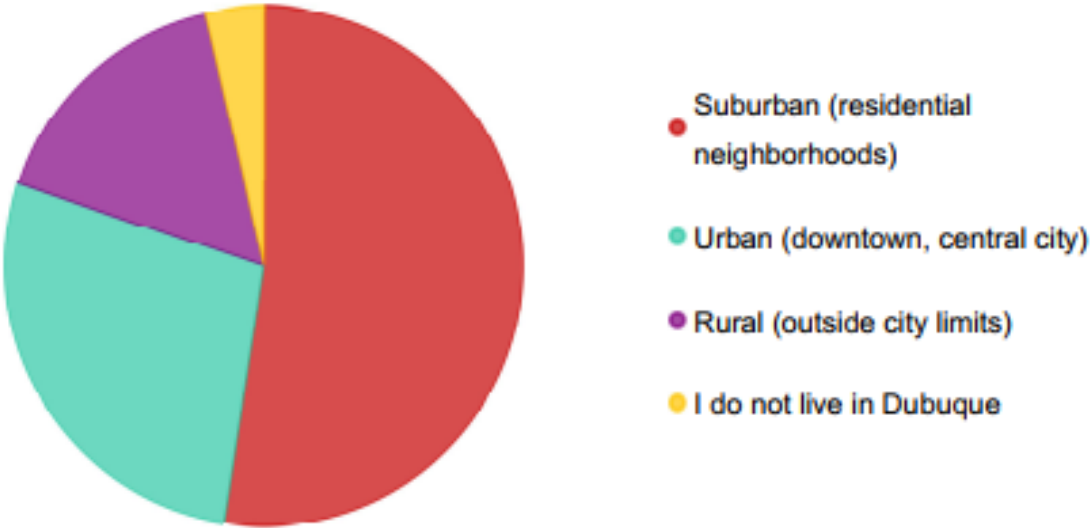


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Question #1:
*What type of area
do you live in?*

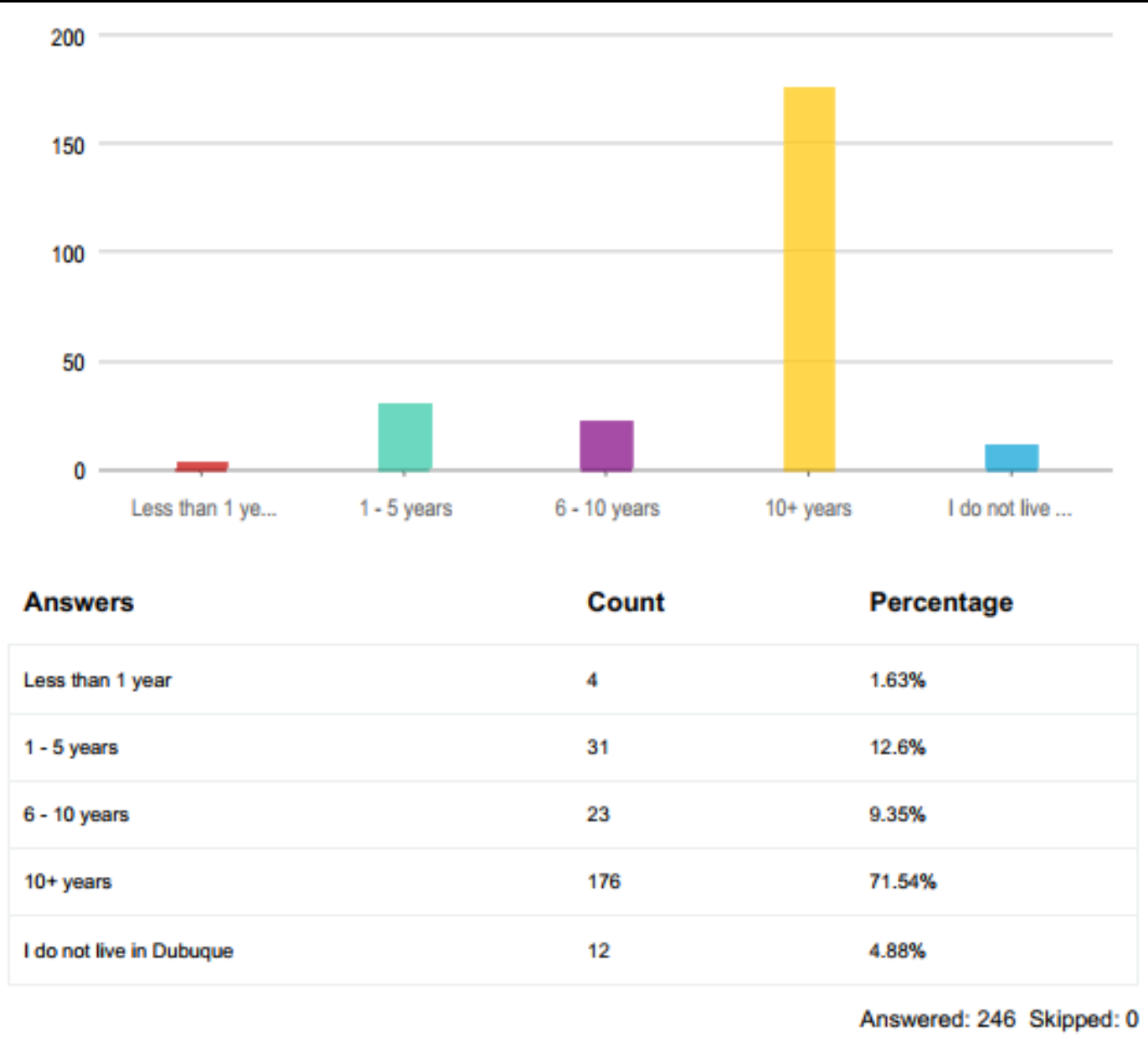


Answers	Count	Percentage
Suburban (residential neighborhoods)	129	52.44%
Urban (downtown, central city)	68	27.64%
Rural (outside city limits)	40	16.26%
I do not live in Dubuque	9	3.66%

Answered: 246 Skipped: 0

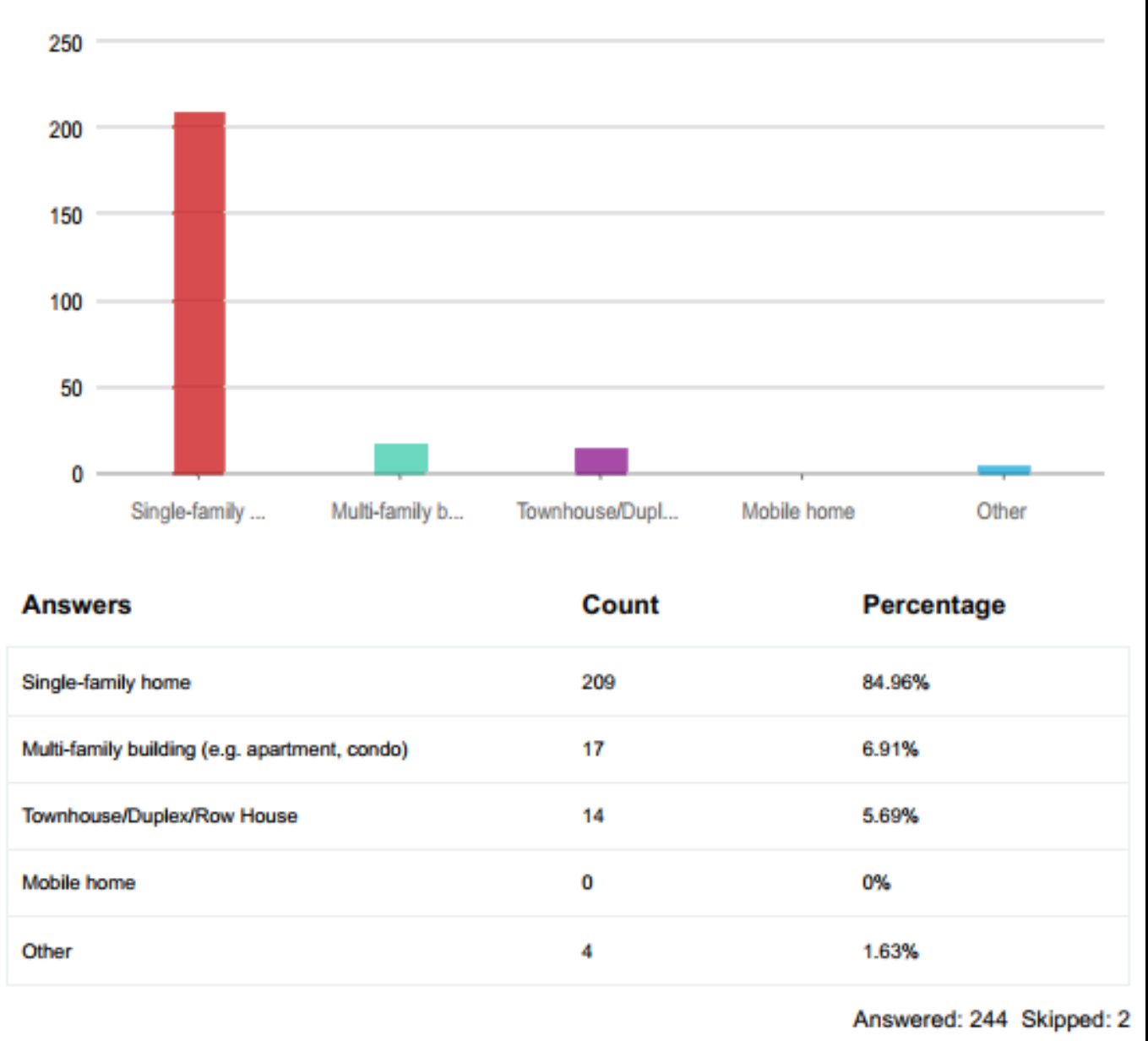
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Question #2:
*How long have
you lived in
Dubuque?*



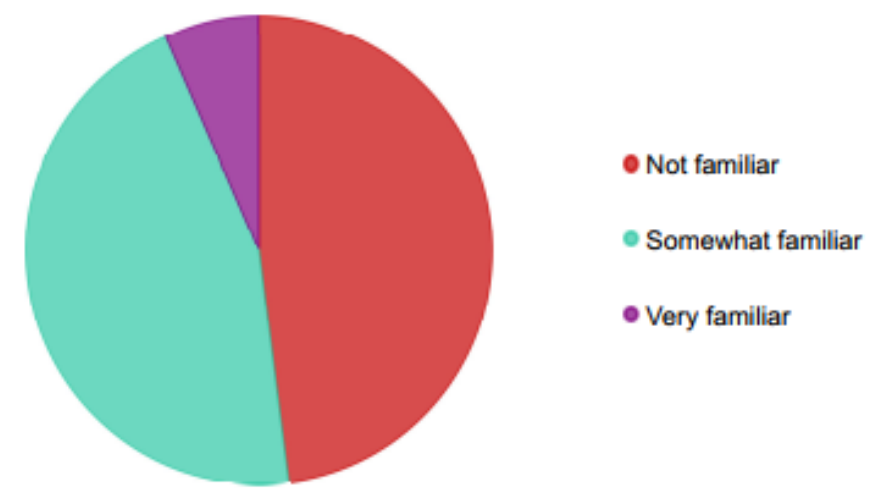
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Question #3:
*What type of
housing do you
currently live in?*



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Question #4:
*How familiar are
you with the City
of Dubuque's
Unified
Development
Code?*

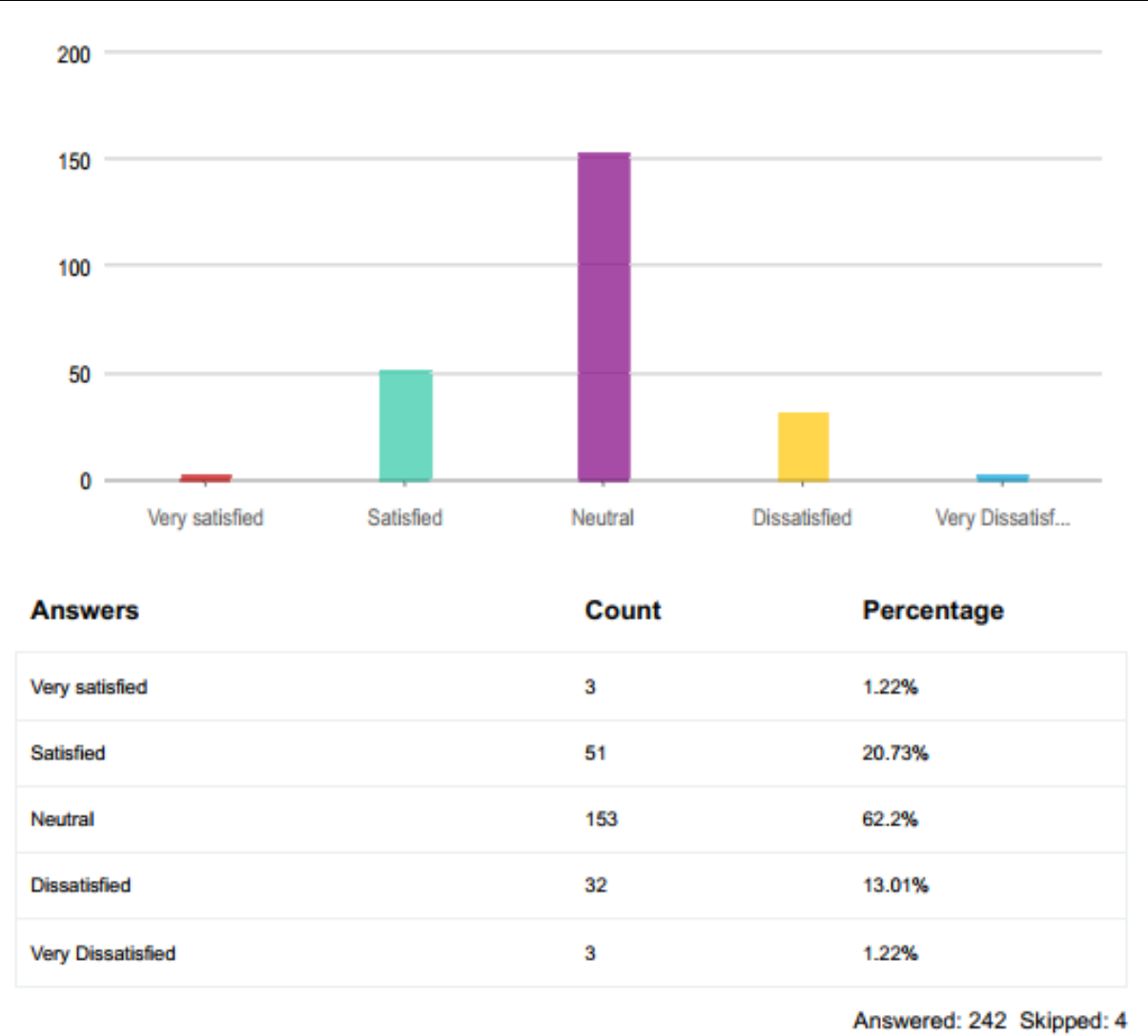


Answers	Count	Percentage
Not familiar	117	47.56%
Somewhat familiar	111	45.12%
Very familiar	16	6.5%

Answered: 244 Skipped: 2

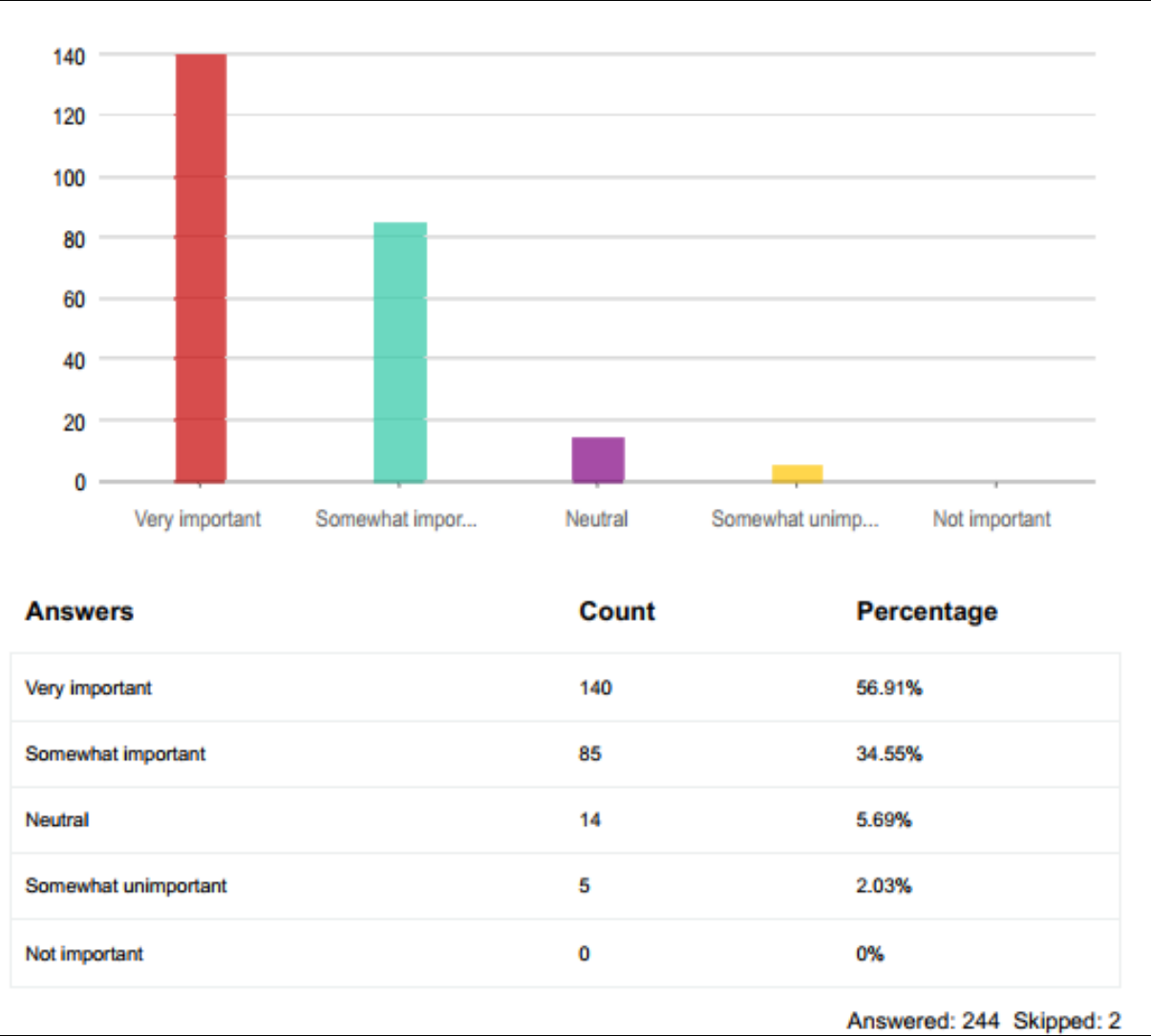
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Question #5:
*How satisfied are
you with the
current
development and
zoning regulations
in Dubuque?*



