City of Grand Rapids

Update on Ward-based Commission Meetings

AUGUST 9, 2022
Ward-based Commission Meetings

- Ward-based commission meetings (Commission Night Out) restarting after pandemic hiatus.
- These 2022 sessions will be focused on interactive engagement with residents about their thoughts on livability factors surveyed in the National Community Survey (NCS).
- This direct engagement is an important tool to validate and understand the data from the survey.
NCS Livability Factors

- Economy
- Mobility
- Community Design
- Utilities
- Safety

- Natural Environment
- Parks & Recreation
- Health & Wellness
- Education, Arts & Culture
- Inclusivity & Engagement
Format of Engagement

- Meeting will be called to order at 5:30pm
- Anticipate getting to regular voting items at 7pm along with rest of agenda
- Allows interactive round-table discussions with public
- Brief presentation about the survey and the intent of the discussion
- Commission members can circulate; staff will be at all tables
- Discussion prompts and note-takers to capture feedback and comments
- Currently anticipate two 25-minute sessions to allow attendees to discuss a variety of topics of interest
- Worksheets will be gathered and used to create a report out after each meeting
first ward: overall economic health

1. What does this factor mean to you, personally?

2. What does success in this area look like for your neighborhood?

3. Are there specific projects or areas where investments could make a positive difference?

4. Are there other groups or organizations that can contribute to success?

How would you personally rate this livability factor for Grand Rapids?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
Dates and Locations

- August 23, 2022 (First Ward), Sibley Elementary School, 943 Sibley St NW, 49504
- October 25 (Third Ward), Location TBD
- November 1 (Second Ward), Location TBD
Questions?