

Topic: Forming Self-Sustaining Integrated Shopping, Living, Learning Communities

Convener: Joan Raymond

Room: F

Discussion Summary:

More integrated self-sustaining communities, connected by highways, without expanding highways but connecting them by resources. How do we improve public education, energy resources, creation of diversity and usage of community? How do we address the shifting of age demographic that is/will be occurring over the next 30 years? How can we better utilize the senior community? Community Development: Encourage urban living for families. Investment in their own communities to make a more viable regional community. There is a concern that leaders are not paying attention to mistakes of other communities that develop and redevelop; need to be addressed by policy. Public transportation should be a connecting medium to all communities. All resources must be drawn upon as this is an interconnectivity of subjects.

There should be housing of a quality nature (structures suitably built for our region). There should be set standards to be a builder of homes in Kansas City. There also should be supporting businesses and educational programs to support the redevelopment of Kansas City. Policy changes for open windows of opportunities in economics. New developments should be constructed to serve more than one economic level and usage. Create incentives for urban planners, builders, developers to plan for more than one economic group when constructing future development sites. Make it easier for other modes of transportation to travel between communities.

It was suggested that a blog is started as a way of continuing the discussions. The Convener asked that everyone consider what types of community they would like to live in. What are we going to do for a follow-up? How to combine the city and sub city communities and what type of communities will emerge? How can we centralize more work or improve public transportation? How can we improve public policy to address these issues? Tax incentives need to be improved in the urban core. Businesses need the incentive to be in the urban communities. Better use of taxes and planning as well combining of resources.

Meeting time: Session 2: 10:30 a.m.

Recorder: Felicia Black