

Vision Plan Feedback

To:	North End Working Group	Date:	April 24, 2019
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Subject:	Working Group Meeting #5: Exercise Results		

Comments regarding Vision Sketch: Phase One (i.e., near-term change)

What do you like:

- Open up Birch Run
- St. John's Boulevard
- Hotel

What do you dislike:

- Remove all of Birch Run
- Do something with Toys R Us
- Housing should be more diverse

What is missing:

- More water features
- Could add electric charging stations for cars at Mall

Comments regarding Vision Sketch: Phase Two (i.e., long-term change)

What do you like:

- Smaller mall
- More green
- Pedestrian bridge over White Bear
- Like the green space (make sure it is functional)
- Pathways from Hazelwood to pocket park
- Private open space good
- Like sidewalks
- Good to see trees

What do you dislike:

- Hotel or park
- More fluid/organic walkways between buildings
- Don't like the squared off buildings – more diversity

What is missing:

- Pedestrian bridge over Beam – connect to Hazelwood Park
- Greenery inside the mall
- Charter school in mall
- Focus on aesthetics to draw people in such as community garden / Specialized and diversified housing (senior living in Denmark, draw creatives into Maplewood, Tiny homes)
- Add more water features / water reuse / catchment
- Park and ride to Century College, back and forth stops

Comments about street cross sections

- Careful treatment about trees in medians
- Landscaping should not interfere with pedestrians
- Beam Avenue BRT needs to be taken into consideration
- New Roads:
 - Concerned about shadows cast from buildings on the south side of roads
 - Consider one-way streets in certain locations, especially with outdoor seating