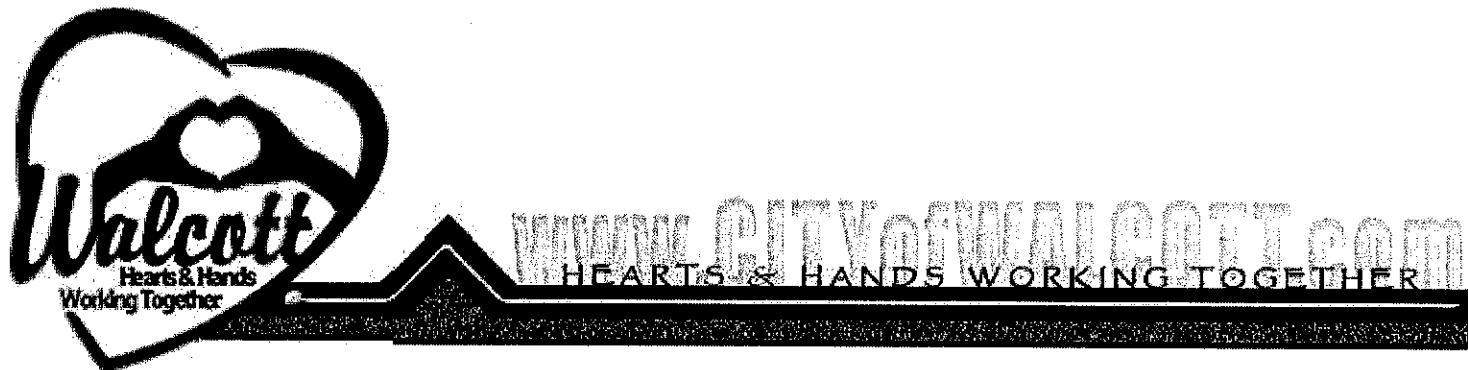


Which Way Walcott, Revisited

Community Forum

January 25, 2012



Community Forum Agenda

- Welcome
- Backdrop: City Financial Presentation
- Visioning Background and Refresher
- Breakout Sessions; Visioning Scenarios
- Visioning Summaries
- Scenario Voting
- Survey Ballot Handout
- Adjournment



Schedule

- 7:00 – 7:15 City Financial Presentation
- 7:15 – 7:30 Visioning Refresher; Review 2008 Survey Results; Introduce Matrix; Basis for Forum
- 7:30 – 8:00 Breakout Sessions; Visioning Scenarios
- 8:00 – 8:30 Visioning Summaries (10 min each)
- 8:30 – 9:00 Public Comment on All Scenarios
- 9:00 – 9:15 Scenario Voting and Survey Ballot Handout
- 9:15 Adjournment



City Financial Presentation

- All of the scenarios will incur substantial costs to make improvements to City Hall
- The ability to proceed with any improvements will be determined by the City's current and future financial condition
- Incremental progress is the most likely outcome



Which Way, Walcott – May 2008

- Community Development Specialist brought in to facilitate visioning event
- Role-play exercise: today's decisions have long-term implications
- Follow-up survey conducted to identify and prioritize short and long term goals



Summary of 2008 Vision Event

Short Term Goals

SHORT TERM GOALS	Weighted Results	Original Rank-Weighted Results
Attract light industry	1680	1
Infrastructure Improvements	1620	2
City Hall	1300	3
Wind generator	900	4
Main Street enhancement	830	5
Medical Clinic	790	6
Welcome signs	650	7
Bridge to Bennett Estates	600	8
Expanded RR access	490	9
Work w/other small cities	460	10
Skatepark	410	11



Summary of 2008 Vision Event

Long Term Goals

LONG RANGE GOALS	Weighted Results	Original Rank-Weighted Results
Grocery store	1790	1
City Hall	1380	2
Industrial park	1060	3
Diner	1030	4
Downtown area	970	5
Controlled growth	770	6
High School	580	7
Bike trail w/ Blue Grass	520	8
Flood control	480	9
Daycare center	410	10
Churches	180	11
Skatepark	180	11



City Hall Matrix

- Developed in response to 2008 Vision results
- Tool for City Council to evaluate alternatives
- All scenarios initially considered
 - Keep Fire Dept. and City Hall at current locations
 - Move City Hall; keep Fire Dept. at current location
 - Move Fire Dept; keep City Hall at current location
 - Move both Fire Dept. and City Hall to new locations
- Pros and Cons independently determined