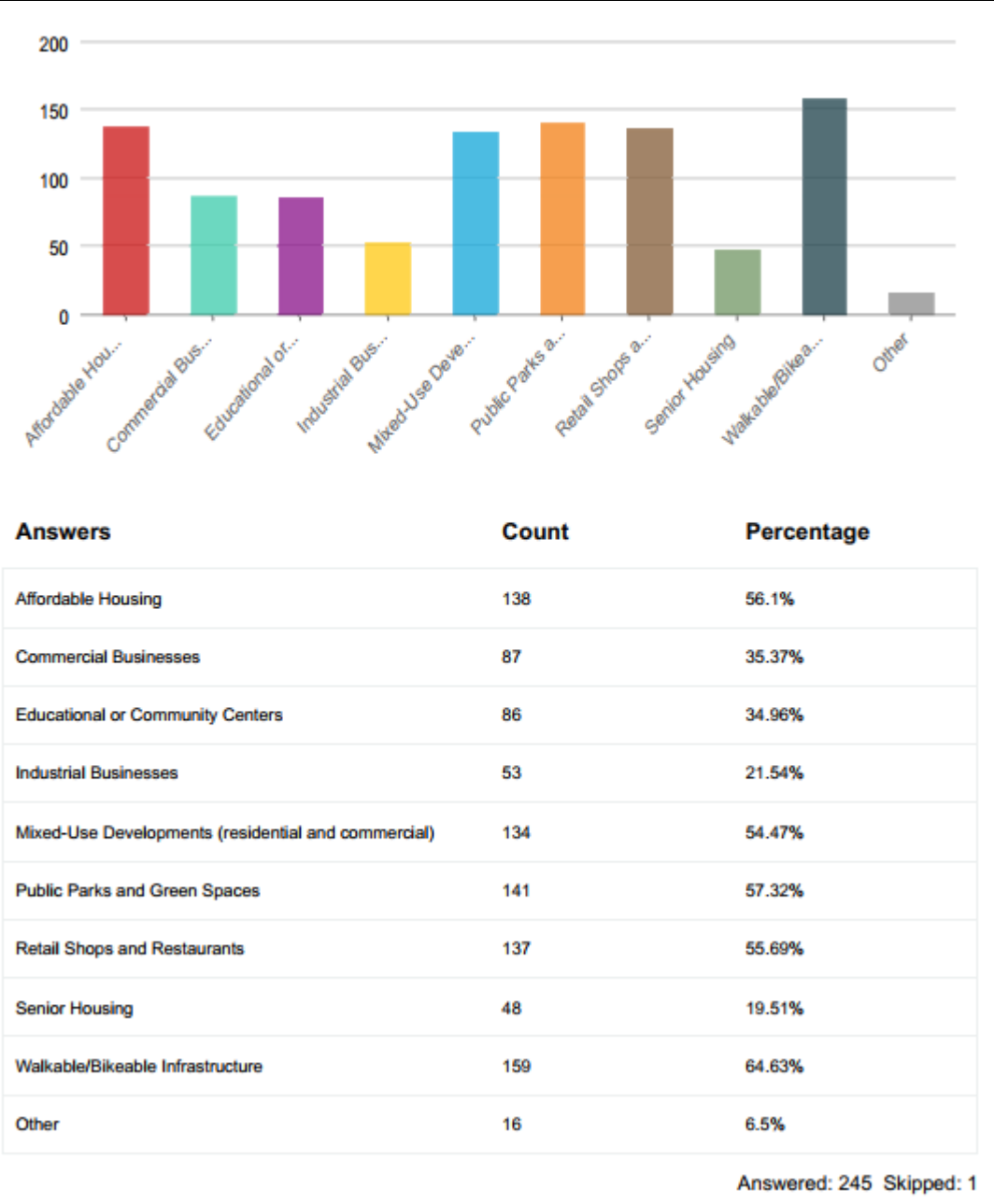
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Question #6:
*In your opinion,
how important is it
to maintain a
balance between
development and
preserving the
natural
environment in
Dubuque?*



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Question #7:
*What types of
new development
would you like to
see more of in
Dubuque?*



What types of new development would you like to see more of in Dubuque?

Other Responses:

Tourism Attractions

Redevelop existing buildings/spaces vs expansion.
Grow from within.

Trees!

Nice dog parks

Downtown development - residential and retail

Need More Tourism - Like Wisconsin Dells, Branson MO. Pigeon Forge TN.

Major employers nonindustrial. Actual beautiful parks lining river instead of smelly industries.
Downtown multi family apt and condo. Downtown leisure and retail

Rezoning for Middle Road

Spaces for kids/teens to hang out

More affordable housing in areas NOT in the school boundaries for the DCSC Title 1 elementary schools.
Affordable spaces for business owners. Additional properties that can be purchased by small businesses.

Free civic amenities such as libraries, recreation centers, parks, arboretum, etc.

Family entertainment (Q just attempted and failed horribly)

Roof top bars/restaurants

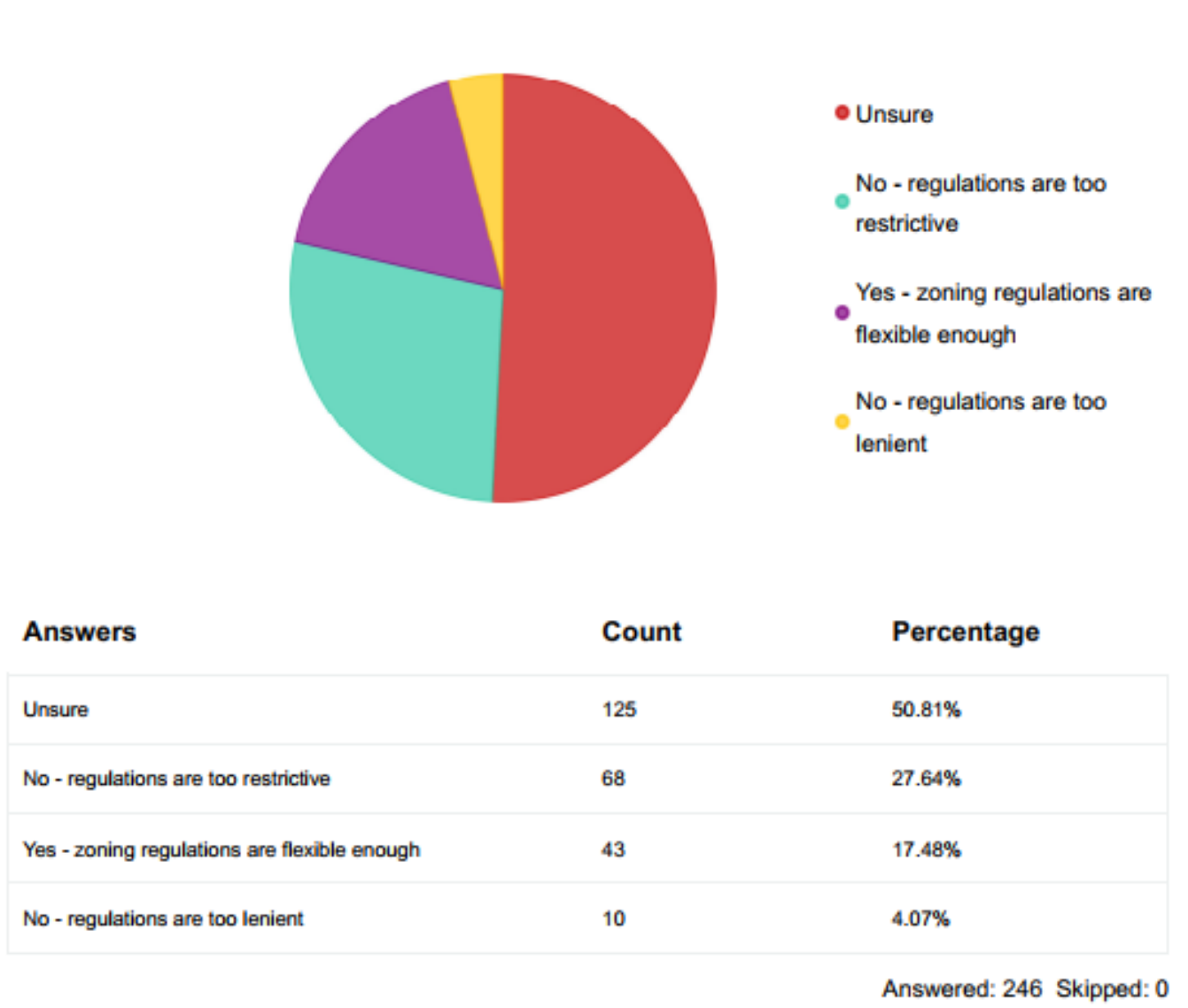
Self driving vehicle infrastructure

Recreation

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Question #8:

Do you feel that current zoning regulations in Dubuque allow for enough flexibility in terms of land use and development?



What specific aspects of the Unified Development Code would you like to see improved or updated?

Other Responses:

Would like zoning to look at property land areas before they put in a building. Example is starbucks by Plaza 20. way to small area and terrible to get in and out of

Trees in the downtown streets

green space required; good old design and good new design blend well (Dubuque is behind)

I am upset that the city pays no attention to absentee landlord properties engaged in unlicensed short-term occupancy (e.g. AirB&B). They are a blight and impact availability and affordability of city housing. They also use public amenities such as city streets for "guest parking." This makes city residents subsidize private businesses and creates parking/road obstructions. I live near a rental unit that has had as many as a dozen cars parked on a private street, blocking the road and driveways.

I would like to see an incentive for local contractors. We have too many out of town contractors and sub-contractors working on local projects.

Allow for non-paved parking in light industrial lots.

Eliminate parking meters or have 1st hr free

Housing communities for homeless folks. Other states are more progressive in this area and we need to look at different programs that house the homeless.

Improvement or update to the above is a matter of opinion. I can't in good faith check any of these boxes without knowing what improvement or update is defined as.

We don't need any more parking

None

What specific aspects of the Unified Development Code would you like to see improved or updated?

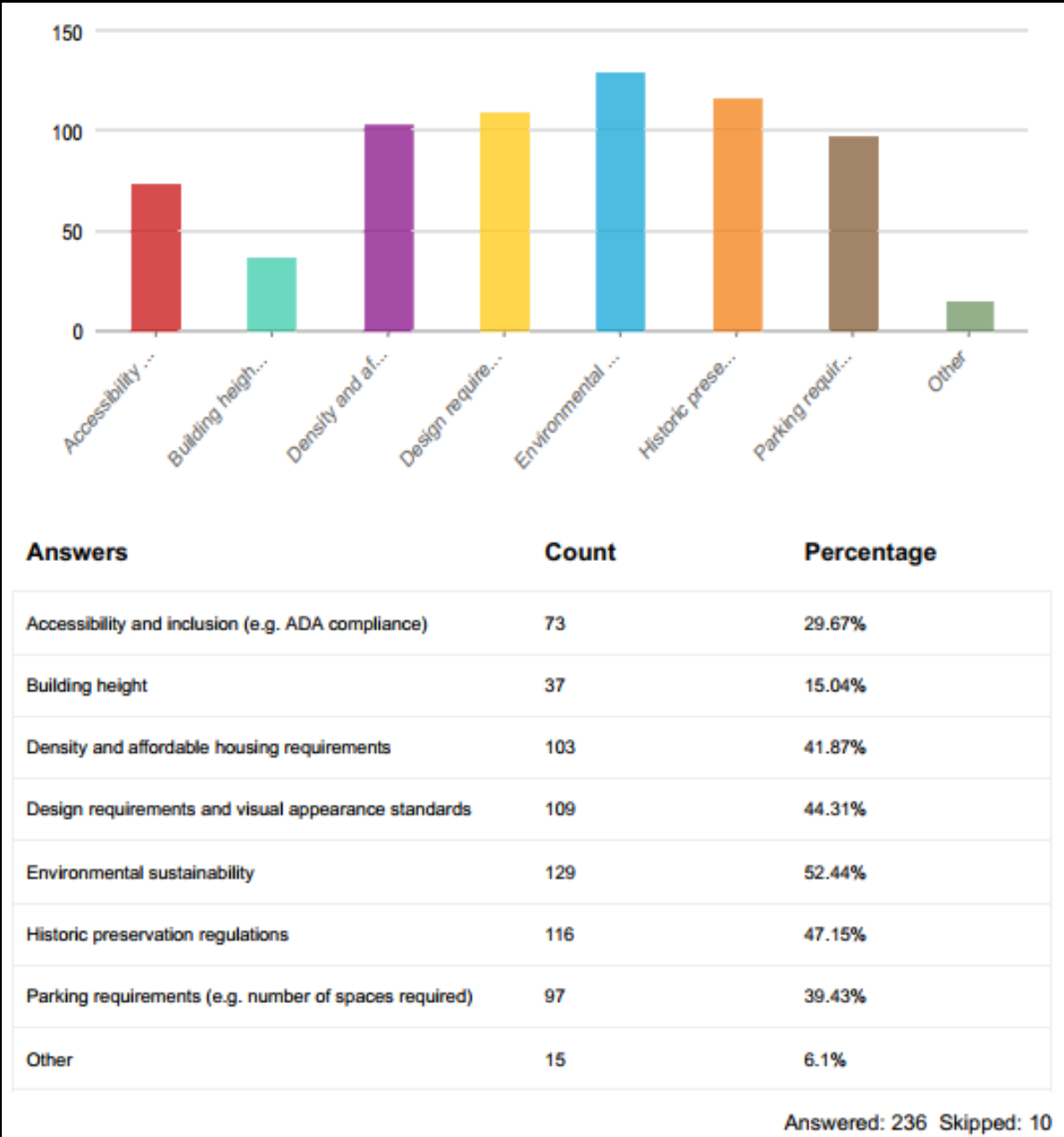
Other Responses:

Suggest a UDC appendix (that is regularly updated) discussing how to improve environmental sustainability, expected costs and benefits. Suggest such an appendix is reviewed and updated annually.

On commercial buildings, larger size and specific location of street number. Currently buildings along Dodge Street, Kennedy Road, NW Arterial street number not visible.

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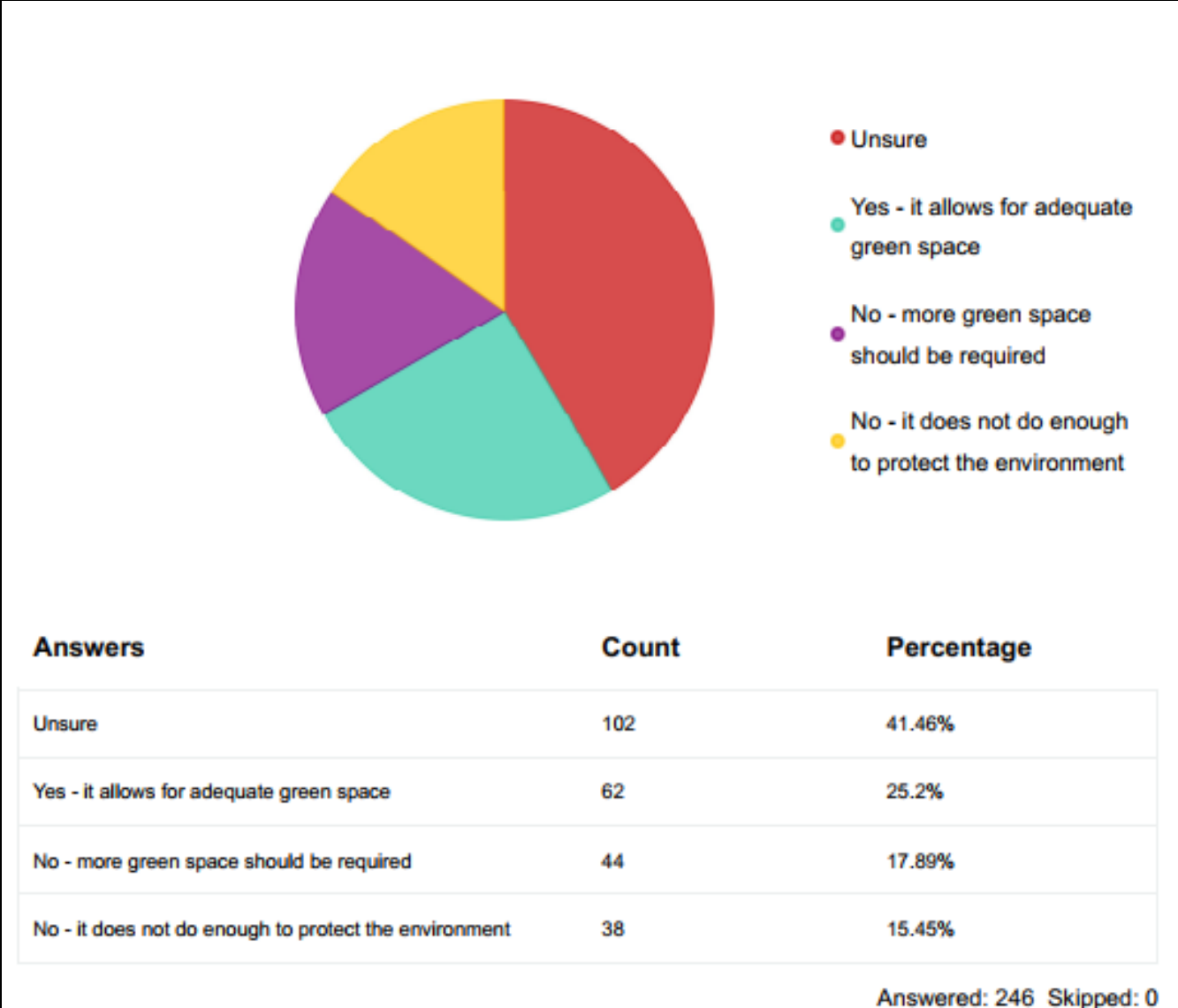
Question #9:
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see improved or
updated?*



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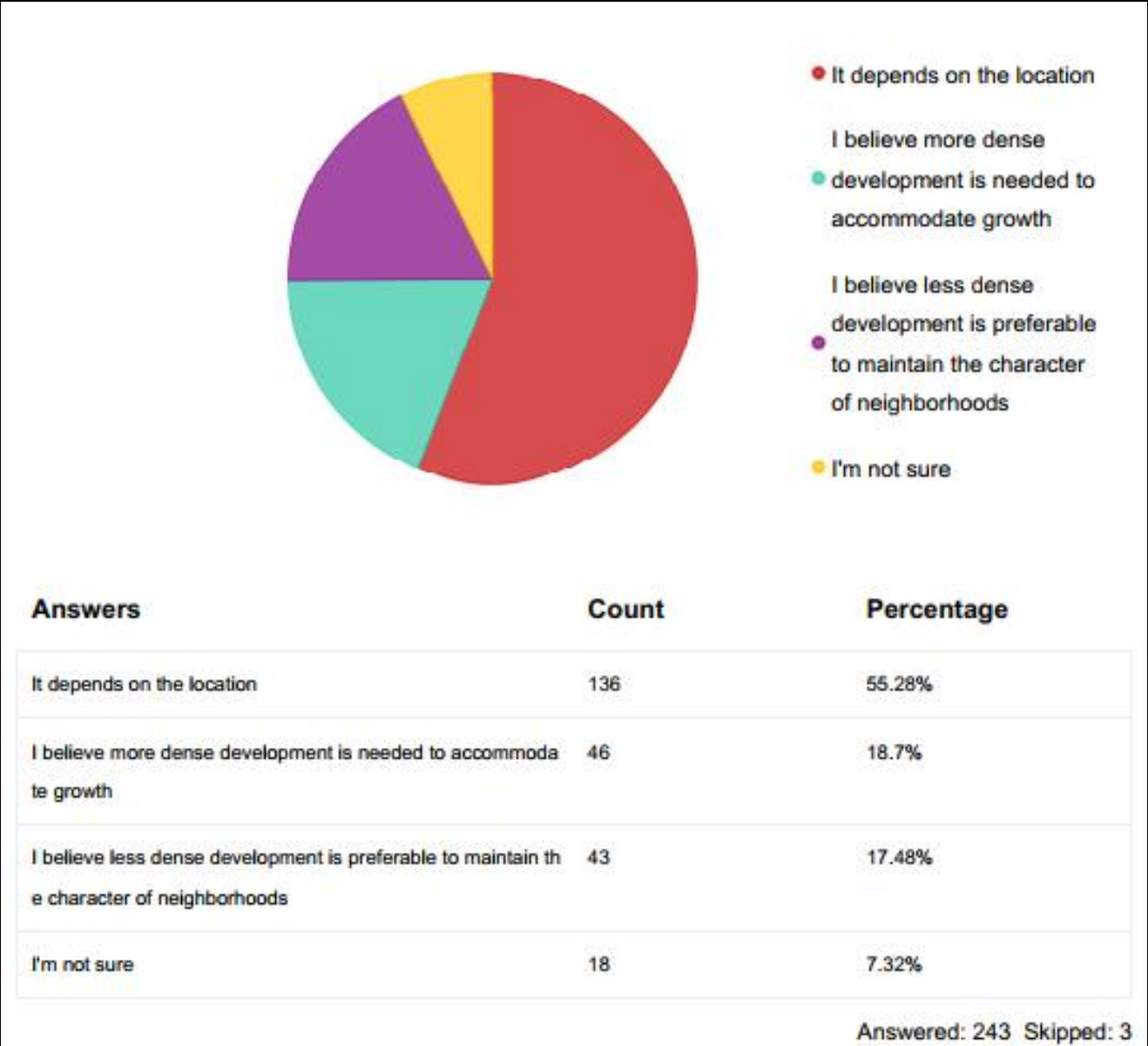
Question #10:

Do you feel that the current UDC allows for adequate green space and environmental protection in new developments?



