



- 9.4 Investigate Improvement District Options / Partnerships (e.g. w/ University District Alliance)
- 9.5 * Establish Como Neighborhood Improvement District
- 9.6 * Establish Como Neighborhood Community Development Corporation (CDC)

Chapter 10: Environment

- 10.1 Promote and Participate in Como Green Village Activities
- 10.2 Participate in University District Alliance Green Program
- 10.3 Connect Residents with Existing Resources (e.g. MPCA What's In My Neighborhood Database)
- 10.4 Promote & Support Urban Agriculture
- 10.5 Enhance Litter, Trash, & Graffiti Removal
- 10.6 Promote Pack & Give Back Program and Complimentary Cleanup / Reuse Activities
- 10.7 Continue to Work w/ City and Actively Monitor TCE Cleanup

Chapter 11: Parks & Open Space

- 11.1 Evaluate Existing Park Programs & Facilities Adequacy of Hours of Operation Adequacy of Programs Serving Community
- 11.2 Provide Input on Future Park Location
- 11.3 Monitor The Missing Link Project
- 11.4 Review Open Space Policies
- 11.5 Collaborate and Coordinate Policies with Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

Chapter 12: Heritage Preservation

- 12.1 Document Existing HPC Designated Properties
- 12.2 Document Properties Being Considered For HPC Designation
- 12.3 Evaluate / Nominate Properties for Future Designation
- 12.4 Investigate Partnerships w/ HPC Advocacy Groups (e.g. Preservation Alliance of Minnesota)
- 12.5 Update / Revise Como Architecture: A Guide

Chapter 13: Arts & Culture

- 13.1 Create Arts & Cultural Resources Inventory (e.g. Map, Database, Website)
- 13.2 Establish Como Neighborhood Festival (e.g. Art,

- Music, Green Village, etc.)
- 13.3 Promote Public Art / Pursue Public Art Funding
- 13.4 Maintain Connections with Public Libraries
- 13.5 Pursue Further Research (e.g. Creative Placemaking. In Creative Placemaking, the 2010 white paper for the NEA's Mayors' Institute on City Design, Ann Markusen and Anne Gadwa Nicodemus developed the initial definition of creative placemaking: "In creative placemaking, partners from public, private, nonprofit, and community sectors strategically shape the physical and social character of a neighborhood, town, tribe, city, or region around arts and cultural activities." Creative placemaking animates public and private spaces, rejuvenates structures and streetscapes, improves local business viability and public safety, and brings diverse people together to celebrate, inspire, and be inspired.)
- 13.6 Promote *Little Free Library* Participation

Chapter 14: Public Safety

- 14.1 Enhance Neighborhood Watch Programs
- 14.2 Work with Minneapolis and University of Minnesota Police
- 14.3 Enhance Street Lighting
- 14.4 Evaluate Adding Neighborhood Security Cameras

Chapter 15: Institutions

- 15.1 Connect w/ Religious Institutions Dar-al Farooq Mosque Southeast Christian Church Others
- 15.2 Connect w/ Minneapolis Public Schools Pursue Reopening of Tuttle School as Elementary / Middle School
- 15.3 Connect w/ University of Minnesota Livability Issues Student Housing Issues
- 15.4 Connect w/ University District Alliance (UDA) Activities
- 15.5 Connect w/ Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

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Chapter 16: Implementation

- 16.1 Assign Blueprint Tasks to Existing SECIA Committees / Establish New Committees Existing Committees: Zoning, Livability, Environment Ad Hoc Committees: Economic Development

Chapter 17: Maps

Chapter 18: Appendices

Chapter 19: Sources & References

Note: Chapters 17 through 19 do not contain recommendations.



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 COMO-TION**

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Hey Como! The Como Blueprint Steering Committee has made great progress on our small area planning project. We will discuss a draft outline of the document (below) at our next open house. Join us March 27th at 6:30pm at Van Cleve Park!

RECOMMENDATIONS FORMING THE BASIS OF THE COMO BLUEPRINT – FEBRUARY, 2014

Note: Following community review of this list, feedback will be incorporated into a draft Blueprint Plan based on, and incorporating, the recommendations.

Note: Items marked with an asterisk () were evaluated but not endorsed by the Como Blueprint Steering Committee at this time. They will not be included in the final Plan document, but are included in this list so that readers can see the full spectrum of recommendations considered.*

- Chapter 1: Executive Summary**
- Chapter 2: Vision Statement**
- Chapter 3: Community Engagement**
- Chapter 4: Neighborhood History**
- Chapter 5: Neighborhood Profile**

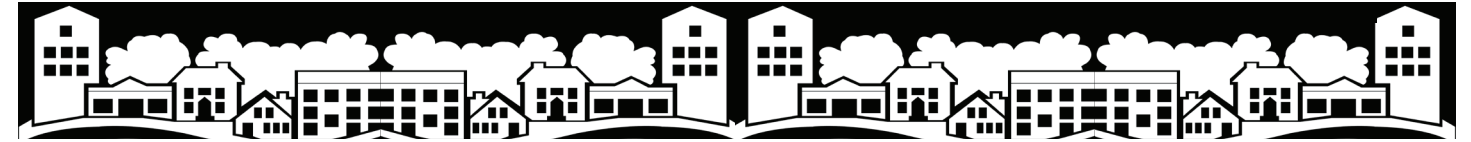
Note: Chapters 1 through 5 do not contain recommendations.

