table!  
Maybe ~~re~~ balance the time to give more to principle development

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

① Bundle thoughts & ideas from previous events into a concept for operating principle.  
② Take a concrete example where civic engagement is low (or could be improved) & discuss how to operationalize & principles.

Please list one idea that occurred to you as a result of the exercises and presentation

How can virtual table idea be expanded to other areas of government processes in a way that is not just accessible, but usable, by John/Dane & public. ~~So~~ Let's move the bar/standard from accessible info to usable info.





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~~THE~~ FRAMEWORK WAS A LITTLE STRANGE

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

NO

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

GOT SOME IDEAS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC INPUT AND ENGAGEMENT

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AT LEAST 50% OF CITY MEETINGS SHOULD BE PUBLIC INPUT





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*Much of these exercises appeared "skewed" to theoretical thinking, include more practical lines of thinking.*

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

*Encourage citizens to participate, regardless of previous events.*

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

*Well organized yet not as well attended.*

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2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

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moved the process one step ~~from~~ forward'

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Just that we keep to evening agenda time frame

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

you did well - Thanks -

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

We combined our thoughts about the principal  
successfully -

Please list one idea that occurred to you as a result of the exercises and presentation

that writing of assessments be made by on  
a computer - so it would be clear and  
(typed). understandable -

But not very realistic idea!





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*Ability to consolidate ideas - material and immaterial - will be extremely difficult*

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

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PRIORITIZING AND WEIGHTING ALL THE INPUT

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

ACHIEVED TABLE CONSENSUS  
GREAT FUSION OF IDEAS

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— Not enough Time for Exercise #1  
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2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Explain better, how results will be used  
up Front  
in each succeeding steps

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

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City Processes need to be  
Simplified, better codified  
& made transparent!



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Half the city is still missing.  
Civic Asms do not cover all citizens.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Emphasize education of current  
city processes.

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

Better understand where the  
disconnects are.

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People need to be educated about  
what is actually going on.





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1. What are your concerns?

I am not concerned myself, but I am concerned that city citizens feel excluded

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

We would like staff, but the staff would be a large percentage of each group meeting to listening

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

great discussion among thoughtful people.

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THAT THE PROCESS WE ARE GOING THROUGH  
WON'T REALLY CHANGE ANYTHING.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

No.

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

WE HAVE WRITTEN DESCRIPTIONS OF WHAT  
WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THE BASIC PRINCIPLES.  
WE HAD A WORTHWILE DISCUSSION OF CIVILITY.

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INCREASED USE OF THE INTERNET IS AN OPTION.





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1. What are your concerns?

FINANCIAL SOLVENCY OF THE CITY.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO EDUCATE OUR CITIZENS IN THE FINANCIAL PROCESS (E.G. SETTING THE TAX RATE, ETC.)

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM IN A CIVILIZED MANNER PRODUCES RESULTS.

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The City needs to use outside of the box methods to communicate w/ its citizens. Civic associations and events are very effective, but not the only communication methods. Looking at the dynamics in demographics at the + the first & second discussion, it is not reflective of our community.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Reach out and engage in odd meetings in neighbor hoods that we are not reaching.

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

community dialogue, hearing different perspectives  
came: coming up with new ideas & a  
proposal to city leaders, planners and  
policy makers.

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we don't have the "end-game"  
identified





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THAT THIS IS ALL "NICE" TALK, AND  
NOTHING WILL COME OF  
I DON'T TRUST MY CITY COUNCIL

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

IMAGINATIVE, INFORMATIVE, MONTHLY  
INTELLIGENT UPDATES.

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

NOTHING

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1. What are your concerns?

common sense collaboration

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

we had both a staff  
and volunteer facilitator  
That was useful

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

Synthesize

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The difficulty of reaching out to "everyone"



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this work is taking serious and feedback will be use.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Advertize it in mayor languages use in our city.

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

Be able to hear and know more about this process.

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We need to publize the meeting in different languages.



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1. What are your concerns?

Getting more people involved (who aren't already)

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

None-

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

We defined the principles of civic engagement  
and brainstormed a civic engagement  
framework.

Please list one idea that occurred to you as a result of the exercises and presentation

Need to get all constituents involved at the  
outset.





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1. What are your concerns? *To improve the efficacy of citizen participation in the City Planning.*  
*- To create more citizen trust of the staff & Council.*

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

*Helped refine the flow of information gathering for City Planning.*

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I'm mainly concerned that planners come up with plans and present them as "done deals."

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

You've given some residents a say in future planning, given us an opportunity to meet other concerned citizens and learn about city processes.