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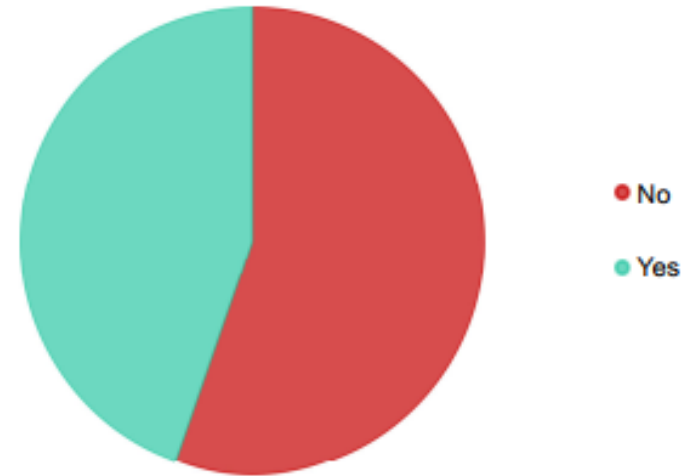
Question #11:
*How do you feel
about the density
of new housing
developments in
Dubuque?*



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Question #12:

*Are there any
specific areas in
Dubuque where
you feel
development
regulations should
be relaxed or
tightened?*



Answers

Count

Percentage

No

124

50.41%

Yes

100

40.65%

Answered: 224 Skipped: 22

Are there any specific areas in Dubuque where you feel development regulations should be relaxed or tightened?

Downtown

- Height limits should be relaxed.
- Remove barriers to using infill lots and ADUs.
- Needs balanced historic preservation regulations.
- More mixed-use development (e.g., Three Over Ones).
- Reduce parking mandates and zoning rules.
- Rooftop access for patron businesses.
- Encourage pedestrian-friendly, vibrant redevelopment.
- Allow greater building height and density.
- Improve appearance—many buildings are rundown.
- Reduce regulations for vacant/eyesore properties.
- Create cohesive planning (not siloed districts).
- Too lenient on parking credits; causes congestion.
- Incentivize redevelopment in vacant areas like near Millwork District and former Dubuque Packing Co.
- Eliminate excessive sign regulations.
- Reduce setbacks, lot sizes, and parking mandates.

North End

- Should be improved for affordable housing.
- Fix rundown properties and provide affordable ranch-style housing.
- Preserve smaller lots and narrow rights-of-way.
- Improve economic development and infrastructure.

Historic Districts

- Stricter regulations needed.
- Conflicting opinions: some want less strict rules to enable development, others want stronger preservation.
- Clarify which structures and uses are allowed.

R-1 Residential Areas

- Should allow duplexes and ADUs.
- Allow multi-family and corner store commercial uses.
- Preserve single-family home neighborhoods from short-term rentals.
- Encourage neighborhood gathering places (e.g., Milkhouse, Charlotte's Coffee House).

Solon Street Area (1940s–1950s neighborhood)

- Needs sidewalks; currently discourages walking.

Floodplain Areas

- Floodplain building policies need revision.
- Avoid development in vulnerable areas due to storm risk.

Millwork District

- Needs sustainable updates and green space.
- Code enforcement for remodeling and construction.

Are there any specific areas in Dubuque where you feel development regulations should be relaxed or tightened?

Urban Areas / Infill Development

- Stronger enforcement for non-compliance.
- Allow mixed-use and reduce subdivision requirements.

Outlying Areas / West End

- Too resistant to development; zoning should be more inclusive.
- Room for green space.
- West End ranch-style affordable housing for seniors.
- Relax minimum parking requirements.
- Reduce pushback from high-income areas against low-income housing.
- Allow small businesses or multi-family on corner lots.

Along the Riverfront / Schmid Island

- Protect vacant land and natural resources.
- Environmental studies needed before development.
- Maintain for recreation, senior housing, and business.

Bryant School / Grandview Area

- Traffic concerns with new development.

Vacant Land Across from Diamond Jo

- Underused—consider for redevelopment.

Southwest Arterial

- Commercial development should be incentivized.

Main Street

- Needs increased development and revitalization.
- Vision planning needed.

Unused / Vacant Properties

- Allow redevelopment even if rezoning is required.

Environmental and Sustainability Focus

- Relax regulations for solar, green infrastructure.
- Tree planting regulations like in Pella, IA.
- Encourage sustainable housing, public transit use.

AirBnB and Short-Term Rentals

- Should be regulated like hotels/motels.
- Especially near schools and in residential zones.

Industrial / Manufacturing near Residential

- Need stricter zoning for environmental safety.

Are there any specific areas in Dubuque where you feel development regulations should be relaxed or tightened?

Food Deserts

- Development needed to improve access.

Green Space

- Increase green and shared spaces.
- Rethink what “greenspace” means (beyond lawns).

Community Gathering Areas

- Encourage more places like Charlotte's Coffee or The Milkhouse in residential zones.

Parking Requirements

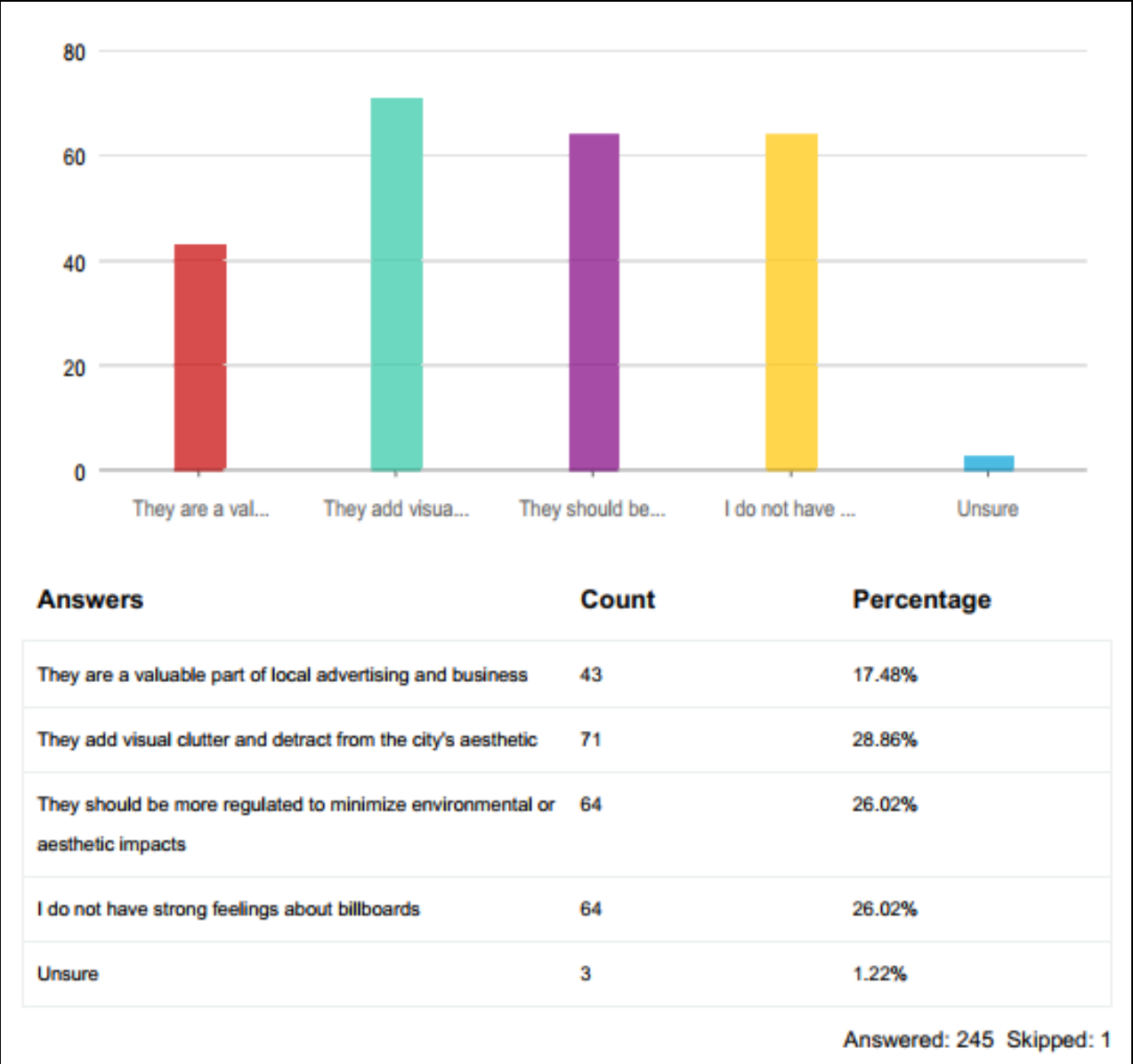
- Simplify for industrial and light industrial uses (e.g., allow gravel instead of paved lots).

Street Parking

- Limit in high-traffic areas like West 3rd, Hill, North Grandview.
- Improve downtown parking without losing housing opportunities

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Question #13:
*How do you feel
about the presence
of billboards in the
City of Dubuque?*



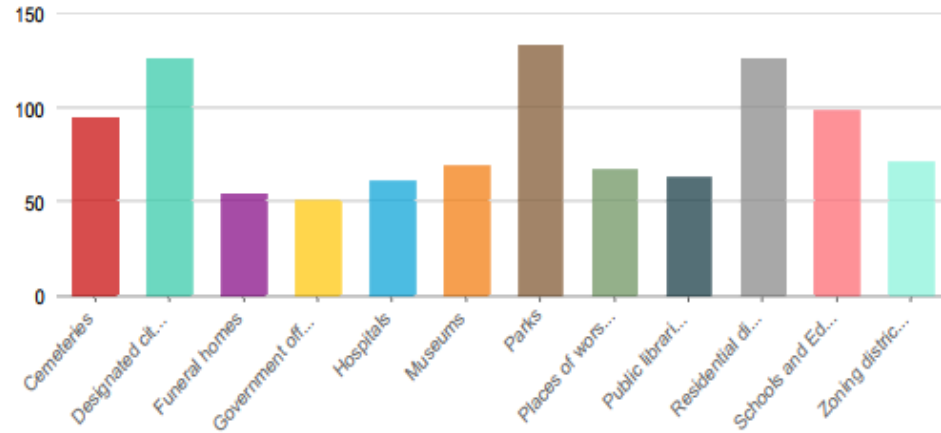
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Question #14:

Currently, the Dubuque City Code requires billboards to be a certain distance from other billboards and from historic districts.

Should billboards also be required to be a certain distance from other districts, structures, or uses?

Select as many as you like?



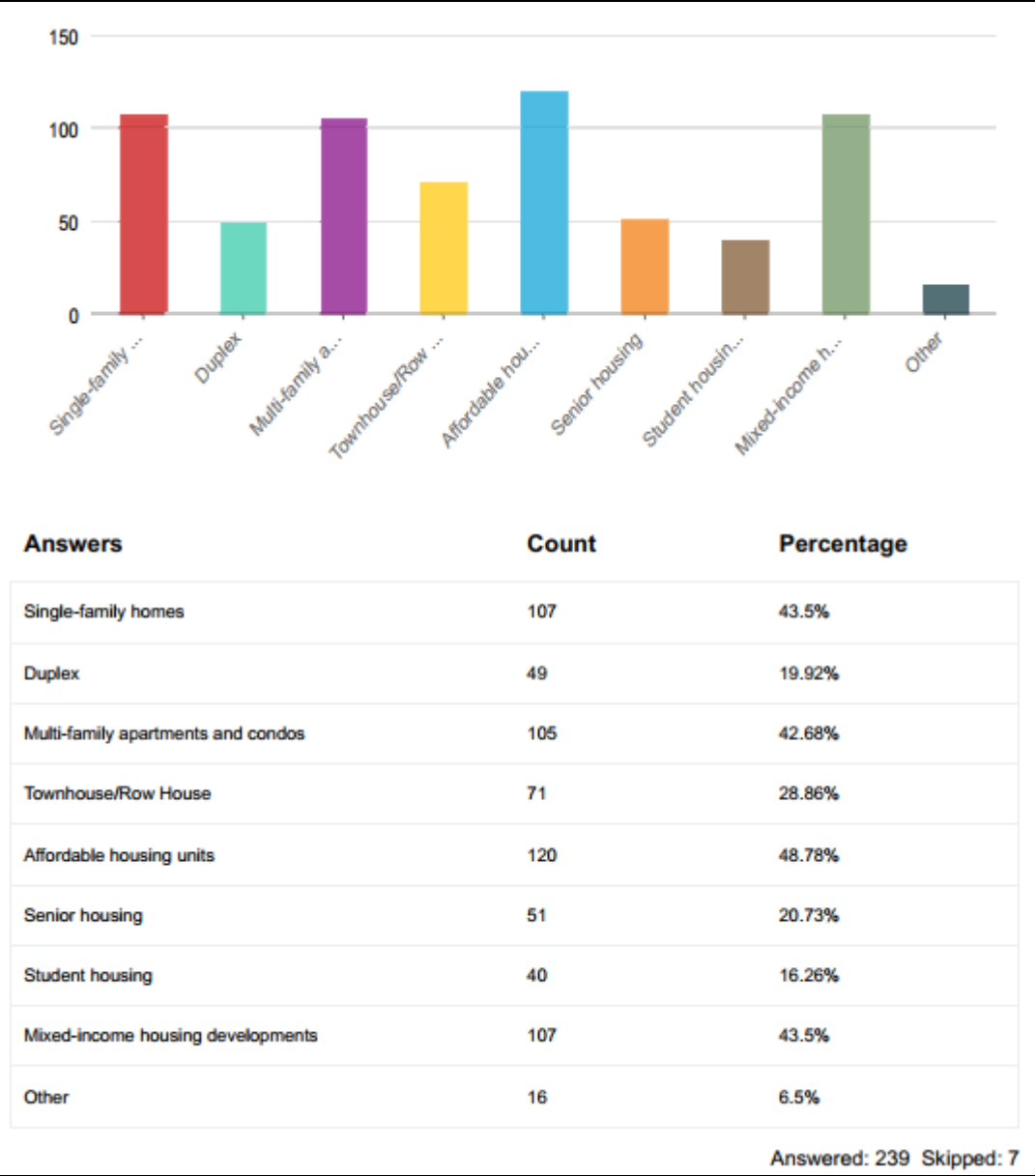
Answers	Count	Percentage
Cemeteries	95	38.62%
Designated city landmarks	126	51.22%
Funeral homes	54	21.95%
Government offices	51	20.73%
Hospitals	61	24.8%
Museums	69	28.05%
Parks	133	54.07%
Places of worship	67	27.24%
Public libraries	63	25.61%
Residential districts	126	51.22%
Schools and Education Facilities	99	40.24%
Zoning districts prohibiting billboards	71	28.86%

Answered: 194 Skipped: 52

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Question #15:

What type of housing should the City of Dubuque prioritize in the UDC update? (Select all that apply)



Other - What type of housing should the City of Dubuque prioritize in the UDC update?

More dense single family development.

Refurbished housing buildings

I would love to see a shift from incentivizing apartment building construction to incentivizing affordable home ownership opportunities such as condo development, especially in adaptive reuse projects like those underway in the Millwork district.

Mixed use

It should not prioritize any type of housing, but the different types of housing should be in separate locations / districts to protect property values

Mixed Use Residential/Commercial
expensive lifestyle options.

Small cottage houses

Accessible housing

The City shouldn't prioritize the type of housing through the UDC, they should provide adequate availability for the development of all housing types. The Market will prioritize the types of housing.

As a city I believe we need to make housing available across a wide income spectrum. We should not penalize those who are poor and price them out of the housing market, nor should we penalize the wealthy who likely will wish to have more elaborate and Special needs population

ADA accessible housing for rent single family and duplex

Healthcare and Teacher Housing

Handicapped accessible single-family homes.

None

Commercial real estate

Other - What type of housing should the City of Dubuque prioritize in the UDC update?

Special needs population

ADA accessible housing for rent single family and duplex

Healthcare and Teacher Housing

Handicapped accessible single-family homes.

