



COMMUNITY DATA PARTY





Saturday, February 4, 2023
Arlington Hills Recreation Center

TRANSCRIPT from CONVERSATION STATIONS

DRAFT: For review and discussion: February 28, 2023

This document is a direct transcription of the community conversation stations on the wall at the Payne-Phalen Community Council's Community Data Party on February 4, 2023 at the Arlington Hills Recreation Center

KEY TO CONVERSATION BOARDS:

PRIMARY TOPICS:	SUBTOPICS:	PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY (DOTS)	
LIVE	CHANGE		Long-Timer / Extrovert 45 total red dots
WORK	KEEP		Long-Timer / Introvert 31 total purple dots
PLAY	INCREASE		Short-Timer / Extrovert 104 total green dots
MOVE	DECREASE		Short-Timer / Introvert 38 total blue dots
PLACE			218-222 dots (each participant received 5) So, approximately 44 participants used dots

ADDITIONAL REFRESHERS:

- Total estimated participants: 60-plus based on cross-reference of the following: Sign-in sheet, group photo, table photos, dot count, and team debrief/recollections.
- All of the statements in the following pages were drafted at the PPCC Data Party by party attendees. All of these statements were rooted in and based upon the actual written and spoken/transcribed ideas, thoughts, dreams and stories collected in PPCC's Street Party in September 2022, and at 12 Story Circles conducted by Wonderlust in Oct-Dec. 2022.
- Approximately 44 participants stayed to the very end and used their dots (5 each) to amplify the group statements made by all participants at each table/topic.
- Remember, dot color corresponds to party hat color which in turn corresponds to each participant's self-identification.
- Just FYI: Population of Payne-Phalen: 31,000 people

DECISION(s) by the PPCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS FOLLOW-UP:

Based on community review/discussion at the PPCC community meeting on Feb. 28, 2023:

- To be determined on the evening of Feb. 28, 2023

LIVE: Our homes and where we live

LIVE: Change: What we need to be remade so we can do better in the next 10 years.

(3 cards, 3 statements)

LV-C-1: We need to change empty lots and vacant buildings so we can have more green spaces in the next 10 years.

(2 dots: 0 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 1 blue)

LV-C-2: We need to change perceptions of living conditions so we can have pride and investments in the next 10 years.

(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

LV-C-3: We need to change the profit profitability of owning empty blighted homes and buildings so that we can have owners and residents have more equity and benefits from their emotional and financial investments in the next 10 years, instead of the private equity, uninterested incompetent and absentee [carpet baggers]* insert favorite scathing derogatory descriptor

-RdF heart

(10 dots: 2 red, 0 purple, 5 green, 3 blue)

10 dots !

LIVE: Keep: Things that things to honor love, preserve and keep forever.

(2 cards, 4 statements)

LV-K-1: We have to keep ethnic diversity because it will if we lose it, people will feel less pride and connection to the neighborhood.

(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

LV-K-2: We must honor cultural traditions in order to keep diversity in our neighborhoods through funding for events, specific cultural practices, etc. one.

(0 dots)

LV-K-3: We have to keep local businesses small because if we lose it, we lose the money circulating in the community.

(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

LV-K-4: We must honor hardworking local employers in order to keep people employed and the money circulating in our neighborhoods.

(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

LIVE: Increase: What we need more of so we can do better in the next 10 years

(3 cards, 3 statements)

LV-I-1: We need more communication around programs that actually bring people together. We can do better with well-being of people in the neighborhood in the next 10 years.
(3 dots: 0 red, 1 purple, 2 green, 0 blue)

LV-I-2: We need more financial support for affordable housing and small businesses so we can do better with support for people who live here. In the next 10 years.
(17 dots: 3 red, 2 purple, 10 green, 1 blue)

17 dots. The most!

LV-I-3: We need more food pantries and delivery services so we can do better with elder and disabled and others in the next 10 years.
(3 dots: 0 red, 1 purple, 1 green, 1 blue)

LIVE: Decrease: Things we should end do away with and get rid of forever.

(3 cards, 3 statements)

LV-D-1: In the next 10 years, crime (gun violence, vandalism, and theft) is something we should make an effort to end because it's impacts livability and safety. Instead, we should roll out home safety plans. The City should invest in more bright lighting. And the City should give rebates for security cameras, etc. because we want to keep residents living in our community.
(2 dots: 1 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

LV-D-2: In the next 10 years crime is something we should make an effort to end because residents do not feel safe. Instead we should encourage block parties, increase patrols, and invest in programs to help attack roots of increases in crime because we want residents to feel safe.
(3 dots: 0 red, 0 purple, 2 green, 1 blue)

LV-D-3: Themes: Decrease crime, vacant buildings, and steep rental pricing

WORK: Where we work and study

WORK: Change: What we need to be remade so we can do better in the next 10 years.

