

Vision Statement Comments

- ▶ Orange Line/public transportation
- ▶ Two sides of health care issue: loss of 2 hospitals, increase in elder population
- ▶ Crime: Malden Center T Station
- ▶ Location emphasized in survey
- ▶ Arts Community should be mentioned
- ▶ Bike path is coming
- ▶ Architectural preservation
- ▶ Green energy – model for environmental awareness (several votes)
- ▶ Define values
- ▶ Rich arts community
- ▶ Need planning for more immediate future – some actions have different time frames
- ▶ Need issues addressed within, for example, 2 years
- ▶ Development of Malden River area to be a useable waterway and valuable resource
- ▶ Education – should be a separate and distinct goal
- ▶ Safety and security boosted to say law enforcement
- ▶ Education in all forms – ie library, venues, etc.
- ▶ Neighborhood community groups – taking control over representing your neighborhood
- ▶ Adaptive reuse of buildings
- ▶ Address Malden as its own distinct community – dual role as key player in Boston but also as distinct
- ▶ City, developers, and property owners held to standards
- ▶ Public utilities: water and sewer, aging infrastructure
- ▶ “Systematic approach to public utilities”
- ▶ What are the “strong values” mentioned in the Statement??
- ▶ Could omit the statement and let them come through in the Vision Statement
- ▶ Education not addressed in the Goal Statement, but expressed in Vision Statement
- ▶ Access to public information-FOIA requests. Public needs information, accountability.
- ▶ Grassroots organizations are important and need to be recognized. Democratic cornerstone.
- ▶ There is a focus on what is here now, perhaps not the future.
- ▶ What does the city value? We don’t want housing built in front yards.
- ▶ Malden should have a specific character: we have a city center. Address resources like youth center.
- ▶ More neighborhood activities, more neighborhood organizing/initiatives.
- ▶ Address Malden Center in Vision Statement
- ▶ Neighborhoods do not all have commercial centers. Wording
- ▶ Communications: what is happening in city government is not being communicated. Only visit when something is wrong. Government activities not being communicated—we need a system.
- ▶ General vagueness of vision in general – no specific tasks in Statement. Disparity of what was in the survey and what is in the Vision Statement—was this taken from what the community actually said? More cohesive, attainable, so we can achieve these things.
- ▶ “Accountable and responsive city officials” mentioned in Statement. Actively involved citizenry.

Comments on Goals/ Key Actions

- ▶ Look at parking on one side of the street all year
- ▶ Alert citizens about snow emergencies
- ▶ Parking too close to street corners
- ▶ Voting method will provide some guidance to June meetings and will be ward-specific. Info will be broken down by ward. Full list will be given to Planning Board.
- ▶ Separate natural and cultural resources
- ▶ What is most important thing heard tonight?
- ▶ Re-do downtown
- ▶ Stop procrastinating and get the job done now
- ▶ City hall
- ▶ Listen to the people and respond to them
- ▶ Responsibility and safety in the community
- ▶ Why aren't these being done already
- ▶ Fiscal constraints/cost considerations for key actions
- ▶ In goal statement for housing: question re "housing choices" clarify this. Would like more specifics
- ▶ Schools are crowded now-5 new schools, we have to consider development and its impact on schools
- ▶ Environment is important: in transit, buildings
- ▶ Green space: largest amount is cemetery use. Need more ways to create green space.
- ▶ Feel some of the statements are vague for economic development
- ▶ Likes McDonald's in Malden Square
- ▶ Are schools unaddressed in document?
Education should be a new element, supportive of "maintaining the unrivaled system":
Outreach to communities of color
- ▶ Need drug education

Additional notes:

- ▶ Funding
- ▶ Planning Board to use results from these workshops as a guide, and statement to be used by City Council & Mayor

Final Comments to Mayor

- ▶ Why weren't you here??