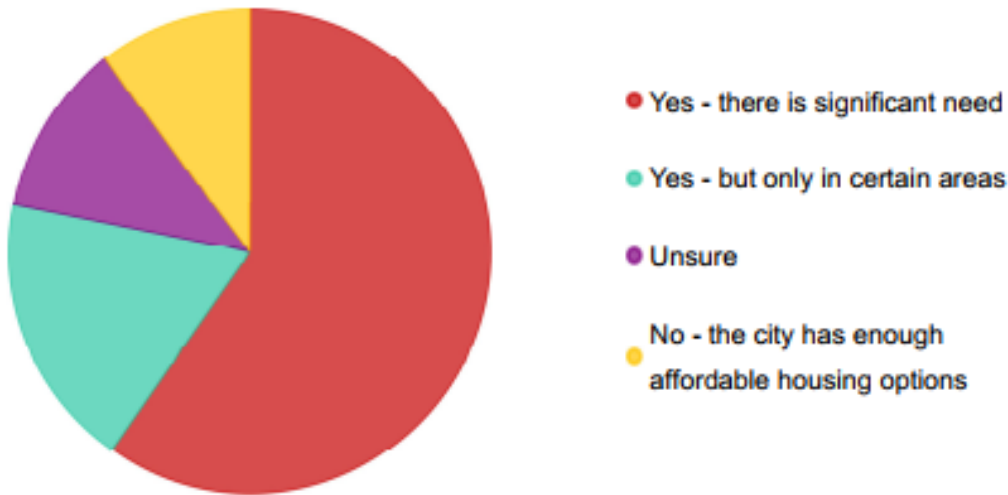
None

Commercial real estate

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Question #16:

Do you think there is a need for more affordable housing in Dubuque?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes - there is significant need	145	58.94%
Yes - but only in certain areas	45	18.29%
Unsure	28	11.38%
No - the city has enough affordable housing options	25	10.16%

Answered: 243 Skipped: 3

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Question #17:

What do you think would help to encourage the development of affordable housing in Dubuque?

Better city incentives, a more robust financing environment with better banking products, advertisement of the development incentives, zoning requirements that match the development goals, diverse design standards that emphasize good aesthetic design not prioritizing historic looks when HTC are not involved, clear communication about the entire process

Reduced parking requirements, less lot area required per unit.

More strategic tax breaks in areas to be refurbished, more investments into attractions, city parks, quality of life, growth in college and young adults population

Incentives that would allow good projects to become financially feasible, especially ones that encourage density in the downtown urban core.

Easing restrictions and rules on single unit rentals when owner lives in building. Equitable treatment for small developers and homeowners – big guy gets much, little guy not even near similar percentages.

What do you think would help to encourage the development of affordable housing in Dubuque?

Provide more substantial incentives for affordable and market rate development in the downtown area. Why are cookie cutter subdivisions springing up Asbury, Peosta and further west while huge buildings suitable for mixed use/residential in the heart of downtown are languishing and falling into disrepair?

I think the cities current incentives are showing signs of success in terms of creating affordable rental units, but I'd like to see more opportunities for affordable home ownership in new construction such as condo developments where young professionals and others similarly situated could afford to purchase real estate to begin building equity.

Better programs for first time and low-income buyers to both purchase and have incentives to maintain their properties.

Smaller homes and units, denser development, better transportation options not requiring vehicle ownership

Perhaps minimize the ability of individuals or groups from purchasing large number of single-family units for the purpose of "controlling the market" in that area.

Incentivize development for more free market apartments.

If the housing development were within 1 mile to necessary amenities (grocery stores, doc offices, banks)

A better definition of Affordable.

This is a tricky question, because I want the city to look nicer, which eventually would raise housing value and therefore costs. Maybe just allot a certain proportion of units to be subsidized lower income housing, but make sure they are mixed into where normal units are.

Incentives for landlords/property managers to support high-need residents

What do you think would help to encourage the development of affordable housing in Dubuque?

How about building ranch house with gas and electric in homes. Electric Grid cannot tolerate more electric homes, and electric prices are way too high to afford these homes.

Less regulation for both the developer and the buyer

Grants and money, I'm sure citizens would be concerned where they are put

Life in downtown, trees in the streets, family retails, terraces

Robust communications campaigns that breakdown the stigma that affordable housing and crime are synonymous or that affordable housing will bring down property values of neighboring homes.

Revolving loan fund to facilitate capital investment

Leniency from the City's Housing Dept for small landlords – especially those living in their apartment building (or house) – with one to three other rental units and financial incentives for them. Unfortunately, Airbnb is winning.

More tourism and activities

Grant funding for affordable housing development; higher density developments; pocket neighborhoods

Unsure

Make it easier to and faster to get through the red tape if units are affordable.

Tax breaks for builders or grants to allow existing properties to be updated

It's more about economics than zoning.

Builder incentives. But I also feel there is a lot of affordable housing currently being developed.

Review of Zoning requirements to allow more mixed use and denser housing.

New housing allows people to move out of older smaller homes

What do you think would help to encourage the development of affordable housing in Dubuque?

I don't think this can be controlled. Costs of building negate any 'affordableness' unless it is highly subsidized.

Understanding the availability of tax incentives.

Legally capping what a business can charge on rent prices

When I say affordable housing, I mean for those who don't qualify for assistance but have a hard time finding a decent place to live at an affordable price.

Not sure but many people cannot afford most apartments in Dubuque

Affordable housing is great, but I think simply making it easier to build any type of new housing, especially closer to downtown would bring down the cost of housing.

In-fill, creating incentives for rehabbing existing buildings/housing units financial incentives for developers

In my experience, I believe the city tends to presume rehabbers and developers are larger operations

Programs to encourage/incentify significant rehabilitation/redevelopment of existing housing stock.

Unfortunately, less regulations for landlords but that is a fine line.

I am not an expert, however, I think a significant portion of develop is dependent on factors outside of the unified development code

How affordable housing is defined is important, in my opinion. I think we need more rental affordable housing, but we definitely need more single family home affordable housing.

There is nothing that will encourage this. ... A "unified" plan will unite sectors in our community

Landlord incentives to make their housing affordable

Tax incentives with cap on max rental for certain time period.

What do you think would help to encourage the development of affordable housing in Dubuque?

Keep prices fair. Keep prices as fair as possible and allow more landlords to accept section 8

Attractive affordable housing throughout city. Not just located downtown

Developer incentives so that projects make sense to complete and own financially.

More entertainment.

More mixed use

Less in the cost burden on developers, would be step one. ... Encourage building vertical with smaller footprint to gain more housing units.

Create a rent control program that assists more middle earners early in their professional progression. Incentivizing coop style housing projects.

Grants for laying utilities, water, and sewer. Less red tape.
Tax incentives.

Tax incentives. Available sites

More employers that STAY in Dubuque.

Tax incentives, local business/corporate support
Recognition that it needs to be provided even if it isn't profitable

If the affordable housing actually added to a neighborhood instead of took away from it. ...

Lowering the cost of housing isn't the issue.

Affordable housing is somewhat important; however you need to research how affordable housing affects neighborhoods, crime statistics, and schools. Dubuque has enough affordable housing. More affordable housing would negatively impact our community.

Tax Incentives to builders

There should be a residency requirement before accessing housing vouchers ... We need to do something about the density of homes in poor condition on the north end. ”

What do you think would help to encourage the development of affordable housing in Dubuque?

Empathy and support from other Dubuque residents.
More consistent, reliable public transportation and walkable/bike-friendly infrastructure. Grocery store in more affordable neighborhoods.

Getting rid of parking requirements for apartments

Affordable housing near bus stops

Higher density and lowering minimum parking requirements.

Getting away from terms like “low income” and focusing on housing being affordable for the ever growing number of people who work in the service industry

Relax the rules to allow more small developers to do creative infill projects. Get rid of parking mandates

New leadership at city hall

Don't need more affordable housing

It must start with jobs

Access to affordable shopping as well.

Single family homes with big green lawns are not a sustainable way to move forward. Multi-family units with smaller yards and more public green-space is what we need.

We need more carpenters and builders to meet the demand for all types of buildings.

We have enough.

I think there is significant need, but giving large incentives to a large development for affordable housing nowhere near any essential services

Recruitment of “community-style” builders

having access to bus, shopping, groceries and a community that is safe

What do you think would help to encourage the development of affordable housing in Dubuque?

1. Zoning Reforms: ... 2. Tax Incentives ... 3. Streamlined Development Processes ... 4. Land Use and Vacancy Programs ... 5. Public-Private Partnerships

Young people leaving

Smarter use of our tax dollars. Actually be affordable.

Affordable housing opportunities have been created in downtown Dubuque.

The same tax breaks/grants given to big corporations ...

I'm wondering if having a list/map of residential lots/areas that are available for development or rehabilitation were more accessible or published... People could take more pride in a home they built ”

I am a resident of Chicago seeking a more suitable living environment. I believe that housing should be more accessible and affordable for hardworking individuals. ...

Educate public about land trusts and encourage them - eliminate corporate buy-outs of housing units - can you limit the number of LLC contractors allowed to operate? - why do we have to wait for a housing 'crisis' before building...can't city officials see this coming

Being able to rezone buildings to convert to housing. Less restrictions in historic areas.

It's not a zoning or tax issue. ... It's up to those suburban upper class interests ... Again, it's a cultural issue, whether or not we choose to raise up the least amongst us

Affordable loans and costs to build Government and involvement private organizations better jobs

A way for developers to make \$\$ on Multiuse multi family density. Stop building single family put west

More commercial business in affordable areas (access to jobs). Better quality housing. Affordable shouldn't have to mean "cheap" looking. Looser regulations and permitting

What do you think would help to encourage the development of affordable housing in Dubuque?

There have been incentives for blighted properties to be rehabbed for affordable housing.

Grants and TIF

Given the cost of building I think only more dense development can make Affordable housing possible.

Reduce parking requirements. Financial incentives and government requirements.

More jobs. Quit giving our money to businesses who leave as soon as the free ride runs out. We have housing here. Obviously we're not growing

Capping rent. Preventing monopoly-like companies ...

Honestly, I think the lack of affordable housing has more to do with economics than the UDC.

Number of single family homes utilized as rental properties ... leads to supply and demand issues... Number of homes presently rented that are in disrepair ... But renters have no choice but to rent.

I think there is enough affordable housing in Dubuque. It is frustrating when appraisal values ... families that work hard are stuck in the homes they currently own

Increase supply by lowering construction costs

I think in general, building new homes is a good idea. I would like to see some of the vast parking areas be built over ... The downtown also could use some infill, and that infill should be sensitive to the existing historic buildings. The historic preservation commission should do design review for infill buildings in the downtown. Density is generally good

Tax credits to building owners, but I don't like that idea either.

More incentives for investors to rehab vacant properties, more incentives and help for first time homebuyers to encourage homeownership over renting

City incentives Finding a contractor and land developers that don't want to become millionaires..

What do you think would help to encourage the development of affordable housing in Dubuque?

I think a review/timeline of the rezoning process with developers would be beneficial so they would know what it would take to rezone for more residential housing.

Stop fighting with City of Asbury on west end land grabs

I think more affordable housing options are easy to access in Dubuque if we considered converting the senior apartments to apartments for all.

Staying away from downtown, less greedy landlords/land owners

Allowing more multifamily housing to be in areas zoned as residential

I am not certain what would encourage more affordable housing, but the prices are honestly ridiculous.

Funding to assist developers or individuals with their first projects

Subsidies and breaks on taxes for builders to be incentivized for affordable housing projects

I see a need for more affordable starter homes to encourage home ownership amongst young individuals. Affordable housing that is rented, not owned, may still encourage wealth inequality in the long term

Transportation and accessibility to jobs

Please define “affordable” This means different things to different people!

There are infill opportunities in a variety of neighborhoods.

Giving the rich people who invest in major development tax breaks to do so. Partnering with a consortium of non-profits

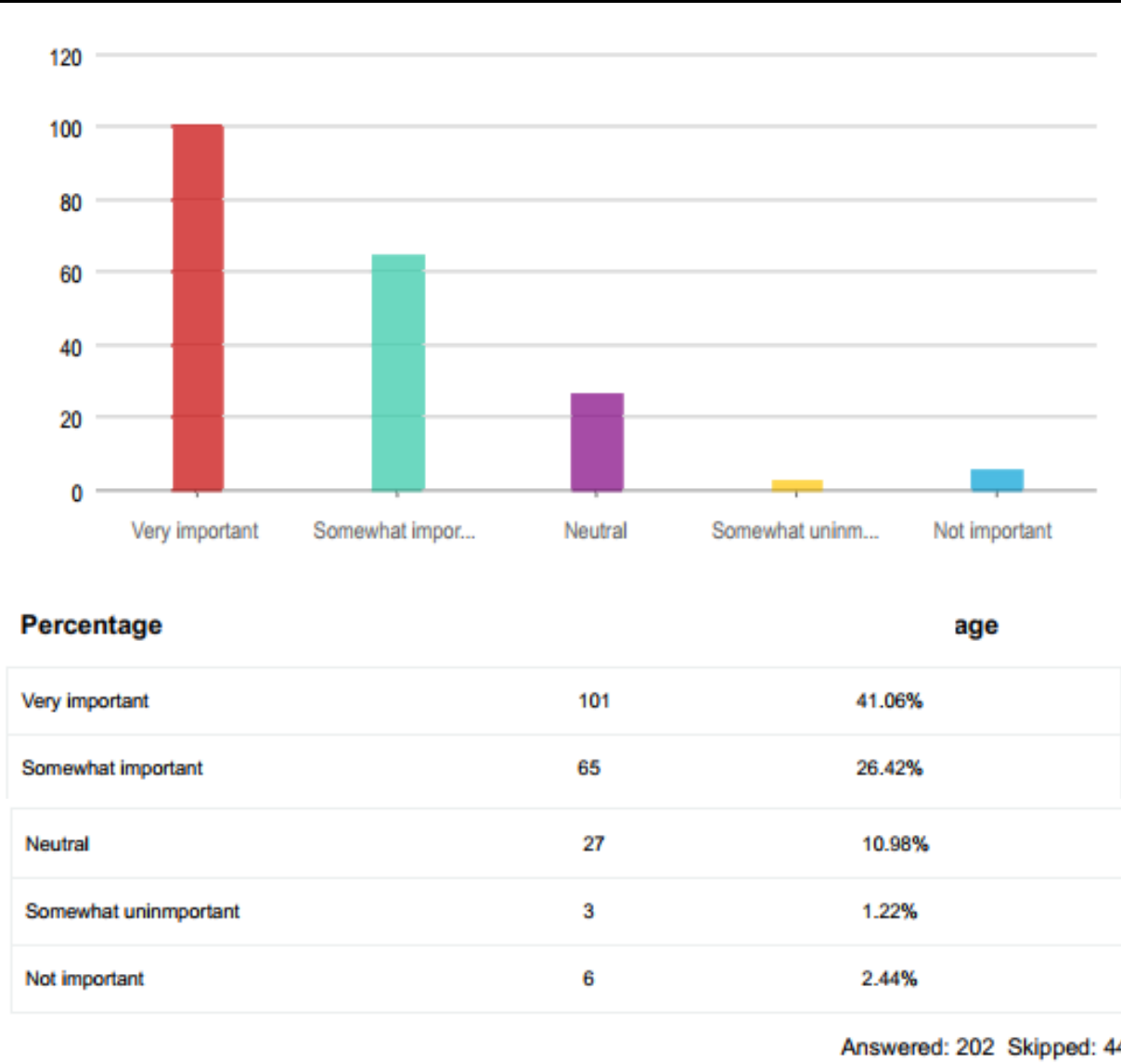
More grants for renovating our existing historic infrastructure. Feels like a win-win

Community education on benefits; modification of parking requirements

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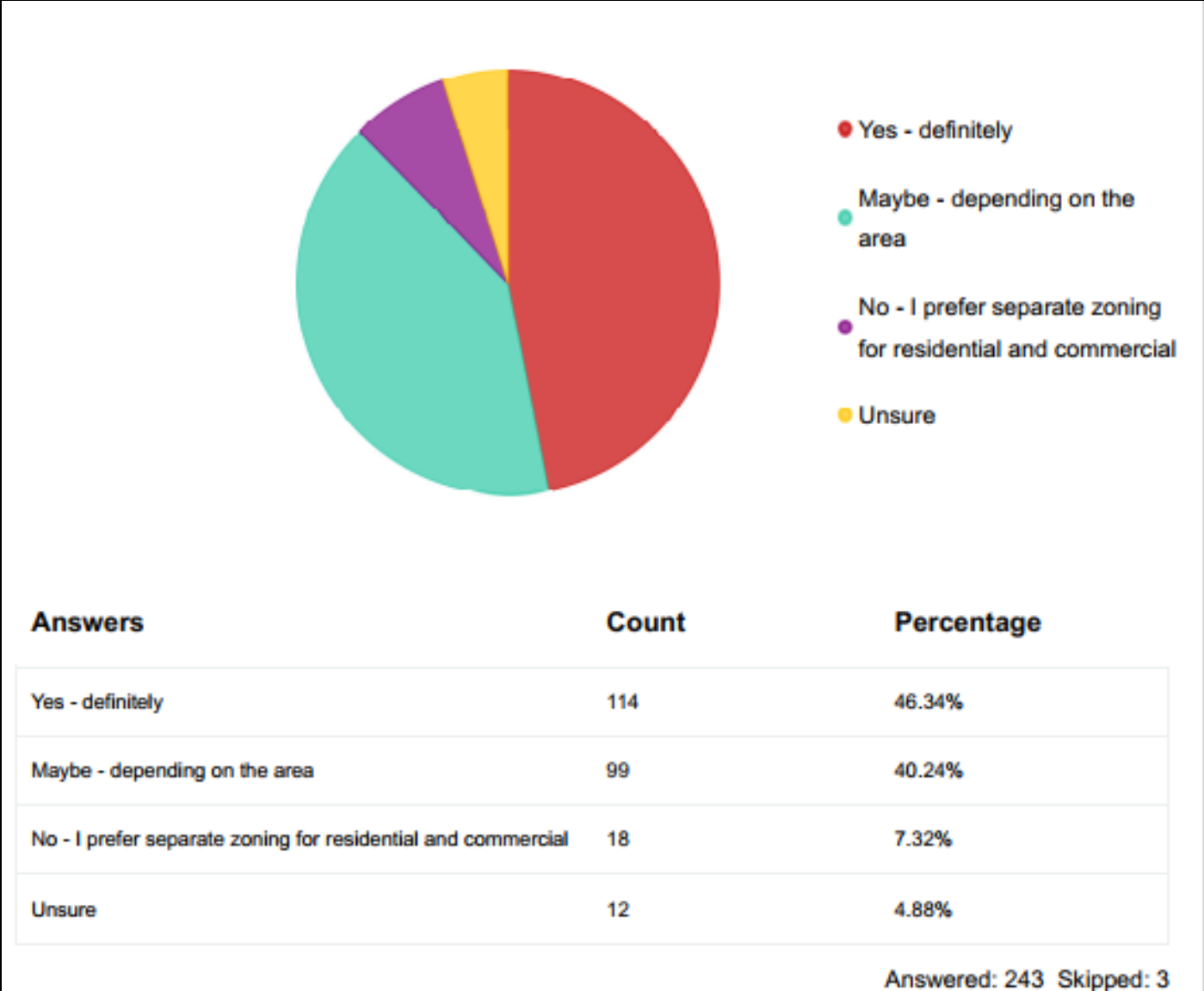
*How important is it
for the UDC to
include policies
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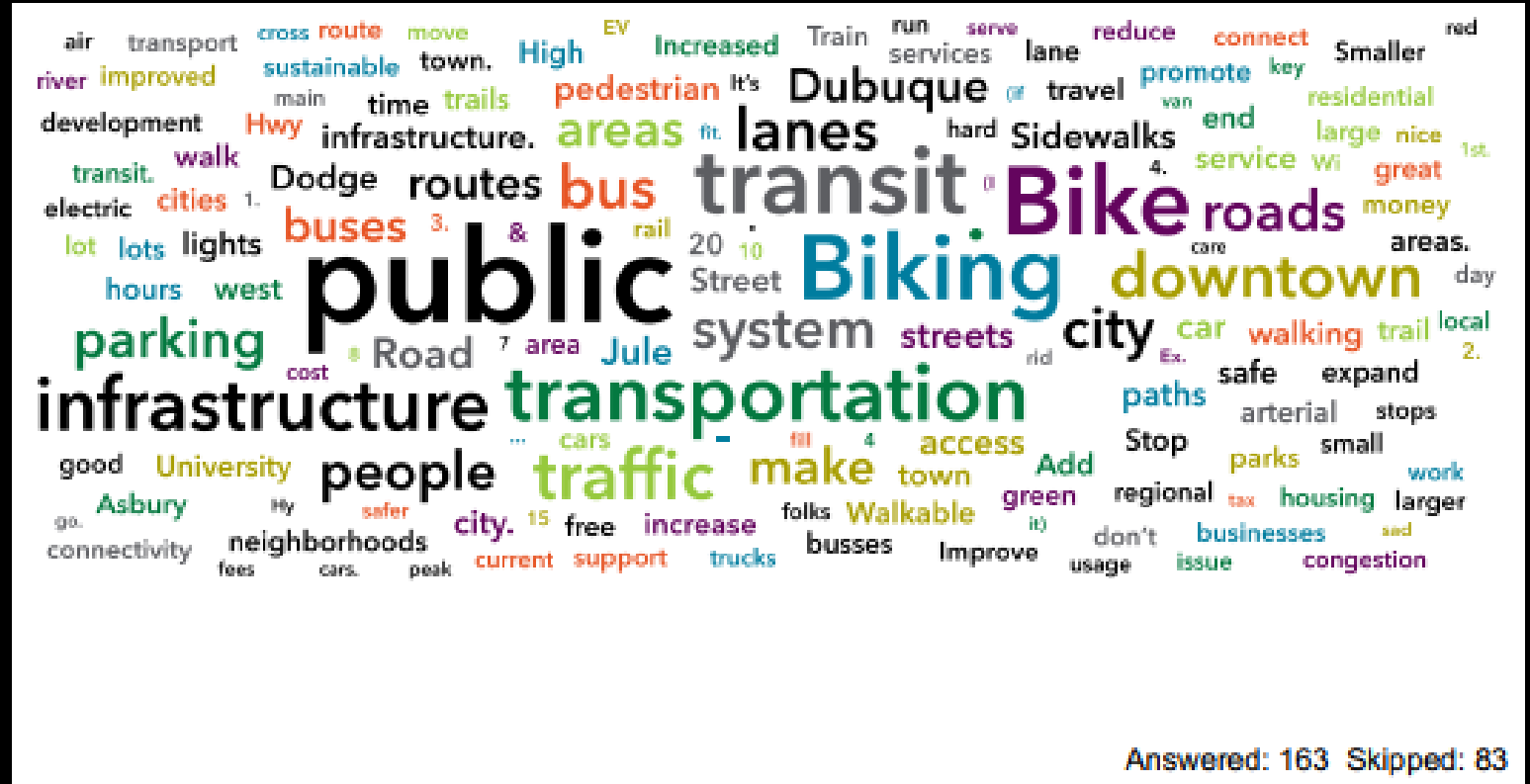
Do you think that the UDC should encourage more mixed-use developments (e.g., residential above retail/commercial)?