(5 cards, 5 statements)

WK-C-1: We need to change education, including quality of food served so we can have healthy, well-adjusted children to take care of us in the next 10 years
(3 dots: 0 red, 1 purple, 1 green, 1 blue)

WK-C-2: We need to change the challenging atmosphere for business so we can have more locally owned businesses thriving and increasing in the next 10 years.
(0 dots)

WK-C-3: We need to change contractors hiring people from outside the area so we can have opportunity for our residents in the next 10 years.
(1 dot: 1 red, 0 purple, 0 green, 0 blue)

WK-C-4: We need to change the attitude/atmosphere of existing businesses. So that we can have cooperation (parking lots sharing resources) to improve business atmosphere in the next 10 years.
(0 dots)

WK-C-5: We need to change lack of trees in our neighborhoods so we can have healthy air and reduce levels of air pollution, childhood asthma, and help with climate change in the next 10 years.
(0 dots)

WORK: Keep: Things that things to honor love, preserve and keep forever.

(3 cards, 6 statements)

WK-K-1: We have to keep small businesses and nonprofits/associations that support them because if we lose them, we lose the core economics of Payne-Phalen: Jobs, consumerism, and keeping money in the district. We lose generational wealth building opportunities.
(1 dot: 0 red, 1 purple, 0 green, 0 blue)

WK-K-2: We must honor the economic impact of small businesses in order to keep jobs, money, safety and dynamism in our neighborhoods
(1 dot: 1 red, 0 purple, 0 green, 0 blue)

WK-K-3: We have to keep charter schools because if we lose them, lack of diversity in meeting students' needs (academic, socio-emotional, cultural, gender, etc.) will happen.

WK-K-4: We must honor charter schools in order to keep the diversity reflected in our neighborhoods.

(4 dots: 1 red, 2 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

WK-K-5: We have to keep the walkability/proximity because if we lose it, we lose the community connections and the wealth and well-being of our residents.

WK-K-6: We must honor our district and its unique neighborhood feel in order to keep residents, small businesses, nonprofits, and jobs in our neighborhoods.

(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

WORK: Increase: What we need more of so we can do better in the next 10 years

(3 cards, 3 statements)

WK-I-1: We need more youth support and entertainment, athletic athletics, arts leadership, job training and jobs so we can do better with engaging our young people and helping them stay here in the next 10 years.

(4 dots: 1 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 2 blue)

WK-I-2: We need more business development, economic development, small business, and creative community support and networking and networking, higher paying jobs so we can do better with community control and ownership and self-determination (and support for) in the next 10 years.

(10 dots: 4 red, 3 purple, 3 green, 0 blue)

10 dots !

WK-I-3: We need more affordability housing and better paying jobs so we can do better with being able to stay in the neighborhood in the next 10 years.

(1 dot: 0 red, 1 purple, 0 green, 0 blue)

WORK: Decrease: Things we should end do away with and get rid of forever.

(2 cards, 2 statements)

WK-D-1: In the next 10 years, poverty is something we should make an effort to end because it is a root cause of crime and tension. Instead, we should work for affordable housing and better paying jobs because we want a thriving community right here where we can live and work.

(9 dots: 0 red, 2 purple, 6 green, 1 blue)

9 dots !

WK-D-2: In the next 10 years, police facilities are something we should make an effort to get rid of because it makes us feel like an occupied police state. Instead, we should have more nonprofit organizations because we want more rec centers, community-based programs and because we want a less stressed-out community. We want community-based programs, better police relations, and for police to come shop with us.

(6 dots: 1 red, 0 purple, 4 green, 1 blue)

PLAY: Where we shop and eat, drink and play.

PLAY: Change: What we need to be remade so we can do better in the next 10 years.

(3 cards, 3 statements)

PY-C-1: We need to change investment strategies so we can have wealth stay in our neighborhood in the next 10 years.
(6 dots: 2 red, 1 purple, 2 green, 1 blue)

PY-C-2: We need to change the way public space is utilized so that we can have a community that is free enough and comfortable enough to use public space in the next 10 years.
(2 dots: 0 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 1 blue)

PY-C-3: We need to change **5K** so that we can have **(no specifier)** in the next 10 years.
(2 dots: 0 red, 1 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

PLAY: Keep: Things that things to honor love, preserve and keep forever.

