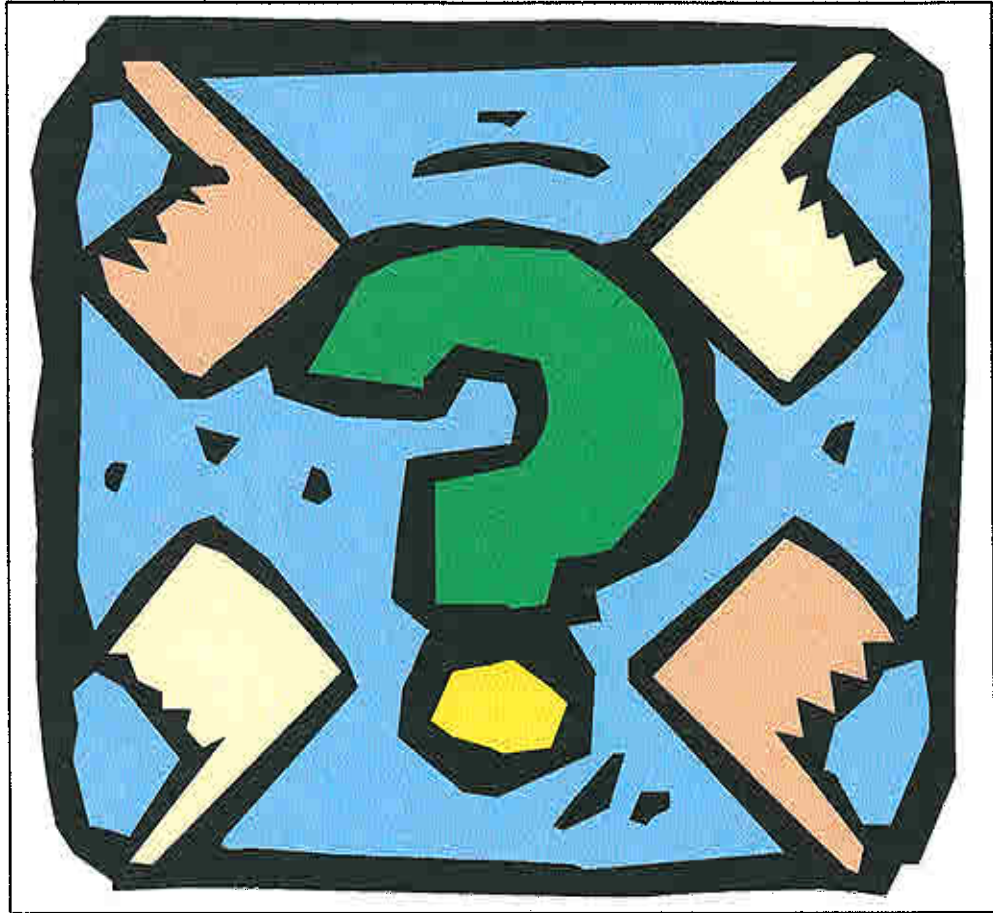


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## OUTLINE OF THE SESSION

1. Introductions and background
2. Participant expectations
3. Identification of needs
4. Identification of assets, strengths, and opportunities
5. Developing a vision for the neighborhood
6. Action steps and responsibilities
7. Wrap-up



## EXPECTATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

### What do you want to get out of today's discussion?

- A recognition that we are not alone – support from others
- Effective action – determine who is responsible and results
- Plan for improvements
- Determination of roles of government: municipal, provincial, federal and aboriginal
- Identification of role of community associations
- Safety
- Identification of outcomes
- Identification of resources, services, and facilities
- Discussion of rentals and home ownership issues
- Discussion of role of police as part of the community
- Overlap of service providers and organizations
- Communications in the neighborhood
- How to take collective action, getting organized and talking with decision-makers and politicians
- Discussion of social issues such as poverty
- Identification of positive assets in the neighborhood