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I need to read the Alexandria papers.



Nuraine ~~did~~ did a great job!

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1. What are your concerns?

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

no Alexandria newspaper that is widely-read  
\* please put notices in LOCAL section of Washington Post  
on Thursdays

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

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no clickers that are tied to a particular person's voting



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1. What are your concerns?

My concern is that participants have trouble understanding how the activities & processes work. Some may not feel satisfied or it may not feel "real" enough for them.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

If different tables have different focuses, it should be displayed somehow so that people can more easily choose a table.

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

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There needs to be a more well-defined relationship or balance between citizens & city staff. For example, many people only feel satisfied in a process when they get their way. Why does the City hire educated, trained & experienced city staff if they are not trusted to make decisions. Compromise is

a responsibility of citizens that staff can help them reach.

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1. What are your concerns?

*How to do better job as City Staff*

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

*Better time allocation*

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

*Clearer idea of how complex  
the problem is*

Please list one idea that occurred to you as a result of the exercises and presentation

*Importance of face-to-face  
assessments*





# MEETING EVALUATION



Date: 1.29.13

Please take a moment to answer the following questions in order to help us make the best use of your time, support each participant, learn from you, and facilitate the most productive outcome.

1. What are your concerns?

That there are individuals who can undermine the process

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Keep trying to engage diverse participants, representing different neighborhoods

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

We shared our viewpoints

and with the assistance of the facilitator, were able to agree on

many ideas. We crafted a principle!

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and a title III compliance (burdened accessibility)

Date: 1/28/12

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*That the planning for development is simply a sham. That the planners make the important decisions before they ever hold a public meeting.*

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

*Our next meeting should be a town hall style meeting.*

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*Our table came up with some good suggestions. It will remain to be seen if any of them are acted upon. We discussed "Transparency."*

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That My very thoughtful i.e. mental investment, in submitting another principle was never acknowledged or explained How it was integrated into the 8 principles. This is an excellent example of a process failure - leaving an individual (there were 30) feel the futility of their participation - But I will not give up till I see improvement

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

See # 1

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

Networking - I met 2 persons w/ whom I exchanged cards - so that we may continue to collaborate on other issues - and potentially this one.

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That all citizens are able to receive information about city projects via media, email, posted notices, school backpacks.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

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Initiated process for improving communication within all city groups

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Across the city from east to west the issues are very different



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It seems that knowledge of City regulations and statutes play a large role in decision making and community members are not generally aware of them which is a disadvantage.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

Participants have gotten better informed  
Participants are more aware of processes for civic engagement and the responsibilities for involvement.

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I may apply for the Citizen Academy



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Not sure where this is headed, but  
I trust you.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Better time management to allow  
for more whole group discussion

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

- Identified / refined principles  
- Engaged citizens in very useful  
discussions

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City Council members, board members +  
City Commissioners would benefit  
from participating in the Citizens  
Academy





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NOTHING

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

NONE AT THIS TIME

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

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Paul Herte

Date: Jan 29 2013

Please take a moment to answer the following questions in order to help us make the best use of your time, support each participant, learn from you, and facilitate the most productive outcome.

1. What are your concerns?

That the city is engaging in closed loop systems that spend too much time limiting outside influence/information/science from the discussion. How the civility that used to prevail has been replaced with a shunning of people who do not buy into the ~~city endorsed~~ narrative the city espouse.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

- (1) Respecting citizens instead of ~~shaming~~ literally telling them to shut up.
- (2) TRY TO CREATE AN OPEN LOOP SYSTEM THAT IS ACCEPTIVE OF OUTSIDE INPUT. Staff tables and council ~~to~~ which ~~produces~~ encourages engagement with the public protesting and supplants.
- (3) Shorter ~~and~~ more productive and far fewer meetings.

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

Discussing how to implement an uncontroversial element like a park ~~misses the~~ does not convey problem for this effort is trying to deal with.

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~~Just~~ Trust and openness is at core of problem. Citizens and city alike ~~would~~ would ~~not~~ be ~~more~~ less likely to be more open and less ~~more~~ stressed and thereby, hopefully, less belligerent and more respectful.



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We as a city are not reaching the people. We have to bring the meetings to the community.

2. Do you have suggestions for improvements?

Bring mtgs to the community. Revolving City Council meetings, not just at city hall.

3. How would you explain in 2 sentences what we have accomplished at this meeting?

Simplified what it is we need to do to improve community involvement. I also met new neighbors that I never knew I had.

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The importance of having engaged in a variety of languages to gain diverse input.

