Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan

Plan Committee Minutes

Date: September 24, 2025
Location: Miami Middle School

Committee Members in Attendance:

Amy Carsten, St. Therese Catholic Church	Dean Kinter, Indian Village Neighborhood
Ron Wyss, Lake Shores Community	Beulah Matczak, Southeast Waynedale Neighborhood
Terri Shimp, Southwest Waynedale Neighborhood	Amy Mays, Broadview Terrace Neighborhood
Bill Garver, Waynedale United Methodist	Brad Sebring, Avalon Neighborhood
Debbie Sorg, Sandpoint Neighborhood	Alex Cornwell, Waynedale New, Avalon

Meeting Minutes:

The **Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan** Committee Meeting began at approximately 6:30 PM.

Project leader of the **Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan,** Michael Terronez, opened with an explanation about the agenda. There was some discussion on the upcoming Fall Fest, and how the Department of Neighborhoods could ask families more questions for engagement.

Michael elaborated on the expectations for the rest of the year, and that the focus is on goals, strategies, and action steps. The areas of focus that have come from engagement can be summarized into A Safer Waynedale, Community Resources and Recreation/Activities, Vibrant Business Community, Waynedale Pride, and Infrastructure and Walkability. The focus today was about “A Safer Waynedale.’

Before discussion on the above topics, Lauren Shank, a Neighborhood Planner for the City, shared information about the demographics report. A few things that stuck out to Lauren and the committee were that Waynedale is pretty comparable to the City averages as a whole. Some varying points were that Median Home Values were much lower, poverty is lower, and secondary education (after high school) is lower compared to the City averages. Megan Grable, also a Neighborhood Planner for the City, shared the current crime statistics for Waynedale. Crime is on the decline, as is the case across the City, but perceptions of crime differ from the statistics. The Committee shared their perspective that lighting, beautification (both infrastructure, natural, and retail), the unhoused population, and sense of community play a role in the perception of crime in Waynedale. Some recommendations from the Committee were: better/more lighting, safer walking access, better relations with officers and neighbors, façade improvements of retail spaces.

The next Committee meeting will be held on **October 22, 2025**. The goal next meeting is to work on “Infrastructure and Walkability’ strategies.