## OUR VISION FOR THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA

### What do you see as elements of a vision for the community?

- Increase in home ownership by people who value their homes and take pride in the area
- A feeling that you're at home and you belong in the area – all people welcome in the neighborhood
- Diversity of business in the area – small business, home based business growing and expanding
- Upgraded rental properties with dignified renters and owners committed to the neighborhood
- Co-op rentals, rentals involved in the community
- Pride in self and community
- Increase in well-cared for gardens, flowers and green spaces
- Use of banners, planters, flowers, common areas painted and cleaned up
- Mature parks, play equipment, clean and well-lit, safe for all
- Shared responsibility and shared resources for the neighborhood
- Less fear and more trust by residents
- Better maintained yards and houses – responsible home ownership
- Young families moving in
- Neighborhood festival(s), community events, cultural projects
- New homes built to fit older neighborhood
- New shops and businesses on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- ① City work hand-in-hand with the community
- ① Seniors able and desiring to retire in their own homes
- ① Community making local decisions – greater autonomy
- ① Flourishing elementary and high schools
- ① Heritage markers, monuments, sites of interest (huge rocks)
- ① Land use harmony, sensitive reuse of buildings
- ① Respect for others and their property
- ① Services available for seniors – yard care, home care and others
- ① Walking tours of the area
- ① Community barbecues and other activities
- ① Effective communication – newsletter, phone, community bulletin board
- ① “Welcome to Community” signs
- ① Slow traffic – respectful drivers
- ① Kids playing everywhere – happily
- ① A positive mental image – both within the neighborhood and throughout the city
- ① A place of hope, pride, self esteem, where all can live up to their potential – a place where people want to live, work and play





## STRENGTHS, ASSETS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**What are the strengths, assets and opportunities the neighborhood can build on?**

- ① Community organizations and other centers including non-governmental organizations
- ① Committed and dedicated residents / seniors / youth
- ① Affordable housing – low cost start up for families and businesses
- ① Good cultural and ethnic mix – cultural diversity
- ① Close to downtown and stores
- ① Established shops, retail and other services
- ① Good public bus transportation
- ① City services such as rear lane pickup
- ① Schools, libraries, cultural center
- ① Parks, green space, ball diamonds, golf course, rinks, swimming pool, indoor track
- ① Ample supply of low-cost housing, heritage properties, low taxes, opportunity for development
- ① Variety of churches
- ① Opportunities for commercial development
- ① Activities / programs for children and youth
- ① Mix of organizations and associations
- ① Pending development of community policing and Safety City

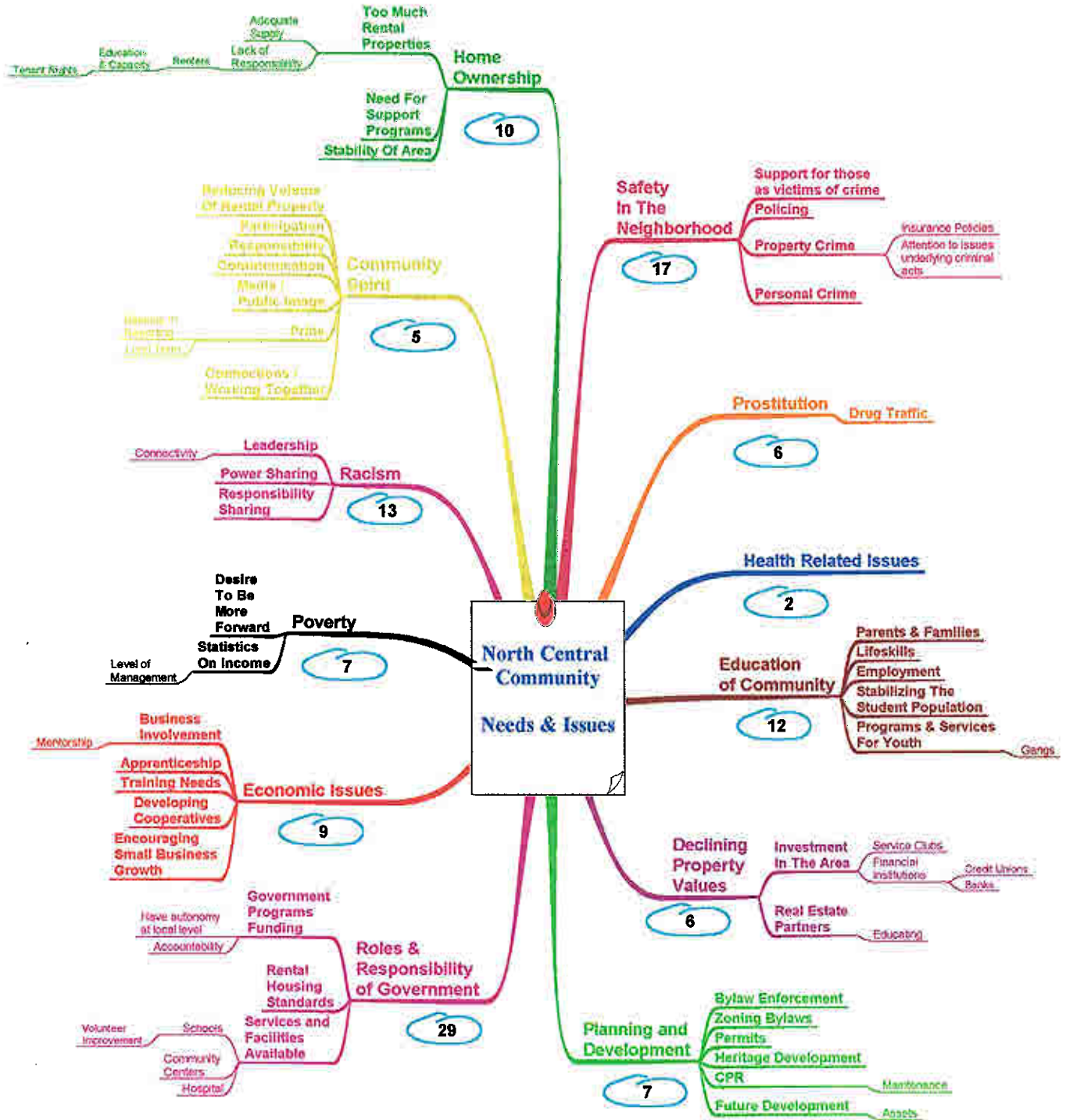
- ① Taylor Field, Exhibition Grounds
- ① Developed infrastructure – roads, streets, trees
- ① Streetscape diversity
- ① Restaurants, cafes, food services
- ① Hotels and motels
- ① Number and variety of home based businesses
- ① Back alley lighting
- ① Ease of access, character of the neighborhood, well developed streetscapes
- ① Community-based health services and social services including Pasqua Hospital
- ① Strong core of people who have lived in the area – core of residents who care and are committed to the neighborhood