Chapter 6: Land Use

- 6.1 Evaluate Land Use on Community Corridors

(Como Ave & East Hennepin Ave)
Develop Framework to Address Differences Between Como Ave and East Hennepin Ave
Identify Desired Development Types

- 6.2 Consider Aggregation of Lots on Community Corridors to Facilitate Mixed-Use and Multi-Family Housing Development
- 6.3 Consider Reorienting Lots On Community Corridors to Face the Street
- 6.4 Encourage Fine-Grained Street Pattern on Industrial Land If Redeveloped
- 6.5 Evaluate Designating Stinson Blvd / 18th Ave to Como Ave a Community Corridor (Contingent upon the implementation of proposed Metro Transit Route #30)
- 6.6 Pursue Conservation District in Neighborhood Core (If adopted by City Council)
- 6.7 Promote & Pursue Land Trust Ownership Model
- 6.8 * Establish Accessory Dwelling Overlay District (Similar to North-Phillips Overlay District)



Chapter 7: Parking and Transportation

- 7.1 Evaluate Pedestrian Infrastructure, including:
 - Crosswalks / Painted Crossings
 - Accessible Pedestrian Signals
 - ADA Curb Ramps
 - Sidewalk / Pavement Conditions
 - Explore Addition of Curb Extensions
 - Lighting
 - Furniture / Amenities (Benches, Planters, Trash / Recycling Bins)
 - Repair / Replace Pedestrian Bridge at Railroad Tracks
- 7.2 Evaluate Parking Conditions, including:
 - Install Additional 4-Hour Parking Limit Signs (Near Transit Stops & Tuttle School)
 - Promote Transit Use
 - Promote Car-Sharing (Car2Go, HourCar, ZipCar, & Uber)
 - Promote Non-Motorized Transit
 - * Establish Critical Parking Area / Residential Parking Restriction
 - * Install Parking Meters
 - * Increase Off-Street Parking Requirement in New Development
- 7.3 Evaluate Bicycle Infrastructure Conditions, including:
 - Bicycle Lanes
 - Painted Bicycle Boxes at Intersections
 - Promote Bike Share / Nice Ride
 - Evaluate Effectiveness of Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan
 - Evaluate Implementation / Effectiveness of Bike Parking Requirement (UDA Overlay)
- 7.4 Encourage Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Service for Metro Transit Route #3
- 7.5 Encourage Establishment of Metro Transit Route #30
- 7.6 Promote Pedestrian- & Transit-Oriented Design Principles, including:
 - Permit / Encourage Mixed-Use Buildings on Appropriate Sites
 - Maintain and Encourage Short to Medium Length (Fine-Grained) City Blocks
 - Maintain and Encourage Narrow Streets
 - Ensure Sidewalks Are Appropriately Scaled
 - Require Appropriate Buffers Between Traffic

and Pedestrians

- Encourage Street-Oriented Buildings That Interact With Sidewalk
- Design Comfortable and Safe Places To Walk and Wait For Transit
- Allow Supportive Commercial Uses (e.g. Bakery, Dry Cleaning, Etc.)
- Investigate Traffic Calming Strategies (e.g. Street Narrowing, Chicanes, Speed Bumps)
- (Note: Traffic Diverters Already Present in Como Neighborhood)
- Maintain Closely Spaced Shade Trees
- Build Landmarks
- Install Public Art (See also Chapter 13)
- Allow Outdoor Dining
- Move Utilities from Overhead to Underground

Chapter 8: Housing

- 8.1 Encourage Medium Density (20-50 Dwelling Units / Acre) Housing on Community Corridors
 - Como Avenue – Desire Lower Range: 20 to 30 Dwelling Units / Acre
 - East Hennepin Ave – Desire Middle Range: 30 to 50 Dwelling Units / Acre
- 8.2 Encourage Senior Housing Development
- 8.3 Encourage Workforce Housing Development
- 8.4 Promote Housing to Workers of Adjacent Businesses (e.g. Live Near Your Work Website)
- 8.5 Discourage New “Student-Only” Style Rental Housing Development
- 8.6 Investigate Strategies to Reuse Single Family Housing Currently Used as Student Rentals
- 8.7 Develop Housing / Rental Code Enforcement Strategy
- 8.8 Explore the Housing Redevelopment Programs for Community Corridors Offered by CPED
- 8.9 * Encourage Accessory Dwelling Units in Overlay District

Chapter 9: Economic Development

- 9.1 Conduct Jobs & Economic Activity Inventory, including: Survey Local Workers - Gather Housing Preference
- 9.2 Promote Great Streets Program Participation
- 9.3 Promote Mixed Use Buildings in Suitable Locations