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Question #20:

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?



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Biking

Actual usable public transit, more buses, better routes, more frequency which support the employers and residents of the city;
Road improvement. Expanded lanes for busy thoroughfares.

Bump outs in the downtown to promote walkability.

1. Biking/Walking - increased infrastructure for routes, bridges, safety, lighting. Ex. Schmidt Island, South of Highway 20 bridge, college campus to downtown) 2. Public bus transit - increased advertising and marketing on established routes, free transit to promote community buy-in, more public routes, increased infrastructure to increase usage 3. Roads - maintain, increased traffic flow efficiency for large events, and better connecting districts

Biking lanes and more walkable, pedestrian-friendly streetscapes that encourage less vehicular traffic in the downtown core.

Dedicated bike lanes, benches and trash cans and trees. Traffic calming measures more incentives for small businesses to open downtown to fill in the holes and make the downtown an exciting attractive inviting neighborhood rather than a desolate and frightening pass thru for commuters and commercial drivers.

I believe that the public transit system needs a comprehensive study and likely a complete overhaul. The current busing system feels woefully under utilized, inefficient, and clunky to use. Additionally, increasing mixed use neighborhoods with multimodal transportation planned into new developments could help to reduce motor vehicle dependence, especially for low/mod income residents.

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

I think the busses are a failure but also know that poorer residents need them to access other areas. I'm not sure with our population and the spread of the city that there is a great answer. more bike lanes and trails, safer pedestrian travel, more frequent public transit

More bike infrastructure that is connected to current trails.

If the goal is to increase usage of public transportation (buses), we need creative ways to encourage usage by those that primarily use personal vehicle that show advantages to utilizing public transportation. Examples could include cost savings, time management (provided the stops are reasonably close to work), any safety concerns, stigma associated with public transit, etc

Evaluate the use of parking meters downtown. There is not a parking shortage requiring the use of meters and it hurts small businesses that operate downtown. Overall economic activity would increase and would promote a more vibrant downtown - especially for businesses that do not have a parking lot. More biking infrastructure downtown to keep and attract younger generations. Same with continuing to invest in public transit.

Wider roads for east/west traffic.

There needs to be a long-term focus on improved, non-vehicle transportation--walking, biking, wayfinding, and thoughtful connectivity to places people go to and move through. A 7th Street corridor has been long discussed. It should be a priority.

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

Biking infrastructure. DONE RIGHT. Doing it cheaply (bike lanes on car dominated roads with Dubuque drivers) will NOT work. Start small and do it right. Create a nice, safe path (actually isolated from car traffic). Go from one single high density housing area to one single specific grocery store. People will ACTUALLY use it. If you spread the same amount of money around across the entire city, it will likely not be used. Eventually, you can add to the good bike lanes, extending the network slowly and methodically (and it MUST be beautiful). Prioritize high quality over quantity. How about changing all our buses to the ones that look like trolleys? It's cuter. If our city looks beautiful people will respect the land and each other, it is a psychological phenomenon. Keep pushing for a train from Chicago. It is crazy that we do not have one. We should prefer this over an interstate connection nearby. Do NOT prioritize parking. We have enough. The worst thing that could happen is people will have to walk a little bit farther to their

destination. GASP! What a tragedy! That was sarcasm. Obesity is a problem. Parking lots are soulless deserts that encourages car use that encourages... more parking lots. They are ugly and inefficient. We have a perfectly-sized downtown that has a lot of potential to make things cute and walkable and bikeable. People who drive downtown would love to park slightly further away to be able to use a pedestrian-only thoroughfare that have shops and restaurants with outdoor seating etc. I think there are too many lights in the beltway around the city. As soon as I get up to 50mph I am slowing down again for the next light.

More walkable areas, or connections between neighborhoods.

Biking and busses, less one way roads.
Biking, trees for shade and natural life, walking zones

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

Less parking downtown (lots of ugly empty parking lots currently); more frequent and convenient public transit (including air and train travel outside the city); more biking infrastructure

One complaint I have is instead of the pink or orange route, why not go back to the Point route, Hempstead route, People know street names and where they go, not purple orange and green,. Makes it too hard to figure out what bus to get on.

Biking, walking, bus routes

Trail connectivity and greenspace development. Every opportunity to expand our trail network and mobility beyond cars is much appreciated and necessary!

More complete streets

Safe pedestrian crossing (crosswalks, anyone?), garbage cans on street corners, more streetlights (including in alleys), more traffic lights on major streets, no semis downtown (these are businesses that can expense all of the costs of re-routing their drivers - the cost of doing business in Dubuque, no?), two way streets (another accident this week on one-way Central because someone turned from the wrong lane - two-way streets would make drivers more cautious)

More sidewalks and protected bike lanes. I think folks would be more likely to walk or bike around town if they could do so safely. It is hard to access parts of town on foot, like going from the mall to target. You have to cross HWY 20 to do so and there is no sidewalk or pedestrian infrastructure. More buses and a better schedule might also decrease the number of cars on the road, especially during winter storms.

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

Better connectivity between sections of town, more arterial roads with higher speeds to connect the small development areas so you can live on one side of town but be able to quickly get to different areas via the arterial corridors

Improved and connected bike trails. There are trails that just end without connections.

Dedicated biking infrastructure. Sidewalks/paths in all high traffic areas.

Improve roads such as Cedar Cross road so that it has curb/gutter and sidewalks More bike paths that connect to each other. Bus routes that go further through the city. Ask business to do up keep on their buildings and signage.“

Traffic flow on the west side

Replace as many lights as possible with roundabouts. Think ahead and don't let the DOT or any other entity make idiotic decisions such as extending the left turn lane from HWY 20 to the NW arterial, instead of adding a second left turn lane to push more cars through at each light rotation. Anyone involved in designing and approving that should be banned from design and decision making for transportation for a minimum of 10 years. More innercity bike/walking paths would be great. Sky bridges between building downtown, where feasible would also be nice in winter, but I acknowledge we may be too small for that.

Incorporate ebike rentals and continue to invest in walking paths (for example - on Cedar Cross road - there are no sidewalks for MOST of the road)

Building bike paths on the streets downtown has to be one of the dumbest ideas I've seen from this city.

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

Get rid of the green alley project. When temporary repairs are needed on roads, workers need to do it properly - sick of city workers who don't give a damn and make half assed repairs. If you repair streets in older neighborhoods, fix the curb structure as well and don't assess the resident. We pay enough taxes already. and listen to the citizens and NOT just the people who have a "name" in this town.

Biking Infrastructure. A dream would be bringing back the main street street car system and encouraging parking in the ramps and lots downtown as opposed to the street.

Stop with the biking lanes. They are unsafe. They took up parking from the downtown area and I don't think I've seen them used.

The ability to walk safely across the train tracks from the Millwork district to the river front.
High speed rail to larger cities, busses that run all hours of the day

Bus infrastructure and route planning that makes more sense. Downtown-only routes. Bike infrastructure that prioritizes rider safety (protected lanes). Idaho laws for stop signs and traffic lights. End-of-trip facility requirements.

Wider shoulders wherever possible to making biking safer. Bike lanes where practical along heavily used routes like Grandview and Asbury. Bike lane connections through parks or open space from busy routes to quieter residential streets. Aka find the flatest most connected residential streets for a Biking network.

Bike lanes and public transit are great, but I would love to see more ubiquitous sidewalk construction.

Connections- connection for walking/bike transportation- and connections to bus

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

Dubuque's walking/biking trail system is an embarrassment compared to cities across the state. While it is gradually getting better, we don't have a safe, connected trail system that links people to destinations. With the increasing popularity of e-bikes, I think people are going to be more interested in commuter bike trails and Dubuque has essentially nothing to offer.

More biking infrastructure. Creation of additional arterials, although this will be very difficult without acquisition/demolition, which could impact affordable housing stock. This would have to be very strategic.

Begin doing street reconstruction again, stop diverting the money to thing it wasn't intended for.

Roads, public transit, inter state public transportations, pedestrian and biking infrastructure

More biking infrastructure downtown. Expansion of the Jule to encompass more, encourage more folks to ride. Travel culture in Dubuque is that everyone has a car, and everyone drives alone. That's a tough nut to crack, so I don't know how you get more buy in from residents to take public transit.

I personally think too much emphasis is placed on the transportation system in "fixing" so many concerns. I believe we need a solid transportation system to help people with living all across the city and to make it easier to get work, etc. But Dubuque is not going to have a transportation system like Madison, WI or other larger urban areas without massive resources that I don't feel are feasible.

Less parking options to force use of public transit, including park-and-ride lots throughout the city.

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

Public transit is subsidized (I think?) to the tune of maybe 1/2 million a year from rider fares. Get rid of this and make the bus system free to all riders. Add \$500K to our annual budget and perhaps even save the cost(s) associated with fare collection. If that increases ridership beyond current bus capacity ... Fantastic! That is the goal. Make this a city cost for greater sustainability. Fewer cars and greater resident access to job locations, services, shopping, and civic amenities, is a public good. Budget for free ridership for a 3-5 year period and evaluate the cost/benefit during and in conclusion. Let city residents decide if they wish to continue fare-free or return to fare collection.

Salary increases for public transit workers

Biking infrastructure. More robust public transit options/routes/timing.

More robust public transit options/routes/timing.

Keep improving all of the roads and more longer hours for the bus system

Keep improving all of the roads to make them as smooth as possible and also with the city bus sysdumb increase the hours especially at night and on weekends for people that do not have any transportation

Consolidated transportation policy to accommodate all riders.,-also safe bike paths and more accessible in town walking routes

It would be great to have a city-wide network of bike trails (ideally wherever possible the kind that run along the road (like on the arterial) but don't share the road. Can we get bike trails all the way down to key west along the SW arterial too? Can we ever finish that traffic circle where Asbury Rd & University come together by where Butt's Florist used to be?

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

Public transit and biking infrastructure that allows for more sustainable transportation methods as well as improvement and additions of sidewalks to many areas to allow for safe walking access.

1. Amtrak/train/small light rail 2. better public transit on buses 3. more roundabouts. 4. more bike infrastructure.

More public transportation covering the entire city. Need transportation 7 days a week. Biking lanes. Bike charging stations for electric bikes.

Roads!! We have too many large Jule buses driving around with one or two riders. This to me is a waste. I don't know why all Jule buses aren't the smaller van style with capacity of 12-15. This would be way more sustainable. We will never have a good bike or trail system with our hilly geography. It would be nice, but not practical unfortunately. Spend more on our roads and

underground infrastructure!

Better road surface.

More flexible public transit that supports workforce and commerce. that would require service earlier and later in the day.

Separate bike trails. More right hand turning lanes at intersections. Four-lane highway to Chicago. More commercial air options.

Walkable infrastructure, grocery store on north end of town.

Biking infrastructure

Public transit should be viewed as an expense line on the city's budget. Not a revenue line. Public transport that runs all shifts. More biking friendly lanes in residential areas.

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

More bike lanes, dedicated walking hours only in downtown

Don't know

Busing. Bike paths.

Something needs to be done with the traffic if you're adding development where there's only one or two ways in or out. That's just stupid. You're going to turn neighborhoods with a lot of walkers and bikers into dangerous areas to try to walk and bike.

I'm satisfied with transportation, but providing sidewalks with wheelchair accessibility is important.

Biking infrastructure, especially with the popularity of ebikes

Can we just focus on making the current roads usable. So many roads around Dubuque are terrible. Also, stop bottlenecking traffic everywhere with more stop signs and lights at every single intersection, and roundabouts are not the end all be all answer. Why are bigger cities able to move more traffic efficiently and make use of yield signs. If you want to make a more sustainable future, stop making us waste all of our fuel/brakes/tires by stopping/starting every block or at roundabouts, where a perfectly good straight road used to be. Again, this isn't rocket science.

Just continue to maintain our roads and bridges. Don't use public transportation so can't comment on that. Bike lanes are dangerous

I think Asbury road could be made into 4 lane street with no parking from University Ave. to the Western City limits.

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Public Transportation, more airline opportunities??

We should take all the money that we wasting subsidizing Airlines and just make the Jule Free. Think about how much money we are spending on air services used by so few, that we could just apply to Jule and have free transport for those users who need it the most. That would be a real market differentiator. We all know the airline will leave after the subsidy is up. We have dumped millions of dollars into an air service and infrastructure that will not every spur the economic development that people getting transportation to work would get. Better yet, take all the money from Jule and Airport and just cover ubers for everyone. Use the Jule Buses to go to and from Ohare, would be the same amount of time as trying to connect to DBQ.

Roads

Mass transport increases. Dubuque used to be known for its trolley system, which provided access to what was then the city limits and even beyond. The city leadership should have invested in and maintained a better system than fuel vehicles, and we must expand its use to all citizens at a low or no cost. We put in roads, water, sewer, and electricity for people, but there is not enough money for a mass transport system to serve the city, county, state, and region (like Chicago or Amtrak).

Public transportation needs to offer more routes, shorter routes, and school friendly routes.

Installing a roundabout at University & Asbury is long overdue. A paved cycling trail along Catfish Creek would be a big benefit for outdoor activity.

Need more biking specific areas to promote safety.

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

Biking infrastructure that is not road-share. Stop wrapping the Jule windows, people should be able to see into a bus they are boarding/be seen from outside of the bus when they are riding for safety. We need a train to Chicago. It's so hard to get in and out of Dubuque. Flights are not sustainable or affordable. More pedestrian bridges over busy intersections. I don't have a car and getting groceries from my nearest store - Hy vee on locust - is taking my life into my hands every time to get there across the intersection of dodge and the highway. Also, we need a roundabout at 9th & Bluff - no one sees the red light when they are coming down the hill and the traffic is way too fast on bluff from 10th - 1st. We could put a beautiful public fountain in the center - it would improve the look of that main area of the downtown that looks kinda sad right now.

Clearly mark bus stops & schedules. Offer free parking by modal building.

The road system in Dubuque has ALWAYS been 10 to 15 years behind development. Right now the Seippel road intersection with Old Hwy 20 and Chavenelle Rd is a massive CHOKe point on the West end. TWO 4-lane Road systems connect to and one dumps directly into Seippel....and then you have a 2-lane, 4-way intersection at Seippel and Old Hwy 20....seriously? Who ever thought this could work??? Large trucks moving through all directions, commuters as well as local neighborhood traffic...what a mess!! NO PLANNING WAS DONE.

AN AIRPORT SUPPORTING AIRLINES TO CITIES IN THE US. People who travel all the time do not want to go to Chicago first, even though we might as well drive, to Cedar Rapids or Moline. We dont have a layover, the fare is much cheaper, and we have to pay for parking, one way or another

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Smart traffic signal technology is great and it works most of the time . . . We have it so much better than almost every city around of us of similar size and bigger, but when weather (fog) & glitches impact them, it is a mess. I preach patience again . . . There is no way the bridge over the railroad, with the Canadian railroads getting a significant financial pass on the problems they cause, is more important than a roundabout at University and Asbury Road!

Complete Streets

Public access

Public transit

Public Transit Expansion • Increase service frequency: Enhance the frequency of buses, particularly during peak hours, to make public transit more reliable. • Expand routes: Add new routes connecting underserved neighborhoods, suburban areas, and regional hubs. • Introduce microtransit: Implement on-demand transit services in low-density areas where fixed-route buses are less viable. Example: Madison, WI, expanded its bus rapid transit (BRT) system to increase connectivity and reduce travel times.

