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## Valpo Invites Input for Strategic Plan

The City of Valparaiso has launched a strategic planning process and is seeking community input for creating the plan, according to Valparaiso Mayor Matt Murphy. "We're interested in hearing from our neighbors and learning what they would like to see in Valparaiso moving forward," he said.

The City is working with Consultant Desila Rosetti of Organizational Design Solutions to facilitate the planning process, which began with a review of current data, previous planning documents and studies, and an assessment of accomplishments from earlier goals. To gather community input, a list of six key questions has been distilled to spark discussion and ideas. "We want to know things like 'What do you like about Valparaiso?' and 'What's on your wish list for the city?" said Murphy.

To weigh in, the community can participate in one of five Zoom sessions beginning on Feb. 15 or participate in an online survey through the end of February. To find the available times and the survey link, visit Valpo.us and click on the "Strategic Planning" link at the top of the page. The sessions have been scheduled to include a variety of days and times to accommodate many schedules.

"Certainly 2020 was an atypical year and we're very proud of the way Valparaiso worked together to get through it together. Now it's time to look forward. This strategic plan will be a valuable tool and we're eager to hear from the community and continue working collectively toward shared goals," said Murphy.