

# Overview

The following pages give examples for the discussion topics outlined in your meeting packet:

- Placemaking
- Connectivity
- Land Use
- Character
- Streetscapes
- Others

Each of these categories describes one aspect of neighborhood development. You will be asked to think about the future of the Northwest Neighborhood and describe the neighborhood using these categories as a guide.

## Considerations

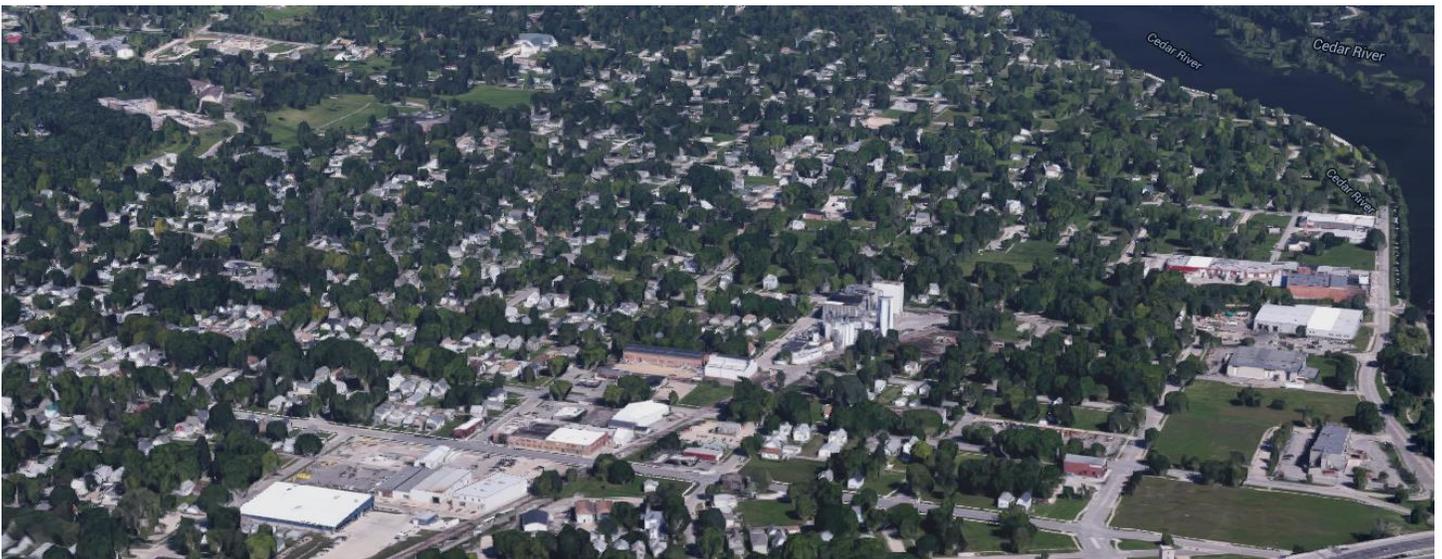
Complete neighborhoods offer a variety of options for residents. These include a variety of types of homes, businesses to go to, and places to work. They also include parks, schools, religious facilities, and other important institutions.

As you think about the future of the Northwest Neighborhood, think about what parts of the neighborhood make the most sense to you for different things. For example, if businesses make more sense in one area than another.

Many of the things you would like to see in the Northwest Neighborhood may already exist, some things may not. As you imagine the future of the neighborhood, ask yourself:

- Are there parts of the neighborhood that should be preserved the way they are now?
- Are there parts of the neighborhood that might change gradually or could be enhanced?
- Are there parts of the neighborhood that could drastically change in the next 25 years?

If you have questions or run into a road block during your discussion staff will be available to help. Thank you for your time in helping plan the future of YOUR neighborhood!



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# PLACEMAKING

These are the elements that give the Northwest Neighborhood its unique identity. Examples include Gateways, Parks and Open Space, Public Art, and the future Flood Control System.



# CONNECTIVITY

How do different users move around the Northwest Neighborhood? This includes cars, bikes, and pedestrians.



Are there wide roads to accommodate lots of vehicular traffic? Or narrower roads to slow cars down?

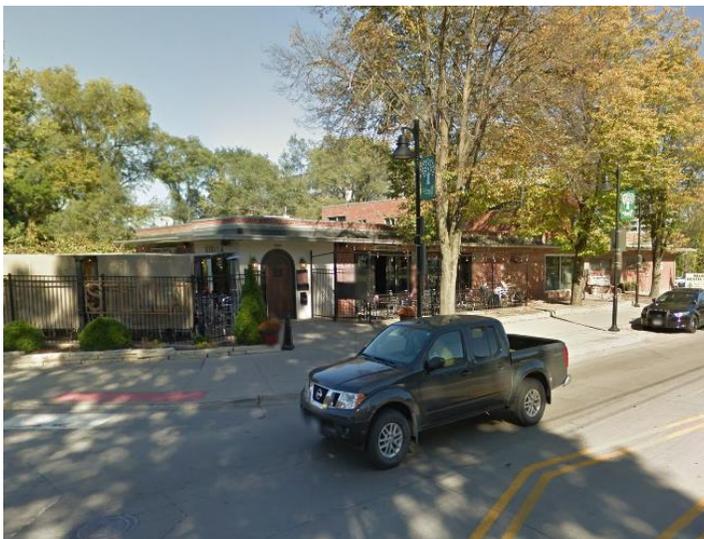


# LAND USE

What types of buildings exist in the Northwest Neighborhood? Are homes smaller and more affordable or larger and more expensive?



Are there smaller neighborhood shops or larger commercial businesses?



# CHARACTER

Each part of town has its own unique character. What defines the Northwest Neighborhood now and in the future?



Do new homes match the historic style of the neighborhood or do multifamily buildings blend in with the neighborhood? Are buildings taller than 3 stories allowed in some areas? Are building accessible from the sidewalk or placed farther from the street behind parking lots?



# STREETSCAPES

What does the public right of way look like? Are there trees, streetlights, benches?