City Hall Matrix

Number	Description	Pros	Cons	Schematic Cost Estimate
1A	Keep Fire Department at current location; renovate Breezeway property into new City Hall; renovate existing City Hall space into Police Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No property needs to be purchased City Hall located at primary gateway to community; ease of access Renovation of Breezeway property would enhance gateway to the community Renovates an existing, underutilized building rather than build new Easy to locate for visitors Lumberyard property could be sold and used for future downtown business Lumberyard could be converted to green space, farmer's market, skatepark, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs needed to renovate Breezeway to comply with American w Disabilities Act and energy efficiency requirements Split level layout may pose functional hurdles City Hall removed from Fire Department; downtown Infrastructure Improvements (sidewalks) needed along Main Street City Hall moved further from the current population center; may inhibit walking City Hall located in a commercial zoning area 	\$1,279,000
1B	Keep Fire Department at current location; build new City Hall on Lumberyard property; renovate existing City Hall space into Police Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No property needs to be purchased All City services remain downtown Can leverage former Breezeway property to bring in a desired business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New structure needs to be built Possible parking limitations 	\$1,485,000
2A	Renovate City Hall at current location; move Fire and Police Departments to former Breezeway property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No property needs to be purchased Fire Department located closer to calls; less traffic concerns Lumberyard property could be sold and used for future downtown business Lumberyard could be converted to green space, farmer's market, skatepark, etc. Existing Fire Dept could be converted for multi-functional use (library, fitness, history room, etc.) Public Works has room for expansion Room for Police Dept to maintain an evidence room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Department removed from City Hall; downtown area Need to build structure to house vehicles Infrastructure Improvements (sidewalks) needed along Main Street Split level layout may pose functional hurdles 	\$2,029,000
2B	Renovate City Hall at current location; move Fire Department to Lumberyard property; renovate a portion of existing Fire Department to Police Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No property needs to be purchased All City Services remain downtown Can leverage former Breezeway property to bring in a desired business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New structure needs to be built Possible parking limitations 	\$1,678,000
3	Keep both City Hall and Fire Department in current locations; build addition behind City Hall; renovate existing City Hall and Fire Dept meeting room space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No property needs to be purchased All City Services remain downtown Can leverage former Breezeway property to bring in a desired business Utilize former Breezeway property for Library, Museum, Fitness Center, etc. Renovates an existing structure rather than build new 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breezeway property not utilized for city services Substantial renovation of existing structure Uncertain if addition can be large enough to move Police Dept to City Hall building; may not be able to provide meeting space to Public Works Limits future expansion on property 	\$549,000



Basis for Forum

- Need to revisit the Vision Survey; update
- City Council desire for community input related to City Hall discussions
 - Citizen preference towards a given scenario
 - Collect visioning ideas within a given scenario; building it out and discussing implications (i.e. if a department is moved, what should be done with the vacated space?)



Breakout Sessions

- Divide into three groups
- Each group will evaluate an assigned scenario
(Note: this may not be your preferred scenario)
- Build out/develop a long-term vision for the assigned scenario
- Reconvene entire group
 - One spokesman from each scenario will present and summarize each group's vision (10 minutes each)
 - Following the individual summaries, input will be sought from entire audience on all scenarios (30 minutes total)



Scenario Vote

Each person will be given a ballot to vote for one of the five scenarios, or write-in an alternate

Scenario 1A: Keep Fire Dept at current location; renovate former Breezeway property as new City Hall

Scenario 1B: Keep Fire Dept at current location; build City Hall at former Lumberyard property

Scenario 2A: Renovate City Hall at current location; move Fire Dept to former Breezeway property

Scenario 2B: Renovate City Hall at current location; build new Fire Dept at former Lumberyard property

Scenario 3: Keep City Hall and Fire Dept at current locations

Other: Write-in alternate scenario



Survey Ballot

- Vote for top 5 items from a listing of possible future goals
- Similar to 2008 exercise



Adjournment

To all who participated tonight,

THANK YOU!

Please feel free to contact any member of the Vision Committee with additional ideas and comments.

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Kris Burt

Mike Byington

Josie Dietz

Dick Hagen

Larry Koberg

Brent Puck