(2 cards, 3 statements)

PY-K-1: We need to keep diversity because if we lose it, we will lose the character of this neighborhood.
(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

PY-K-2: We must honor the **?????** and people in order to keep the **event** in our neighborhood.
(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

PY-K-3: We need to keep and take care of what we have so we can have sustainability authenticity and mindfulness in the next 10 years.
(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 0 green, 1 blue)

PLAY: Increase: What we need more of so we can do better in the next 10 years

(6 cards, 7 statements)

PY-I-1: We need more diversity in our tax structure so we can do better with jobs and economic activity in the next 10 years.
(5 dots: 4 red, 1 purple, 0 green, 0 blue)

PY-I-2: We need to increase music in the parks so we can do better with community gathering and venues for musicians to perform in the next 10 years to dots.

(2 dots: 0 red, 2 purple, 0 green, 0 blue)

PY-I-3: We need more green space like paths and walkways. So we can do better with public gathering places and decrease pollution in the next 10 years.
(3 dots: 1 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 1 blue)

PY-I-4: We need more business investment on the eastside and diversity within the neighborhood so we can do better with **slowing the neighborhood down** in the next 10 years.
(0 dots)

PY-I-5: We need more communication and access to what's here already so we can do better with using what we have in the next 10 years.
(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

PY-I-6: We need more venues where local artists can showcase themselves so we can do better with supporting and engaging artists in the next 10 years.
(3 dot: 1 red, 0 purple, 2 green, 0 blue)

PY-I-7: We need more community gatherings, sharing meals, non-threatening get-togethers (like to play games) so we can do better with knowing and supporting people.
(3 dots: 1 red, 0 purple, 2 green, 0 blue)

PLAY: Decrease: Things we should end do away with and get rid of forever.

(1 card, 1 statement)

PY-D-1: In the next 10 years, sources of air pollution is something we should make an effort to stop allowing because it's toxic. Instead, we should invest in green spaces, better regulation because we want healthy communities.
(4 dots: 1 red, 0 purple, 2 green, 1 blue)

MOVE: How we get around

MOVE: Change: What we need to be remade so we can do better in the next 10 years.

(4 cards, 5 statements)

- MV-C-1: We need to change our streets to be safer to move around on (example below) so we can have less traffic fatalities, asthma, and fewer pre-term births in the next 10 years.
(0 dots)
- MV-C-2: Speed bumps on Case Avenue.
(0 dots)
- MV-C-3: We need to change our relationship to green spaces so we can have more climate resistance protection and maintenance for our parks and recs.
(2 dots: 0 red, 0 purple, 2 green, 0 blue)
- MV-C-4: We need to change how we maintain and plan our streets so we can have safe access to places like school, businesses, and libraries in the next 10 years.
(10 dots: 1 red, 3 purple, 3 green, 3 blue) **10 dots !**
- MV-C-5: We need to change our transportation systems so we can have light rails, streetcars and other ways to get around in the next 10 years
(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

MOVE: Keep: Things that things to honor love, preserve and keep forever.

(2 cards, 3 statements)

- MV-K-1: We have to keep bikeable, vibrant main streets because if we lose them, we lose connections to community.
(0 dots)
- MV-K-2: We have to keep cultural differences because if we lose that, exclusivity will happen.
- MV-K-3: We must honor diverse communities and diverse businesses in order to keep a vibrant community in our neighborhoods.
(4 dots: 0 red, 1 purple, 2 green, 1 blue)

MOVE: Increase: What we need more of so we can do better in the next 10 years

(5 cards, 5 statements)

- MV-I-1: We need more safe, convenient and reliable frequent transit options. So we can do better with moving around to important places in the community without relying on personal car ownership in the next 10 years.
(7 dots: 0 red, 0 purple, 5 green, 2 blue)
- MV-I-2: We need more safe accessible walkable communities so we can do better with building community with and for all in the next 10 years.
(0 dots)
- MV-I-3: We need more and diverse, shared mobility/transportation options (electric scooters shared trucks to transport large items for projects etc.) so we can do better with supporting very transportation needs in the next 10 years.
(1 dot: 1 red, 0 purple, 0 green, 0 blue)
- MV-I-4: We need more bikes trails and lanes with safety features like good, like great separation so we can do better with making biking safe and convenient alternative to driving in the next 10 years.
(1 dot: 1 red, 0 purple, 0 green, 0 blue)
- MV-I-5: We need more incentives to bike (get credit form job, parking savings) so we can do better with making our streets safer and more sustainable in the next 10 years.
(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

MOVE: Decrease: Things we should end do away with and get rid of forever.

