

communityconnectionsconference  
**BIG IDEAS**  
 Your Minneapolis

The 2016 Agenda features three tracks:  
 Your City Your Neighborhood Your Voice

Saturday April 2nd, 2016  
 Minneapolis Convention Center

Time	Program	Description
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Equity, Health, and Community Conditions</b>	Panel discussion of equity goals for the City of Minneapolis, and how health equity connects to structural racism and the social determinants of health.
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Big Ideas in Economic Competitiveness</b>	A panel discussion exploring how trends can improve not only the economic competitiveness of the city but also advance the goals of equity and sustainability using arts and culture as key drivers.
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Neighborhoods 101</b>	Participate in an interactive workshop with city and neighborhood staff and volunteers to discuss what neighborhoods do in Minneapolis.
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Reaching Non-English Speaking Communities</b>	Connecting with non-English speaking communities goes far beyond translated materials. Learn creative strategies for different communities to ensure your engagement efforts are effective.
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Engaging Policy Makers</b>	Learn the best approaches for connecting with policy makers at the City of Minneapolis. This learning lab will feature an interactive panel discussion with key individuals responsible for creating and enacting policy in the City.
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC)</b>	Learn about the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) districts, getting elected, what the time commitment is, and what the benefits are of connecting with the NCEC.
10:45-12:00 p.m.	<b>Big Ideas in Growth</b>	In this session, we will discuss why this growth is important to address and plan for. Come and join us for a robust conversation about the big ideas in growth.
10:45-12:00 p.m.	<b>Big Ideas in Resiliency and Sustainability: Environmental Systems, Parks, and Complete Communities</b>	Discuss some of the intersections between managing our environmental systems, creating active and vibrant spaces for recreation and enhancing the public realm.

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10:45-12:00 p.m.	<b>Grass Roots Organizing</b>	Hear from our panel and each other through an open dialogue around organizing models, best practices (what works and what didn't) and developing formal and informal networks that ensure community voices are heard.
10:45-12:00 p.m.	<b>All about the ABC's: The in's and out's of Appointed Boards and Commissions</b>	Learn the basics of serving on a City board or commission, the necessary parliamentary procedures for conducting committee business and how to apply to become a board or commission member.
1:45-3:00 p.m.	<b>What's Coming: Civic Technology and Public Services</b>	Civic Technology and Public Services - Learn about the latest technology. Hear experts discuss where civic technology is headed. Give your thoughts on what opportunities and challenges you think technology can solve for government and beyond.
1:45-3:00 p.m.	<b>Affordability, Design, and Preservation: The City's Role in Enhancing Livability</b>	Participate in a panel discussion on big ideas related to preserving and enhancing community character and preparing for future housing needs.
1:45-3:00 p.m.	<b>Visioning the Future of Neighborhoods</b>	Participate in a visioning session on the evolution and future of the City of Minneapolis neighborhood system and share your ideas how neighborhood organizations should evolve.
1:45-3:00 p.m.	<b>Connecting with Renters</b>	Hear from renters what their community concerns are and how to best connect to the rental community. Giving renters the opportunity to feel invested in their community is a win-win for all!
1:45-3:00 p.m.	<b>Livable Communities for All</b>	Discuss strategies that connect communities of all ages and all abilities to find common ground, collectively address community concerns and demonstrate the value of an age balanced community.

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