Working Together to Create Vibrant Places in Saint Paul

Margaret Jones, 8 80 Vitality Fellow
“If you create a city that’s good for an eight-year-old and good for an 80-year-old, you will create a successful city for everyone.”

- Gil Penalosa, 8 80 Cities
8 80 Advisory Team established principles for Saint Paul

24 people from 12 of the 14 City departments

• Ensure Saint Paul puts people first

• Encourage vitality through investment, private and public alike

• Create accessible places where people want to connect and spend time

• Promote healthy living

• Celebrate the city’s cultural diversity
Role as 8 80 Vitality Fellow

- Work with city staff to infuse and embed these principles into city processes and projects
- Breakdown silos inter and intra-departmentally
- Engage our community through improved outreach tactics
- Recognize and foster business partnerships
- Implement pilot projects, artistic placemaking, and have fun!

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Where can we use these principles?

Opportunities to embed the principles included but were not limited to the following:

- Comprehensive Planning Process
- Planning Commissions
- Technical and Community Advisory Committees
- Projects – large and small
- In all the work we all do, day to day
Ongoing learning opportunities for city staff and community partners to explore diverse perspectives on how to continue building a vibrant and livable city. Over 1,200 people from 105 organizations attended these talks. Connections made across the city and region.

- Gil Penalosa
- Brian Falk
- Gabe Klein
- Jay Walljasper
- James Edward Mills
- Margaret Lamar & Andrew Moore
- Dr. Mindy Fullilove
- James Rojas
- Susan Brower
- Wing Young Huie
- Carissa Glatt and Justin Hollis
- Economic Development Panel
- Conversation on Aging
- Capstone Event with Gil Penalosa (Next Tuesday)
WHAT’S NEXT?

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