General Plan Survey

The reason for this open house is to begin the creation of a Values-based General Plan
Hyde Park is a great place to live. We all recognize the benefits of having a vibrant, active, healthy community. Decisions that we make as a city, such as permitted land uses, trail networks, road alignments, and parking requirements, have a direct impact on the health and safety of our community. However, understanding how current city-planning decisions shape our ability to achieve the community's desired outcomes can be complicated. This can lead to making decisions that seem beneficial in the short-term but that consume valuable community resources and will not help us have the type of community we desire in the long term. A proven way to maintain our wonderful community identity while managing growth is to
1. Identify common-held values, then
2. Build our city in a way that will help us protect and achieve those values.

What do you value in our current community?
Identify and write 3 values that are important to you that currently exist in Hyde Park. List them in order of priority. A few possible examples include:
1. Quality of life (explain what that means to you)
2. Strong neighborhood social networks
3. Culture/nature/atmosphere
4. Safety (lack of crime, safe for children, pedestrians, bicyclists, etc.)
5. Walkable
6. Community amenities (Parks, trails, tennis and pickleball courts, recreation centers, schools, churches, etc.)

Most_____
2nd _____
3rd _____

What do you value that you would like to see in our future community?
Identify 3 values that are important to you that you would like to see incorporated in our community as Hyde Park grows. List them in order of priority. (A few possible examples):
1. Access to restaurants, grocery stores, etc.
2. A place for our adult children and others to live that are starter housing.
3. A short commute to work. (Should Hyde Park encourage office and places to work in our city? Where?)
4. Attainable housing options.
5. Learning opportunities (a library, internet in public places)

Most_____
2nd _____
3rd _____

What expectations do you have regarding Hyde Park's role in leading, supporting, or promoting desired values?
The next step after identifying community-held values is to translate those values into actions. City actions may range anywhere from proactive engagement to help achieving community-held values (through master planning processes, infrastructure planning, development initiatives, construction of community amenities, etc.) to a completely hands-off approach allowing development to be driven by individual property owners. Establishing community expectations regarding the level of engagement that the city should take in leading, supporting, or promoting desired values will help guide efforts and promote understanding as we continue to grow.

Most_____

2nd_____

3rd_____

What goals do you want Hyde Park to promote?
Every organization needs a set of goals to guide what it does. Making sure that Hyde Park aligns with one or more of these goals allows government to demonstrate how planning decisions correlate with the values described above. This applies to how growth occurs and is important for allocating budgets, expanding the community team, or generally showing why the resources being used to build the city are a worthwhile investment. Knowing what goals we should focus on will help us decide how to allocate time and resources. With that in mind, what immediate goals should Hyde Park implement to lead, support, or promote desired values?

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What are your two primary concerns about the future of Hyde Park?
Hyde Park is a wonderful community that has grown and changed over the years. Future growth and change are an inherent part of all communities. As we look to the future, what are two of your primary concerns about ways in which Hyde Park may grow or change?

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2._____

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List two to four specific attainable projects you would like to see happen in Hyde Park.
These may range from city-funded projects (e.g., parks, sidewalks, water infrastructure, etc.) to city-facilitated private development (e.g. senior housing communities, restaurants, etc.).

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Additional Comments:

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