2. Sustainable Transportation Options • Bike lanes and trails: Expand the network of bike lanes and multi-use trails to encourage cycling as a primary mode of transportation. • Electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure: Increase EV charging stations across the city to support the transition to electric cars. • Green transit initiatives: Transition city buses to electric or hybrid models to reduce carbon emissions. Example: Minneapolis has a

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robust system of protected bike lanes and bike-sharing programs, fostering eco-friendly transit.3. Pedestrian-Friendly Design • Improve walkability: Upgrade sidewalks, add crosswalks, and improve lighting to create safer pedestrian environments. • Mixed-use developments: Promote developments that combine residential, commercial, and recreational spaces to reduce the need for driving. Example: Portland, OR, prioritizes walkable neighborhoods through zoning and pedestrian infrastructure investments.4. Regional Connectivity • Intercity transportation: Develop or enhance rail and bus services connecting Dubuque to other regional economic centers like Madison, Chicago, and Des Moines. • Airport improvements: Expand Dubuque Regional Airport services to accommodate more flights and destinations. Example: Cities like Omaha, NE, have worked to improve regional transit connections to support business and tourism."

I believe Dubuque has become a very noisy place. The trains are blowing their horns day and night. The eighteen wheelers barrel through with their loud brakes. The transportation system should include bike paths along the river for sure but the peace and quiet could sure help.

Biking infrastructure, public transit, and more green spaces/trees in downtown areas - make it more inviting to walk to businesses

Smaller buses. Except for school buses most of the public transportation vehicles have few riders in them.

It would require a larger city size mass transit system. The buses we currently have are only sustainable in a smaller city size. Since we do not have other mass transit options the bus system would have to be significantly upgraded.

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I think we have a good start on our public transit system. Maybe having an additional transfer point closer to the North End, 32nd Street, Windsor area with smaller busses running shorter 30-minute routes instead of 60-minute routes would get more riders. Possibly even having a route similar to the Express going to the Kennedy Transfer that has a few stops on that North End Hill area of town. Similar to what the Green and Pink lines run now but use smaller busses covering more area west of Central Avenue if possible. Check into what addresses DuRide frequents in the unserved areas and expand service there. A thought for the future. The public transport is decent for Dubuques size. I'd like to see a train the would travel to Grant station in Chicago.

More public transit.

Traffic congestion on Hwy 20 entering Dbq from the west is ridiculous- utilize suggested bicycle-paths on city streets- support hybrid and all electric vehicles, tax gas-guzzling trucks and SUV's at higher rate“

Keep road maintenance up on existing roads and add turning lanes wherever possible. When adding a turning lane make sure it is enough to actually take care of the issue at problem times (morning/evening commute, school open/close, etc).

We need to have more reliable public transportation in key areas. Quality over quantity in my opinion. There are a lot of areas where public transportation is less important, but as we scale, having quality simple transportation downtown to and from key areas will drive a lot of value.

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

Rail service from and to larger cities. Restrict and even constrict car access. Just say no to fire departments claiming their vehicles can't fit. Biking lanes cannot be mere lines on the road, but need curbs and poles to protect bicyclists. A genuinely ruthless campaign that actively exploits the hundreds of car deaths in Dubuque every year to promote the use of public transit and actively ditching cars for every day use. Public transit service to parks and other middle/upper class amenities (Mines of Spain, Eagle Point, Bergfeld Pond). Public transportation to future grocery stores that will be necessary to resolve the food desert situation in, around, and because of Eagles' Country Market exploitative pricing schemes.

Regular bus hours on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays! And extend bus hours into at least 8 pm.

none atm

Walkable billable streets and paths to riverfront. Embarrassing that it's not pleasant to bike to or along river. Connect riverfront and downtown with pedestrian and bike friendly ways

Jule brand could use a makeover. Tired and outdated. Continue bike trail connectivity. Work with property owners to access empty parking ramps. “

Expeditious public transit on main corridors. more bike lanes.

Sadly too late for trains. Better scheduling to serve those who work odd hours.

Large corridors like the arterials to move more traffic more quickly

Biking

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Roundabouts on Asbury and Loras, Asbury and University and University and Pennsylvania. And some kind of traffic flow improvement in front of Washington Junior High

More housing density. Automobile transportation infrastructure should not be prioritized over pedestrian, bicycling and public transit. More car, bicycle and scooter sharing services. Explore point-to-point transit (taxi/Uber/DuRide) services to replace bus system

Not sure

Another easy way to get from downtown to west side besides Dodge

Biking and walking infrastructure and more public transit

Viking infrastructure and walking paths

Public transit and walking/biking infrastructure

No opinion

Transportation should be provided to all industrial parks and even out to other towns such as Peosta. There are many job opportunities in warehouses and factories that won't be filled because of a lack of accessibility despite living in Dubuque.

Self driving vehicle infrastructure

Transportation could be improved as demand increases - frequency of busses would be the next logical step, though doing so now would likely leave empty busses. It would be nice to see a general removal of surface parking lots in the downtown and more encouragement of public transportation, cycling, and walking. People could get used to these ideas if we weren't constantly bending over backward to demolish historic buildings for parking areas - this is a very dated concept (70 year old urban planning theory) that somehow still has a hold among the community here and does not play to Dubuque's strengths.

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

Local public transportation increased, careful, multi family housing with adequate parking and local road access that prevents traffic congestion in multi family housing areas.

I need to know more about what issues people are having.

Safe Biking/walking infrastructure to green spaces. Transportation to support youth programming through out the city. Keeping our roads safe and pothole free. Sidewalks that are maintained especially those around parks and public spaces.

More smart stoplights that respond to traffic being in the intersections. Increased public transportation, especially to the industrial parks and other areas where a lot of people work.

Complete Streets

Train service

Biking infrastructure! move EV buses

Add roundabouts wherever warranted, Public parking, Signal timing studies (can these be improved?)

Focus on walkability, especially in the historic downtown. expanded public transit

Walk/bike-friendly trails to the whole city so that people on the west end can safely access the core of Dubuque. More busing to all areas of the city.

Dubuque does have a really great transportation system. Obviously, things could always be better. Running on Sundays would be extremely beneficial. Make Dubuque walkable. None of the plazas are accessible by foot or bike really. They're barely safe to walk in if you park somewhere in there.

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Improvements to east/west and north/south thoroughfares (non highways) for commuter traffic/peak times; more recreational trails/paths.

Biking infrastructure is not a need for me. I believe adding biking lanes to downtown would be catastrophic to parking, traffic control, and safety. In regards to roads I think we should find a way to divert oversized loads or non local truck traffic. I have noticed that semis are frequently driving over concrete barriers and causing damages.

Oh boy here we go. I'm going to just copy/paste what I wrote before.... my god does the city need to adjust the length of yellow lights, especially on Dodge. The time it takes to go from yellow to red is ridiculously short. In other nearby cities like Waterloo the yellow lights last at least 2-3 seconds longer. For as much semi traffic as Dodge gets (dont even get me started on the failed SW Arterial project that was supposed to reduce

trucker traffic but clearly isnt doing a dang thing), and for how hilly Dodge is (think slick roads in winter), it is a legitimate safety concern to have yellow lights be that short. This survey for sure is not the right place to go to about this issue I know, but hopefully someone who reads this survey will know who to bring this issue up to. Otherwise the biggest transportation issue in Dubuque I would say is the amount of semi traffic on Dodge that just go straight through town without any stops. I dont have a clue on how you would enforce this but because SW Arterial exists, semis should not be allowed on Dodge if they are just trying to go through town. They should only be allowed on Dodge if they need to make a delivery that requires them to take Dodge. There is already too much traffic for what Dodge can handle and semis make it exponentially worse.

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We don't want to walk or bike in this town. It's very old fashioned. I would look at other communities like Madison WI as they have a very bike friendly community. Not sure there is a magic trick for that.

More pickup locations in residential areas.

How many traffic signals are there on Highway 20 between Locust and NW Arterial?

Additional accessible public transportation with more flexibility

I think improvements have been made with roundabouts, the Jule is all around town, and I see the new bike lanes, I'm sure there needs to be a bit more to the bike lanes, but I think there are a few areas like University and Loras that would benefit from a roundabout. Obviously there are issues with creating those and taking land, etc, but I've found them helpful in relieving congestion on my commute.

Biking Infrastructure --Taxi Service - More Exit/entrance ramps on Hwy 20 to lessen congestion through town.

More biking infrastructure would always be nice. Love the bike racks and bike repair stations in the Millwork District.

Overpasses, bike lanes, added sidewalks, additional stops on the bus routes, Not sure.

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

We need to cater to more large truck traffic. River trade is what founded our great city. Large trucks are part of river trade.

More compact development with separated paths for bikes and pedestrians, especially in high speed, high traffic areas.

Roadways need to be better cared for.

We need to recognize that our bus system is under used. Add biking lanes and create spaces within neighborhoods so folks can easily access them without motorized transportation.

Public transit and bike/walking infrastructure. There are too many areas that are inaccessible. For instance, it's difficult and dangerous to bike/walk from downtown to the locust Hy-Vee.

Shared transit (cars, bikes, buses)

Public transit, biking infrastructure

Biking infrastructure. Public transportation routes with improved travel time and frequency.

Improved biking infrastructure, more usable bus schedules. Dubuque has too many surface parking lots and not enough buses.

More biking infrastructure

Public transit to Chicago would be an absolute game changer. Free buses from downtown to school and grocery areas

Greater biking infrastructure, especially to get up the Bluff.

The Jule bus system is inefficient and hard to use for those who don't have smart phones. The buses often do not run on schedule and close down so early in the day and are less accessible on weekends.

What improvements do you believe are needed in Dubuque's transportation system (e.g. roads, public transit, biking infrastructure) to support future growth?

Better public transit (if you can get people to use it) and biking/hiking infrastructure including ensuring that we have well maintained public sidewalks throughout the city.

Need more sidewalks everywhere and bike lanes and bike paths. A more walkable city will allow for better transit service. The arterial roads and Dodge Street should be better streamlined for truck traffic, remove traffic lights, install access roads and interchanges.

New leadership at city hall-streets are horrible, parks are the same ,schools aren't much better, crime, illegal aliens, property taxes and fees are all serious issues with this regime. You parade yourself around like your doing good but you really aren't doing anything for the majority of citizens, shame on us for not voting

Community Survey: City of Dubuque Unified Development Code Update

Question #21:

*What do you value
most about the City
of Dubuque?
(Provide up to three
factors)*



What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

Low cost of living

Long standing businesses that anchor our community.
Historic preservation.

The river, bluffs, and historic resources.

1. Family Friendly Attractions 2. Enviromental &
Refurbished Historic Beauty 3. Amenities (Retail,
Restaurants, Health & Wellness)“

It's recreation, landscape, and proximity to the river.
Historic town in Iowa

Downtown Small businesses and their owners
downtown. Urban lifestyle

The diversity of the people. The vibrant arts scene. The
feeling that anyone can get engaged and truly make a
difference working towards to future

The natural landscape including the river. The relatively
low cost of living. The creative placemaking, which gives
Dubuque its unique feel and attracts visitors.

Nice people, entertainment options are increasing.
family friendly city

Keeping river shoreline access and views open to the
public and not sold for private use/ownership.

Affordability, which is mostly no longer the case, natural
and historic beauty, cultural heritage.

Natural beauty - Driftless Area, Mississippi River. Many
city amenities without big city challenges like traffic
congestion. Relatively affordable"

Natural landscape; affordable cost of living; historic
architecture

Overall safe city. Good education by the schools.
Topography (hills, river, bluffs, scenery)

1. Community 2. Safety 3. Quality of Life
Its attention to its citizens

What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

The people. The can-do attitude. The willingness to identify improvements and move behind the initiatives as a community

Perfect size for easy-access urbanism with a quick escape to ruralism.

Natural beauty, walkable downtown, great community (people)

The people Communication new affordable housing more higher wage jobs, not 15-17 an hour, way to low to afford prices in Dubuque. Dubuque is the most expensive place to live. Especially the outrageous rent prices. They are way to high.

The strength in numbers of people who care about what happens in Dubuque and are willing to do work to make it a better place to live and work.

Businesses, housing costs, community feel

Safety, low traffic, public access to infrastructure

Its proximity to the Mississippi

Dubuque's ability to partner and move big projects forward utilizing a plethora of private and public resources that originate outside of our community. The amount of outside investment that the Dubuque Community is able to leverage is inspiring. I value the people who live here and the feeling of community as well as the nature amenities at our fingertips! I love Dubuque!

Safety, cost of living, good schools

Downtown is great despite the fact that it is under-appreciated, under-supported and actively maligned

Community gathering spaces that are not drinking establishments, the library, and locally owned businesses

What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

The unique topography which splits the town into different zones, the beautiful river and bluffs and the old industrial revitalization areas, I appreciate the rebuilding of the old buildings in the mill work district. You will never be able to build new buildings with the character and charm of the old industrial buildings. I think this could be good start towards a special niche for tourism.

Historical architecture; cost of living; natural environment

Bike paths. Historical buildings. Great sized town

Visionary council. Police protection. Fire protection

General affordability. low violent crime, lots of entertainment options

Size of city allowing for personal relationships between citizens in different socioeconomic groups.

This is a beautiful city. the leaders of this city do not do enough to include the "ordinary" citizen in the direction of our future. People are tired of a handful of individuals making decisions.

1. Incredible base to build on 2. Historic buildings 3. Variety in topography

Landscape. Historic Buildings. People

Walkable neighborhoods.

Historic districts and the river front.

it's progressive -it's inclusive

Downtown with character, natural beauty, small size

The history, culture

Small town feel and close connection to unspoiled nature... it's not very sprawling which is nice.

What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

Progressive city government, Natural Beauty

The natural landscape, river and community events

I value living near downtown, where most of my needs can be met within 1-2 mile trips, often accomplished on foot or bike. I also value the forward thinking of the local government.

Historic character, natural resources, Mississippi River livability, charm/beauty, city and community services

The unique geography of the city, with its tree canopy and topography

Relatively safe, Driftless location, Small city atmosphere

Its history and landmarks

Size. Safety/crime rate. Dining and entertainment options.

Dubuque has a rich history. Dubuque has a small town feel, while still offering quite a lot of opportunity. To ensure that rich history, I think it's important to preserve historic buildings and site, but then also create ways to educate residents on historic buildings and sites. Perhaps an online directory of some historical/background information on buildings that are being preserved.

Access to city government. Access to services.

The commitment to growth and doing so with citizen input

State and county parks with hiking/kayaking available. Variety of restaurants and shopping.

Community the river front

The people, the landmarks and our leaders

The leaders The culture and the people

What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

Conducive to comfortable living, Schools, Historic preservation

The historic mixed-use spaces in the Millwork, along bluff street and the Main Street shops/housing. I like the parks and the trail system. Keeping the current section of Heritage Trail unpaved is important for runners, walkers, outdoor people -and keep motorized vehicles off of it. I like support for independent (non-Chain) local businesses- especially good restaurants.

Its rich history, culture, and beautiful landscape and greenspaces.

Safety

The people. Preservation of historical buildings and landmarks. Willingness to explore innovative ideas.

It's unique geography and the river.

Small town feel

Cost of living and community character

The community and engagement of local leaders. The family friendly environment. The safety that Dubuque has.

The beauty. I love that the city invests in green space. The riverwalk is a great attraction.

Dubuque is very philanthropic. For the most part beautiful. A decent place to live and raise a family. Many different activity and entertainment options.“

It is a medium size community offers a variety of recreational opportunities great municipal services

Ease of access to areas. Quality education

Murals, nightlife, safety

Slow pace and general safety.

It's demographics and size

What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

The city is pretty affordable for its size. There are great recreation areas around the area. It has a lot to offer without feeling like it's too big city.

It used to be, and for the most part still is pretty safe.

1. Safety 2. Wheelchair Accessibility 3. Swiss Valley Park

Size of the city, amenities and its affordability

Safe town, police and sheriff do a great job, keep the funding coming. City staff do a great job on the streets in the winter.

It still has a small-town feel.

Good mix of People and feel safe and secure for the most part.

Topography and Nature, Small Size, Affordability,

The people, the Economy here

An old joke goes like this, "What is the best thing about Dubuque?" The answer is "the people." Next question, "What is the worst thing about Dubuque?" The answer is "the people." I was born here, left at three because our family traveled the world, and then returned at 25 to raise my children in our great community. The problem is my return happened in the 80s when the city was on its way to shutting down. The forward-thinking, public and private coordination and its people made and saved our city, turning it into one of the best overall (culture, livability, medical, education, etc.) for a city of its size and location in America.

Sense of community. millwork district. public school system

Low crime rate, Being able to purchase most basic items without leaving town.

Naturally a beautiful place- Beautiful historic architecture - Decently walkable downtown

What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

Commercial & Industrial development is usually ahead of the curve

I value the river and the hills. I value our quality of life. I value the mid-size of our town. Not too big, not too small.

Calm environment with neighborhood character
Diversity Access to the Arts Community events.

The Mississippi River, The older Architecture on our buildings, A bridge going into Both Wisconsin and Illinois.

Architecture/history/friendliness of shop owners.

Just the right size with growing arts opportunities

Short Commute via personal vehicle.

The City of Dubuque has several standout qualities that make it a vibrant and appealing community. Here are three key aspects: 1. Historical and Cultural Richness Dubuque is one of the oldest cities in Iowa, with a rich history reflected in its architecture, landmarks, and museums.

The preservation of historic districts, such as the Millwork District, and attractions like the National Mississippi River

River Museum & Aquarium highlight its deep cultural heritage. 2. Scenic Beauty and Natural Resources Nestled along the Mississippi River, Dubuque offers stunning natural landscapes, including riverfront parks, bluffs, and trails. The city's commitment to outdoor recreation, such as the Mines of Spain Recreation Area and the Bee Branch Creek Greenway, provides residents and visitors with ample opportunities to enjoy nature. 3. Commitment to Sustainability and Innovation Dubuque has a strong focus on sustainability and smart city initiatives. Programs like the Sustainable Dubuque initiative showcase the city's dedication to environmental stewardship, community engagement, and long-term planning for growth. This forward-thinking mindset positions Dubuque as a leader among small to mid-sized cities. These qualities make Dubuque a unique and thriving community with a balance of historical charm, natural beauty, and progressive development."

Traffic (relative to large cities) Healthcare Entertainment options

What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

Melting pot, tourist attractions, the people are wonderful

The river. The people. The activities.

Sustainability, Environmentally friendly, Accessible

1. The beauty of the area.2. Safety and family friendly activities that are offered.3. Progressive planning."

It's small city vibe but big city options.

I live near Finley Hospital so I can get anywhere in Dubuque in a matter of minutes. Sometimes there are so many activities in Dubuque it's hard to choose what I want to do. Of those activities many are free! The Multicultural Family Center has become a magnet for cultural events including adult, teen and children's activities.

Old charm. The bike paths. The job market.

Low crime

The hills and trees. Eagle Point Park. Heritage Trail

It's a larger city yet a small town mentality in many aspects of life. Hometown and proud values are still present in most areas.

The revitalizing of downtown historical buildings and locations. Bringing a fresh perspective with new business and restaurants making Dubuque feel like a novel balance between new and exciting and affordability.

Its proximity to and pretenses (however feeble) to emulate Chicago. The Mines of Spain, Eagle Point Park, and the accessibility and relative "cleanliness" of the riverfront.

Green space and Parks. Historic areas in Dubuque

Safety, Level of noise

Investment opportunities, schools systems, clean parks

Beauty of buildings and new uses of history

What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

Community aspect, nature, visible progress

Affordability, Diverse experiential opportunities, Small city feeling

The entire arts scene. Reasonable cost of living. Local officials actually listen to citizens.