(2 cards, 2 statements)

- MV-D-1: In the next 10 years car usage is something we should make an effort to decrease because they're loud, dangerous and cause pollution. Instead, we should increase bike lanes and walkability because we want a safer, quieter, more connected, more accessible neighborhood.
(0 dots)
- MV-D-2: In the next 10 years car usage is something we should make an effort to end because they're dangerous. Instead, we should only rely on public transportation and walkability because we want to not have to rely on inefficient plowed roads.
(3 dots: 0 red, 0 purple, 2 green, 1 blue)

PLACE: Where we shop and eat, drink and play

PLACE: Change: What we need to be remade so we can do better in the next 10 years.

(4 cards, 4 statements)

- PC-C-1: We need to change and add connections to Phalen Park so people can have safe and convenient access to the park in the next 10 years.
(3 dots: 2 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)
- PC-C-2: We need to change to provide investments to homeowners so we can have a safe and attractive housing stock in the next 10 years.
(0 dots)
- PC-C-3: We need to integrate public art and increased and improved landscaping reflecting the cultures of the community so we can have increased pride, ownership, sense of belonging and sense of value in the next 10 years.
(6 dots: 4 red, 2 purple, 0 green, 0 blue)
- PC-C-4: We need changes to ensure local ownership of businesses and commercial properties (instead of large corporate companies) so we can have a thriving economic ecosystem in the next 10 years.
(4 dots: 1 red, 0 purple, 2 green, 1 blue)

PLACE: Keep: Things that things to honor love, preserve and keep forever.

(3 cards, 6 statements)

- PC-K-1: We have to keep and increase small business/restaurants because if we lose it, lack of community **spaces and cost of economic loss.**
(2 dots: 1 red, 0 purple, 0 green, 1 blue)
- PC-K-2: We must honor minority business keep diversity and anti-displacement in our neighborhoods and fill vacant buildings and local owners (not chains).
(4 dots: 1 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 2 blue)
- PC-K-3: We have to keep Lake Phalen and Greenspaces because if we lose it we will die. We must honor parks, playgrounds community areas in order to keep friends close neighbors in our neighborhoods and lower crime.
(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 0 green, 1 blue)
- PC-K-4: We have to keep historic buildings because if we lose them, loss of history will happen.
(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 0 green, 1 blue)

PC-K-5: We must honor native lands in order to keep history and diversity in our neighborhoods.
(1 dot: 0 red, 0 purple, 0 green, 1 blue)

PLACE: Increase: What we need more of so we can do better in the next 10 years

(6 cards, 6 statements)

PC-I-1: We need to continue to increase community voices community in engagement and decision making so the policies reflect community needs and desires (i.e. school closings but everything else too)
(13 dots: 1 red, 3 purple, 8 green, 1 blue) **13 dots !**

PC-I-2: We need more walkable communities and bike lanes so we can do better with public safety and community cohesiveness in the next 10 years.
(3 dots: 1 red, 0 purple, 2 green, 0 blue)

PC-I-3: We need more trees so we can do better with urban tree canopy urban heat island index. And look and feel of community in the next 10 years.
(5 dots: 2 red, 0 purple, 3 green, 1 blue)

PC-I-4: We need more public art so we can do better with beautiful community space in the next 10 years.
(13 dots: 1 red, 3 purple, 8 green, 1 blue) **13 dots !**

PC-I-5: We need more sustainable green community spaces so we can do better with creating a safe healthy environment in the next 10 years.
(5 dots: 0 red, 2 purple, 0 green, 3 blue)

PC-I-6: We need more small businesses and restaurants so we can do better with local economic opportunity and more culture in the next 10 years.
(3 dots: 0 red, 0 purple, 2 green, 1 blue)

PLACE: Decrease: Things we should end do away with and get rid of forever.

(4 cards, 4 statements)

PC-D-1: In the next 10 years, lack of safe and healthy communities is something we should make an effort to end because our communities deserve health, safety and happiness. Instead, we should build our community and not leave anyone out because we want a strong healthy community.
(0 dots)

PC-D-2: In the next 10 years, houselessness is something we should make an effort to end because people deserve places to live. Instead, we should work on ending this and help these people because we want people to have homes.
(6 dots: 1 red, 1 purple, 3 green, 1 blue)

PC-D-3: In the next 10 years, tree loss, urban blight, and pollution is something we should end because our community deserves wealth. Instead, we should plant trees work towards environmental health because we want our community to thrive
(2 dots: 1 red, 0 purple, 1 green, 0 blue)

PC-D-4: In the next 10 years, empty property and poor traffic is something we should make an effort to do away with because our community needs space and easy flow. Instead, we should make it harder for a building to sit empty because we want to have space for the growth our community is going to achieve
(0 dots)

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