

City of Grand Rapids

## Update on Ward-based Commission Meetings

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- 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.



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# NCS Livability Factors

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- Economy
- Mobility
- Community Design
- Utilities
- Safety
- Natural Environment
- Parks & Recreation
- Health & Wellness
- Education, Arts & Culture
- Inclusivity & Engagement

# Format of Engagement

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- 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

- ward rating
- citywide rating
- meets benchmark
- below benchmark
- XXX % positive/important



**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?

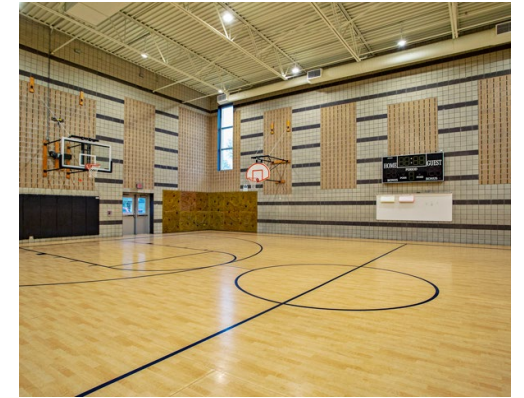
**How would you personally rate this livability factor for Grand Rapids?**

- Excellent
  Good
  Fair
  Poor

# Dates and Locations

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- 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?

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