# MIND MAP





## PLAN FOR ACTION: SELF AND FAMILY INITIATED ACTION

**What actions could be undertaken to build on the strengths and assets to improve the area and who should be responsible for initiating the action?**

- ① Own yard and property taken care of
- ① Family pride and spirit and confidence
- ① Volunteer / get involved
- ① Support local small businesses, services and facilities
- ① Respect and understanding – develop trust and friendships
  - ✓ “Small acts of kindness”
  - ✓ Being good neighbors
- ① Clean-up and repair bees
- ① Take care of the trees / flowers
- ① Be involved, speak up, take action – phone calls, write letters, lobby
- ① Expect accountability and involve / invite politicians
- ① Share resources
  - ✓ Tools
  - ✓ Equipment
  - ✓ Plants
- ① Don't give up! We've got so much going for us as a community!



## **PLAN FOR ACTION: BLOCK, NEIGHBORHOOD, COMMUNITY INITIATED ACTION**

**What actions could be undertaken to build on the strengths and assets to improve the area and who should be responsible for initiating the action?**

- ① Develop a plan for the neighborhood and the community
- ① Strategize, find like-minded organizations, work together
- ① Walking tours / monuments
- ① Capitalize on the cultural diversity of the area
- ① Churches, heritage locations
- ① Seek out the human / people resources
- ① Integrate and involve seniors
- ① Better utilization of facilities
  - ✓ Recreation / communication centers
  - ✓ Schools
- ① Celebrate successes!
- ① Community "Communications" plan – outside and inside
- ① Business directory
- ① Develop community bulletin board
- ① Community clean-up and repair days
- ① Bring back some of the identity that has disappeared



## PLAN FOR ACTION:

### GOVERNMENT (Municipal, Provincial, Federal, Aboriginal) INITIATED ACTION

**What actions could be undertaken to build on the strengths and assets to improve the area and who should be responsible for initiating the action?**

- ① Neighborhood planning / government resources
- ① Funding for staff and equipment based in the community
- ① Sustainable core funding
- ① Expect to be treated with respect and taken seriously
- ① Keep our issues front and center / follow-up
- ① Incentives to purchase homes and bring back families
- ① Develop presentations and lobby for assistance from all levels of government – municipal, provincial, federal
- ① Dialogue and exchange with aboriginal governments: FSIN, File Hills
- ① Funding for education and social issues
- ① Trades and apprenticeships
- ① Make inner-city community development a priority





## **PLAN FOR ACTION:**

### **OTHERS WHO WOULD ASSIST / BE INVOLVED IN INITIATING ACTION**

**What actions could be undertaken to build on the strengths and assets to improve the area and who should be responsible for initiating the action?**

- School boards
- Health district
- Non-governmental agencies
- Business community
- Churches
- Schools / parent associations
- Sask Lotteries
- Cultural organizations
- Heritage groups
- City owned facilities
- Regina Exhibition Association
- Saskatchewan Roughriders



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