Community is open and safe

Dubuque is a beautiful City with many opportunities. The local colleges provide programs for many ages . We must not take this for granted but support protecting or architectural treasures and the many life style programs for all ages.

Educational opportunities, Pro active to needs, Good city council

I appreciate that our city is constantly striving to improve and provide assets to the public that far outweigh the size of the community

Historic architecture, natural outdoor recreation, arts accessibility

Natural and historic beauty, support of sustainability, and programs that support historically underserved communities.

Our people. The parks. The river

Green areas. The River Walk/Access to enjoy the river. Downtown development that is happening to beautify, preserve and utilize old buildings.

The city of Dubuque is very walkable and I love the historic buildings that are being preserved in the city.

Variety of recreation, historical, natural and living spaces

The vibrancy of the downtown. Our parks. The Bee Branch improvements.

What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

The people. We have a very large number of people in this city that are incredibly creative and hard working. Additionally, there are people that were native to Dubuque that have moved and started businesses elsewhere that would be valuable assets to our community given the opportunity. There should be focus on not just bringing business in, but paving a realistic way for them to set up shop and live local.

Small town feeling with bigger city accommodations and amenities.

Neighborhoods generally seem pretty integrated - you go down the street and you find nice houses; go around the corner and there are poor houses

Our most important resources are our historic buildings and neighborhoods. Secondly is the river and surrounding bits of nature.

Historical architecture, diverse culture, community gatherings

I appreciate the size of the city, the overall well maintained streets and roads, the riverfront area, the development of the warehouse district, the park development in Dubuque. Dubuque has done much to improve itself in the twenty-five plus years I have lived here!

It's a beautiful area of the United States.

I do appreciate the value the City places on sustainability efforts reflected in their city departments and goals and priorities.

Its people and its historic neighborhoods.

Being a welcoming place for Everyone. Being a beautiful and historic city and maintaining that character. Being a sustainable city that encourages renovation and restoration of historical buildings

Proximity to the tri-state area

What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

It's history. The architecture. It's natural beauty with the hills, bluffs, and the Mississippi River.

I value the open-mindedness of the council we have. I value the quickness of our public works staff and emergency services. I value the districts and opportunities for multiple businesses in Dubuque, downtown or otherwise.

Connection to the River.

Parks

History, Landscape, Parks

1. beautiful river walk 2. Historical “

1. the resiliency of the people 2. the beauty of the community mainly the downtown/bluff area 3. access to jobs"

Strong development track record last 20 years; much better downtown environment and quality of life

I value the safety in the City of Dubuque the most. The Police Department does an amazing job of responding promptly and maintaining positive relations with all community members.

Parks, the disc golf community around the area, walking by the river/anything to do with the river museum.

I love Dubuque's public school system. I have been blessed to have really great teachers in our elementary schools. I work with adults with disabilities and can say that hearing from other communities across the state that we are blessed to have access to the public transportation system. We live on St. John Drive and I love that we are in a safe, quiet neighborhood with access to all of the amenities that Dubuque has to offer.

Natural spaces, river, mines of spain, swiss valley, etc. Historic value and buildings.

People, parks, ability to voice my opinion about city government

What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

Accessibility of local government, strong community events, safety

Small-town, midwest values. Natural features.

The way the city welcomes and celebrates diversity, the amount of 'things to do' in the city (I see the constant effort to bring entertainment in), the community offerings through parks and rec/ library, etc to help the everyone grow, share interests, and make connections.

Mix of history and progress forward. Public and private partnerships. Overall beautiful location and access to nature related activities.

Safety, Convenience -everything within 10 minutes of my house Cost of living

I love the emphasis on preserving historical zones, promoting sustainability and environmental conservation, and helping small businesses thrive.

Safety, affordability, access to parks, community involvement

Amenities, Arts & Culture, Parks, Educational system, Outdoor choices, Public Safety

Our river is our biggest asset.

Natural beauty, unimpeded views (where available)

The people. The park system

Historic character and beautiful landscape.

Small town, relatively inexpensive housing

Potential for parks and recreation growth, between the preservation of natural landscape, enhanced with park infrastructure this city has the opportunity to create accessible recreation for residents and visitors -

Opportunity to be truly engaged in the community-
Historic neighborhoods and district and charm. This is a real asset that is unique to Dubuque

What do you value most about the City of Dubuque? (Provide up to three factors)

The architecture, the environment, the cultural centers

The history and community

Beautiful scenery with the historical downtown, river, and bluffs
More diverse than surrounding small towns
Several colleges in town/ education opportunities

My family is here

Historic buildings, Engagement with the river and nature,
Ease of movement

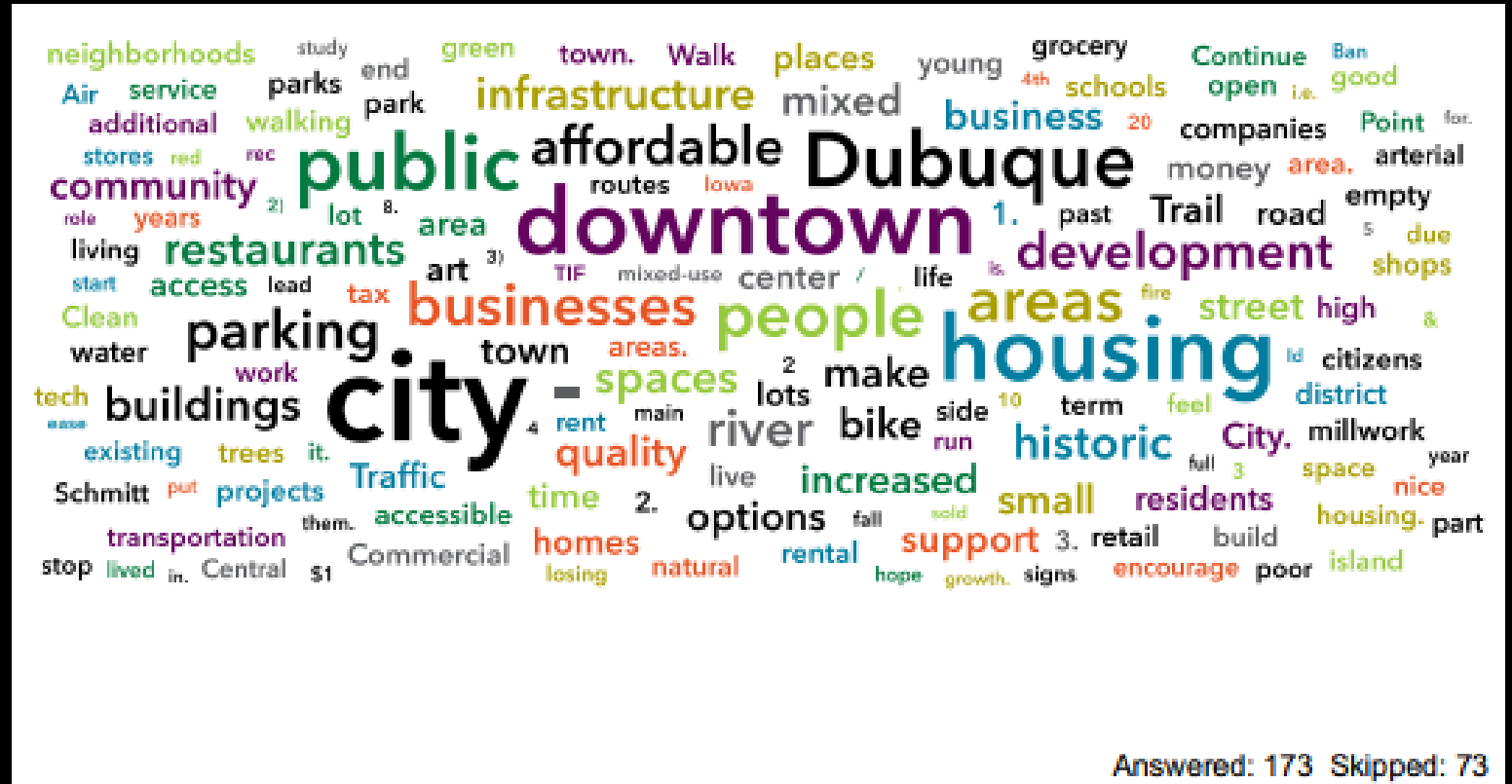
Historic character and friendly neighborhoods, beautiful river setting

The river but I can't stick my toes in it. Our parks but they're run down. Car rides but it's too bumpy.

Community Survey: City of Dubuque Unified Development Code Update

Question #22:

*What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque?
(Provide up to three priorities)*



What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

Cohesive development that successfully supports mixed use structures like the Millwork district in 10 other locations

Connectivity to the west end, more walkable downtown.

1. More all-season experiences, attractions in already existing and renovated spaces 2. More and improved exercise and wellness facilities 3. More and improved transportation and city district connections

Creating quality life amenities that help recruit population to the area. Connectivity and sense of place amongst key neighborhoods of the City. Developer-friendly environment.

Inclusion and welcoming behavior needs to start at the top. Zoning maps that are the same as TIF districts. Walk the talk for small businesses starting at the top - citizens will follow proper modeling.

More energy focused on the downtown area

Affordable home ownership opportunities beyond the older, high maintenance, single family homes that are typically only available in the greater downtown areas. Rethink public transit and consider making it free to all riders. Offer simple high frequency routes so residents and visitors don't have to study multiple route maps especially where the routes could cater to tourists and/or where the city is trying to incentivize commerce and redevelopment such as the central Avenue corridor. Lastly, the UDC should be future ready with the likely transition to semi or fully autonomous vehicles, hopefully parking demands will decrease but infrastructure needs including for electrification will change and new developments should be ready for this evolution.

Less taxes for business and for the people.

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

Paved trail to Dyersville. Enforce no pets in those parks where they are not allowed. East/West travel through Dubuque has greatly increased the past few years and future growth will only get worse if action is not taken to get ahead of this.

We need more high paying careers (not "jobs"), affordable rent, and more housing options.

More open and welcoming to people from other places and of different backgrounds. Increased downtown living, working, and vibrancy. A technology company or other employer that would be an exciting attraction to new, young residents and recent college grads

Increased biking infrastructure, more amenities for families and teenagers, more ethnic restaurants.

I would like to see the downtown area be open to shopping stores again. I would love to see Christmas holiday lights in the downtown area.

There are areas within the city that are presumed to be less desirable that are simply a continuation of the same neighborhood (example: Lincoln Ave seems to be safer/cleaner as you are north of Bethany Home vs south. Central Ave as you get closer to 32nd street seems safer/cleaner than getting closer to 20th) Would be interested to know the percentage of home ownership vs rental. And if rental is higher in the perceived areas, what are some things we could do to improve the look and feel for those that live there so they feel good about their living conditions.

Invest in infrastructure and projects centered around attracting young professionals and families. This likely means investing significant resources into attracting businesses with significant employment opportunities and high paying jobs. Also means that while we need to maintain the character of our downtown, we also need to be able to bring modern architecture and development projects to downtown - and encourage that development.

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

Improved, proactive communication between all constituents. Broad proactive community engagement for publicly owned land

Let's pick the 3 ugliest downtown blocks and turn them into the most beautiful Pedestrian routes. Sidewalks and bike routes that are too close to major car traffic will be underutilized

More appeal to "outsiders" (most people I know who move away are people of color); more frequent and convenient public transit

Better high paying jobs, real affordable housing, lower prices of rent

More support for small business operators. Better bike options for travel across all aspects of the city" more walking paths, elimination of parking meters downtown

More family-based activity centers, less bars and churches.

Better inclusion of the Mississippi in Dubuque's life. Streets bordered with trees. No trucks anymore

I would like to see 100% of Dubuque residents to live within a 10-minute walk of a park or public greens space and for these spaces to be of equal quality meeting the specific needs of the people who live within this radius. I would like for Dubuque to become a public trails mecca, connecting all neighborhoods to our cultural and natural resource treasures and for Dubuque to prioritize around every corner projects that complement our cultural and natural history while improving upon native habitats, improving water quality and managing water quantity. Dubuque can be the most connected, healthy, equitable, and outdoor recreation-oriented community of its size in the county. We have all of the resources and will to do so at the ready. Let's roll!

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

More apartments, more condos, more restaurants
if something is allowed on one side of a street, it should be allowed on both sides of a street, perhaps in accordance with existing tax districts (maybe that is a TIF district?)

Less parking, more greenspace, more trees

Would like to see all of the areas next to the river be better utilized, there is no where to go and sit and be right next to the river to enjoy it. There are no actual beaches to go to without owning a boat. The road on the floodwall by the dam and the river view park are the only place the river can be easily seen. The city is missing a huge benefit because we are not presenting the river as well as it could be utilized. There could be bars and restaurants shopping etc. overlooking the river, I have seen many cities small and large take advantage of rivers and streams all across the United States way better than Dubuque. We have the fourth longest river in the world in our backyard and we do not acknowledge it.

Infill development; maintenance/repair of existing utility infrastructure; Walkable/bikeable neighborhoods

Improvement on existing building's appearance and signage
Better street repairs
Disability requirements checked on all facilities

One Skyscraper, more bridges over the railroad

More restrictive billboard and signage code. Ban outdoor public art on buildings in historic preservation districts.

Rework of the east Dubuque bridge intersection (travelling east is a nightmare and almost always a bottleneck). Add a roundabout at the intersection of University and Asbury Redo Cedar Cross Road from Birch Heath and Home to Tristate blind society - incorporating sidewalks and improving curb appeal for all housing and businesses

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

The citizens should have a say over the term of service of a city manager citizens should have a say in the ""look"" of the city, i.e. paintings on buildings or having ""woke"" or ""inclusivity"" painting on the 5 Flags Center. too many decisions are made by a select group of people in this town. work harder to include the blue-collar class

Accessibility of information. I feel we have a lot of events that happen in Dubuque, but I don't usually know about them.- Property owners need to held accountable for allowing buildings to fall into disrepair. We are losing too many historic properties due to negligent property owners.- Current historic homeowners should get incentives for living in and retaining these properties. Without them, we would lose a lot of Dubuque's charm.

Better tree coverage in the downtown district to encourage more walking. More Bike Lanes.

More arts and museums.

I would like to see programs to assist with lead water pipes for residential homeowners. Dubuque also needs more functional green spaces downtown...ie..fruit trees, pollinator flower beds, trees

More retail shops in the town clock area and down Main St. getting better, but there are still many empty storefronts.

Fill the largely unused parking lots downtown in with useable retail and commercial(aka units for larger stores and businesses. 19th cent. Commercial is too small to be viable for most businesses today) done in a way that respects the 19th century architecture and character of downtown. I could see partnering with architecture schools like Notre Dame since classical architects are hard to find(they have helped with redevelopment projects of similar scope in the Netherlands, Italy, and England)

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

Improve some of the major arterials through the city
More quality, affordable housing aka less than \$1,000

I think the mixed-use areas near the Millwork district are a great example of what can be done in other downtown areas. I know it's easier typed than done, but numerous downtown areas are currently taken up with surface parking lots or empty businesses. I believe there is unmet housing demand in the downtown area.

Higher quality restaurants and food options with more variety - community recreation facility - long overdue - Less reliance on personal vehicles and parking- more use of mass transportation, walking, biking, uber etc.

More affordable housing, more diverse events, better diversity of restaurants and businesses

Increased environmental regulations on zoning, esp. regarding flood plans. Increased environmental regulations building, esp. regarding insulation. A safe, functional mixed use trail infrastructure.

Redevelopment of dilapidated properties. Design guidelines by district for the entire community, including streetscape standards based on road classification. Trail connectivity throughout the City, so one does not need to drive to a trailhead to access the system.

More historic preservation, More comprehensive plan for park restoration like Eagle Point Park. Street reconstruction Take back the riverfront, it belongs to the citizens of Dubuque not individuals or commercial and industrial development.

As we develop more housing units, we must pause and ask ourselves, are we developing the right type of housing? Are there enough starter homes to buy (I would say the answer is probably not). Are there enough apartment in development (I don't know the answer). In long term projects, will all apartments be occupied as more starter homes are built, or will more starter homes result in apartment vacancies. To that end, how do we balance development to make sure we're developing housing that won't be wasteful or short sited, while still meeting immediate and urgent needs.

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

More businesses e.g. restaurants, malls

Continued and expanded development in north end area. Realistic expectations of the potential of the Millwork District.

(1) Continue looking at ways to ease traffic on Dodge/Hwy20. New Arterial road and re-route of Hwy 52 were good starts, but there is still too much trucking on this road. (2) Stop being so sycophant to businesses. We give more tax abatements and TIF handouts to companies that exploit our community then leave (Duluth TC, Avelo, etc.). Use this money more wisely. City residents do not see the immediacy of these sort of payments. (Probably not a zoning code upgrade, but here's the gripe, anyway!) (3) Start regulating short term rentals such as AirB&B! I recall the intense debate over that restaurant redevelopment/expansion on Grandview when the (regulated) business did not offer adequate parking for the proposed service/space expansion. This is going on *all over the city* in residential communities

and is impacting the availability of single-family and apartment availability. Plus, we are losing out on tax collection for these *businesses* (not private residences!). Also, there is little oversight on how reservations are made, and if there may be violations of civil rights laws.“

More walking/biking paths

Better commuter options for biking. More complete street design.

Mixed-use housing more green space bike lanes

Be more open to people of all backgrounds all types of backgrounds

Open for everyone regardless of their background. Create more high Paying jobs at least \$15 an hour at least And have a job fair to recruit more police officers and firemen.

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

Better housing for all. Age in place housing options for seniors. Thoughtful practical development

If you drive up to Madison and go on the side roads to the SW of the city you will find an amazing amount of new, nice looking apartment complexes for young adult professionals. Dubuque doesn't seem to have any of this. I don't even know where to recommend that young professionals who are new to town consider renting other than the Millwork lofts. The other parts of town need some nice, safe rental options for young professionals. I'd like to see the bike trail system expanded and interconnected. Gaps between trails need to be completed. A trail along side (but not sharing the road with) SW Arterial for bikers and runners would be great. It would be great to completely connect the river wall trail and make it nice from where it starts to the south of Julien Dubuque Bridge along the floodwall, through that sketchy former industrial area, up past the River Museum and along the nice part by the Grand River Center- then up past the train bridge, around the harbor

and up to where the trail system picks up closer to the Q (keep it all safe trail- not shared with streets so that people are comfortable biking with their kids on it). Is there a way to solve the parking situation downtown? Can the ramps be free? Or can the city make available something that works like I-Pass does for the Chicago tollways- where you just put it in your car and if you drive up to a parking ramp you are admitted for a flat fee (maybe its \$1 or \$2 or something) that is paid automatically without you doing anything? This would make exits and entrance super fast without fumbling for money, phones, etc. I avoid the ramps because I hate the payment process.

I would like to see additional greenspaces in the urban centers of town.

Less urban sprawl, better public transportation, more mix use development on parking lots or old buildings instead of destroying nature.

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

Community center to include an indoor pool and recreation. Expand the library and the amenities the library has to offer. Seek a partnership that could bring a Waterpark or amusement park to the city. Work to become a destination city year-round.

