

A photograph of Lakeville City Hall, a brick building with large glass windows and a central entrance. Two tall flagpoles stand in front of the building, one with the American flag and another with a blue flag. The scene is framed by green trees and a clear sky. The text 'City Council – Boards and Commissions' is overlaid in white on the image.

City Council – Boards and Commissions

July 31, 2023

Overview: Council-Boards/Commissions Mtg

Craig Rapp facilitated a joint session with the City Council and Advisory Boards and Commissions on July 31, 2023.

The session focused on a review of the Envision Lakeville process and history. The group engaged in a dialogue about Lakeville's advantages, limitations, opportunities, and the challenges ahead.

Council – Boards & Commissions: Lakeville's Best Qualities



- Small town feel
- Safe and stable community
- Clean, pleasant environment
- People like living here
- Quality schools
- Location
- Community Spirit, Sense of Community

Council – Boards & Commissions: Lakeville’s Strengths & Advantages



- Safe and secure
- Parks, natural resources, lakes
- Schools
- Land availability
- Identity and reputation
- Strong core neighborhoods –been here for a long time, well maintained
- Airlake and I-35
- Actual downtown
- Wide variety and popularity of events
- Strong business community
- Diverse balance of commercial-industrial and residential properties
- Cleanliness of city

Council – Boards & Commissions: Lakeville’s Greatest Challenges- Next 10 Years



- Shifting from growth to maintaining (infrastructure/services)
- Retail options, restaurants, more services of large city
- Embracing increasing diversity of the community—making visible in representation
- Walkability—community design--connections
- School siting/redistricting/growth—stay ahead of this, be mindful of challenges
- Affordable housing
- Maintaining the balance and variety we have in the community
- Keeping the growth commitment while attempting to keep small town feel

Council – Boards & Commissions: Lakeville's Opportunities



- Accommodate aging population
- Now is the time/we have time for long term financial planning
- Invest in city staff
- Ensure current quality of public safety
- Stay on top of remote work and related shifts in economy
- Denser downtown – live, work, play
- Build out of trails and parks
- Broaden the people at the table
- Maintain civic generosity (financial and time)

Council – Boards & Commissions: Lakeville's Limitations



- Location – considered outer suburb
- Traffic
- Mandates – other governments
- Density – good and bad
- Money
- Water treatment facility
- Increasing impacts of climate change
- No hospital

Council – Boards & Commissions: Envision Lakeville Values – Still Relevant?



ENVISION LAKEVILLE VALUES

Diversified Economic Development

Good Value for Public Services

Safety Throughout the Community

Design That Connects the Community

High Quality Education

A Home for All Ages and Stages of Life

A Sense of Community and Belonging

*Access to a Multitude of Natural Amenities and
Recreational Opportunities*

COUNCIL-BOARDS-COMMISSIONS REACTION

A Resounding – Yes!

Council – Boards & Commissions: Envision Lakeville Priorities – Still Relevant?



ENVISION LAKEVILLE PRIORITIES

Increase Economic Sustainability

Support High Quality Education

Develop a Community of Choice

Cultivate a Sense of Community

Provide Services That Add Value

COUNCIL-BOARDS-COMMISSIONS REACTION

A Resounding – Yes!