Update underground infrastructure, it's long overdue. I realize the public cannot see it but with the poor conditions in small capacities it hinders development and and is in need of constant repair. Be more flexible and open to ideas with developers, they are the ones investing and helping to grow our City.

Indoor sports complex

Population growth and growth in the younger demographic. encouraging rental housing targeted to college students and recent graduates is a necessity to support our local colleges and universities as well as our businesses. Growth in housing opportunities for this population will help retain graduates and grow a demographic that Dubuque lags behind other metros in.

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1) More housing. 2) More flights. 3) More sports/rec facilities.

Promote commercial expansion in designated areas. Commercial air service, with flight schedules that make sense.

Expanded Dubuque Museum of Art continued commitment to historic preservation“

A community that supports and values our public education systems.

More efficient use of tax dollars Improve quality of housing stock Enforcement of ordinances in all neighborhoods

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

Less street parking. People should not be allowed to run businesses out of their homes (ie: construction) that have multiple vehicles and trailers parked on streets and in driveways.

Attract more business downtown

Economic development, better flight options at airport.
Better streets.

If affordable housing is built, build it across the entire community not just downtown. I would like to see the Point area get some kind of focus. It's filled with long term residents who have lived here for years and remain entirely forgotten. Put some reinvestment into our end of town.

1. Stop wasting so much money on these bike paths and outdoor spaces that don't mean anything and are in the least utilized areas. 2. There isn't anything to do with families that want to go somewhere and spend time

together for a day that is entirely inclusive (needs, not politically). Backpocket is about the only place that is attempting to provide a one-stop, all day entertainment for families. There needs to be more of this that is affordable (competition).3. The parks that we have could easily be updated, rather than having to completely reconstruct brand new ones. Vets had a really nice make over, that is one spot, and it is busy all of the time. Why aren't the other parks getting makeovers. For what has been spent on stupid concrete overhangs and sculptures/statues/etc, parks could have been updated.

1. There is a lack of ADA single family homes. 2. More sidewalks and businesses with wheelchair accessibility. 3. Clean up or tear down dilapidated buildings, businesses and housing.“

Better hospitals so people don't have to travel to Iowa City for services.

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

See so many people creating multiple offenses and still out on the street, why? Too many drivers driving while barred and no insurance, makes average citizens pay more in insurance.

More quality restaurants, not fast food.
Continue to be best in safety, fire and police. More restaurants and shops, Air service to Dallas or Phoenix??

Think and act more boldly for vision. Less conflicts of interest and grudge holding by City Gov and local entities that chase people out of town like AY McDonald
Less waste on things with no ROI

More shopping options

More cultural spending and support, even though it is good, this one area will play a more critical role in improving our city. It generates tourism, education, activities, and more. Four-lane roads to Chicago and a generous link to Amtrak rail. Two airlines serve our regional area, so the city does not need to buy seats.

More accessible access for riverboats might include a higher bridge across the Mississippi River, as in the days of the "High Bridge" over the railroad bridge. This might mean adding mail support with government road, rail, river, and airline subsidies, but that is what our federal taxes should be for, even if they need to be raised. Spending money generates more money, and the cycle improves quality and quantity of life.

Clean up the old, abandoned buildings more focus on public education expand on the millwork district

More entertainment options for adults, families and children. More retail. Additional air and rail transportation.

Lean into the natural and historic beauty to draw more tourists. - outlaw the lighted signs like on the side of the Five Flags - it's too bright. Absolutely terrible. - move the police station out of the center of downtown- remove laws requiring lawn mowing - outlaw pesticides and chemicals for aesthetic reasons (it drives me crazy to

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

see the city spraying roundup in sidewalk cracks, walking right past litter collecting in the city lots - make it make sense). - build a sheltered event center where we could have farmers market year round - think a big semi-permanent heated tent. "

Infrastructure such as road building has always been WAY behind the curve....

There needs to be better east-west routes for bicycles. Asbury Rd use to be the pathway out of town. Now, the SW arterial prevents a cyclist from leaving the city without taking the bike out west on a car first. For future expansion on the south-west direction, we need another fire station.

More mixed residential and commercial with neighborhood dining and corner grocery stores

More major employment. We are losing major Factories. WHY??

Remove meters. Use only historical lights downtown. Improve sidewalks & holiday decor

Wish list is of more for residents to do socially- & entertainment-wise, but the trend toward conservative (right-leaning) overall resident mindset (often impact by extreme influences on both sides, instead of common sense middle ground) seems to have opportunities lost in Dubuque and surrounding area.

Actually become sustainable.

1. Schmitt Island as a Regional Destination Leverage the new amphitheater and Pinseekers facility to position Schmitt Island as a premier entertainment and recreation hub. Complement these developments with additional features like a riverfront promenade, expanded trails, and eco-friendly public spaces. Incorporate public art installations along pathways and near venues to enhance the visitor experience.

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2. Foster a Thriving Tech Ecosystem Attract tech companies by offering incentives like tax breaks and grants for relocation or startup growth. Develop coworking and innovation hubs near Schmitt Island or downtown to encourage collaboration. Partner with universities to create research centers in clean tech and software, using Schmitt Island as a smart city pilot site for innovative technologies. 3. Expand Public Art and Cultural Programming Build on the amphitheater's potential by hosting art festivals, live performances, and interactive workshops. Integrate public art throughout the island and city, transforming underused spaces into vibrant cultural landmarks. Collaborate with schools and tech companies to blend art and technology, fostering a creative and skilled workforce. By aligning Schmitt Island's ongoing developments with broader efforts in tech, art, and sustainability, Dubuque can create a dynamic city that attracts businesses, tourists, and residents alike."

Clean up areas on outskirts of downtown

AFFORDABLE Housing is a must- More green space downtown- Late night study spot OR Dubuque Rec Center

Less NOISE along Highway 20, The arterial and Highway 61/151. I understand we have an ordinance that prohibits loud trucks and trains and wish the police would start enforcing it.

More nature/green space downtown, walking/biking infrastructure downtown, more community-based gathering spaces

1. Pave the Heritage Trail for more accessible use for all citizens. Also make the the upkeep of Eagle Point Park a priority.

Keep the character while expanding options for retail/restaurants/businesses. Beautify the city by adding more smaller green spaces for neighborhoods.

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

Improvements in Public Transportation to include more areas and/or shorter routes in some areas. Jule App in Spanish. I'm sure other languages would also be helpful. More City information and signs with translations in Spanish along with the English wording. It's difficult for me to understand how thoughtless we can be when I see information in English that informs Spanish-speaking/reading people to check somewhere else to find the information in Spanish. We all know we need affordable housing.

Downtown updated. Reduced section 8.Landlord enforcement.

More bike and walking spaces

I would like Dbq to be proactive protectors of our water and food. Please read “The Swine Republic, Struggles with the Truth About Agriculture and Water Quality” by Chris Jones. Iowa is number 2 state with the highest cancer rate in US...talk about quality of life!

Dubuque can't even ban plastic bag use, so I don't have a lot of hope you will become aware of how serious our situation is. - I would like to see slum landlords held accountable and the concentration of racial and ethnic populations dispersed equally throughout the city.- encourage sensitivity training for everyone involved in city projects...publicize and support our Multicultural Center with advertisements and money. We need to welcome diversity in our population, which will lead to new ideas. When the same people control our policy decisions, nothing changes....Empower our youth.

Clean up problematic areas where crime is most present. Redevelop existing old buildings so they are no longer eye sores.

New business that attract newer job categories like tech. This would help drive tenants downtown in revitalized housing/commercial building. Better recreational / restaurant options for new workforce not from Dubuque.

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

Access to public pianos (yeah, it's niche and selfish, I know). Schools that don't have to do fundraising campaigns to afford their budgets (charter schools are INSANE). Proper support for the poor and disadvantaged, for starters perhaps a multi-use complex on the former site of the pack and/or electricity station wherein there are mental health services, warming center, emergency housing, grocery store for all (membership program for the poor to have their groceries subsidized by private donations).

More baseball and softball fields for youth and adults. One larger municipal public pool with more amenities. Try to lease up the empty buildings in Dubuque with either rental housing or retail, or restaurant, before building new structures

Low-income housing Dbq has the mission for men, 2 places for women expecting children, and the wintertime place for men with children. What about something for single women? When my mother left my father due to abuse, we found no housing accepting of her.

More accessible Grants for building improvements.

Downtown density of people and pedestrians. A vibrant Main Street with residences and businesses. Connect waterfront and downtown for pedestrians. Analysis of whether DRA should remain nonprofit “

More restaurants, walkable, bikeable areas in the city, Northend improvements, less traffic on Central Ave.

Continued infill and development of empty spaces in the city core. Less urban sprawl. Tightened signage regulations in new developments. Height and lighting.

Strategic reuse of urban land. Continue renovating historic buildings. More creative approach to public transit (subsidized Uber)

Better enforcement of traffic laws. EACH day I walk past Washington Jr. school, I see at least one car run a very red light. There are too many people who speed and run red lights. More places to park downtown that are NOT metered.

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

Less impediments to building and business

Prioritize much needed improvements to Eagle Point Park. Enhance Heritage Trail with a hard surface .

It would be great to see some smaller scale housing for entry level buyers and downsizing seniors

More support and involvement and modernization of civic commissions.

More support for those living in poverty and moderate incomes, increased protection of the environment and historic buildings.

More retail stores-that we actually want to shop at Again-Quit giving our money away. Give it to already local companies trying to expand instead of to companies who come and leave right away.

Add more restaurants, activity areas, and public access to riverside areas and downtown to bring people down to enjoy them. More free parking areas for downtown. More bike and pedestrian friendly areas.

I believe in mixed use development for the city, but I'd like to see the landlord's vet their tenants so we can keep out the drug dealers.

More shopping, restaurants and condos/apartments

We need to increase our tree canopy. We need to increase the amount of mixed-use development.

Cut down on vacant buildings. Force land lords to maintain properties.

Maintain alleyways, maintained of roadways, upkeep of florals and median vegetation.

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

Increased sense/communication of identity - what it means to be a part of Dubuque, or even certain neighborhoods.

An increased emphasis on outdoor recreation could help us attract and retain a workforce. Maintaining our historic districts and the historic feeling of our historic districts is essential. Smart infill with more urbanist minded principals (i.e. mixed use, live-work-play areas in the downtown.)

I'd like to see mixed use areas, however I don't feel it is at all helpful to quality of life for businesses to use excessive bright lighting. The example I think of is the large BP station across from Ace Hardware at JFK and 32nd.

More public funding for the arts. More help for all small businesses, not just startups. Id love to see the city embrace its rural roots and be progressive at the same time. But that is hard. Time will tell.

I would like to see more natural environments that are accessible within the different zoning. Not just parks with play structures, but open areas for natural exploration and engagement, to invite the youngest in the communities to engage. I think the Bee Branch is a great example.

More access to Nature spaces through out all of the city.

Continue to fight small town mentality and deeply integrated racism. Better relationships between the City and Landlords and Small Business Owners.

More focus on incentives for first time homebuyers, and not just ones that fall within the poverty standards

Much of the city's infrastructure needs to be updated.

No parking meters in downtown, especially main and Iowa where a lot of retail shops are! Lower parking fines. Making sure meters actually work

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

I would love to see more education done by the City for these updates in development and infrastructure. I could see improvement on the City with updates on the compressive plans - where are we going? I would like to see Dubuque go after more planning grants for smaller projects to get small wins for the City.

The Port of Dubuque project that was proposed a few years ago needs to get pushed forward. I think that would greatly impact the City in a positive way.

Traffic improvement

Fixing or renovating historic buildings to minimize the appearance of "rough" part of town.

Improvements to rental units so not so deplorable looking - landlords who care about buildings, not just the rent money requirements for tenants in rental units to keep apt./house in good shape - neighborhoods of rentals look so run down

1. the mindset of the citizens that it was fine when i was young.

Continue to make downtown more cohesive/connected; figure out the former Pack ground for an aspirational city-changing development opportunity. Go back in time and build the ballpark for what would have been the Cubs minor league team!!

1. Housing- Currently I pay about \$1200 a month to live at Radford and no utilities are included. I think it is insane that I have lived in this complex for over 2 years and rent has increased 3 times. It is not only about adding more housing to lower the prices, but the quality of life needs to be considered. It is difficult to build community when you face shut doors and no common spaces. Also, why don't the majority of apartments in this town have in unit laundry. Do people actually want to walk their dirty clothes to a community area or coin op?

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

2. Pay Scale- Cost of living is still very low in Dubuque, but we have not increased salaries to account for the inflation we are currently facing. If I was single and moved to Dubuque I would not be able to afford my housing. I have spoken to other renters and they agree that the cost of renting is now reaching half of your paycheck and is unsustainable. 3. City Owned Properties- I am referring to properties like the Grand River Center and Grand Harbor. Both of these properties are in desperate need of renovations. It is hard to find a company to invest such capital in these locations due to the fact that they have a very short-term lease on the operations and will never own the property. I believe some of these properties could be sold and we could see additional economic development. “

Longer yellow lights, especially on Dodge. Reduce the amount of semi traffic on Dodge. SW arterial was built for a reason, use it. More higher end apartments for those who do not want to buy a house but also don't want to live in the slums

The smells of the dump needs to be addressed from the access change and the view of the chain-linked fences coming into town give a bad impression.

Affordable and accessible housing. Making places more walkable. Most importantly I would like to see more places hire people with disabilities.

More renovation in millwork district. But, it needs to not be such an "artsy trendy" thing where everything is expensive and artisanal and just be another normal part of the city built into the old infrastructure.

More mobile society- walking and biking. Affordable housing less than \$1200 a month. Less restrictions on home and commercial renovations or new construction

I think we need to attract new corporate businesses to the area. Many large companies are downsizing or moving out of Dubuque.

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

More family friendly activities and resources for school-aged kids

ALPRs should be removed immediately. They are expensive, intrusive, and unconstitutional. In addition to the tens of thousands to purchase and install each of these ALPRs, the city also spent thousands applying for permits for each camera. Add in the ongoing cost of maintenance and the real cost is astronomical.

Because the data from these cameras can be ""stitched together"", they are qualitatively different than a typical traffic camera. This stitching allows for the tracking of any vehicle, at any time, anywhere in the city. By comparison, the use of GPS trackers requires a warrant. ALPRs are an open-ended, indiscriminate, warrantless search of undefined scope and therefore are a blatant violation of the 4th Amendment. The indiscriminate collection and storage of metadata by a government entity should concern everyone.

I know the state has limited public school funding, I think overall our public school system is doing an

exceptional job, especially with what they're given. I'd love to see the public schools get the kind of subsidies that the private schools do as they affect so many more students. I think affordable housing is important - the wages in Dubuque don't match the rent/mortgages of houses being built. My family would have been an ideal candidate for the Switch Homes development, and they said they were affordable. My husband is a disabled veteran, had a good paying office job at -----, and I work full time in an office as well. The houses were twice what we'd qualify for. The people in town who can afford that, already afford nicer homes, and I'm not surprised they aren't selling quickly. Whether it's higher wages or less expensive homes, the scales need to be balanced there. Wages, as discussed above would likely be the third point I'd make. It was discussed at the Legislative Kickoff by Tom Townsend, but I'm not sure how the city can incentivize this. A mandate would likely not be well received, I'm an idealist - so I'd hope that information on why businesses should increase wages and how they can remain profitable would help. Is there a business advisor, etc who could be subsidized by the city to guide businesses into these changes?

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

A greater focus on nature access for all young children and those who help care for and educate them (families, childcares, etc.). Especially as it relates to children with disabilities and various sensory needs (autism, etc.)

More Bike lanes. More air service options. More recreational activities. Indoor rec center with indoor track

More incentives for small business retail shops and restaurants to thrive. An emphasis on walkable neighborhoods/zones, including mixed use areas that include housing, business such as restaurants and shops, and necessities such as grocery stores. The River Walk is one of the best places I've seen for foot traffic in Dubuque. I believe pedestrian accessible shops and restaurants here could thrive. Playground equipment or even volleyball/basketball courts in some of the empty spaces down there (such as the empty lot on the right side of the Grand Harbor Hotel) could see lots of use as well, especially during the summer.

More trees for more shade, increase in bike lanes, affordable housing for the poor, more space for Opening Doors & the Mission, additional stops on the bus route, enclosed bus stop waiting areas for to accommodate our 4 seasons.

Revitalize Central Ave (14th -24th) Clean up Entrance to City from the North (Iowa Hwy 3 (Heritage pond area) Inspections of short term rentals (BnB; Air BnB)

We need to stop chasing fulltime work away for part time work. (Greater dub area) That is a waist of tax dollars.

Buried utilities throughout the city, not just new developments. Fewer electronic signs at businesses and churches. automatic upzoning. More infrastructure to support biking and walking as a viable mode of transport.

Cohesive neighborhoods

What changes or improvements would you like to see in Dubuque? (Provide up to three priorities)

Anything to protect our history and provide more public spaces. Replacing more parking lots with parks or mixed used buildings would be great.

City is implementing things done elsewhere 20 years ago - should be able to learn from those rather than seeming to act like this is the first time new infrastructure is being tried

Transportation - Affordable housing and mixed-use housing, opportunity to buy condos, not just rent them- More green spaces and trees amongst infrastructure

Improved public transit service, fewer surface parking lots in historic downtown

Reduction in on street parking, more pedestrian infrastructure, more mixed-use areas, neighborhood grocery stores

More public transportation connecting downtown to the college and grocery areas- feels very divided compared to other places I have lived Mixed zoning in residential areas to make life more walkable/healthier Expanding lead water supply replacement assistance to more regions than downtown

Greater walkability and bikability

More resources for youth, more affordable housing, more overseeing of landlords to avoid so many slum lords

More emphasis on providing a wider variety of housing in various parts of the city

Better pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, more places to walk to, more density.

New city manager, New city council, Eliminate woke and DEI policies

Community Survey: City of Dubuque Unified Development Code Update

Question #23:

What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code? (Provide up to three priorities)



What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code?

It should support the City's development goals (# and types of housing, pop growth, etc) It should be comprehensive, clearly communicated and easy to find by outside developers. It should result in the City we seek not the one we see

Infill, mixed-use, lessen parking requirements, reduced lot size requirements.

Long-term city environmental and community sustainability, and population growth. City attractions, amenities, improved quality of life, unique to each district. Connecting the districts

Encourage infill development: Prioritize reuse and redevelopment of existing urban spaces to reduce sprawl. Encourage mixed-use developments: Promote live-work-play environments to attract young professionals and support downtown revitalization. Partnerships: Collaborate with private and public entities to fund and execute transformative projects.

Prioritize brick and mortar small business development. Downtown development Easier and less costly paths to variances - little guys can't afford it.

Encouraging commercial and residential development downtown that will be accessible to lower income, new arrivals, young professionals and the elderly who not only enjoy a more tight knit community but are challenged and isolated by commutes to work, shopping or socializing.

Future ... no harm (sustainability) Affordability Equity in new development

Basically, would you like someone to dictate everything you do with your property, business, or home?

Seeking public input is appreciated but the special interest group that seems to be taking shape for their personal goals is a concern.

What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code?

Putting people first. Not profits, not corporations, not the big "names" in the city that get enough of our resources.

Density, Walkability, Affordability

Attraction and retention of residents; sustainability; attainable homeownership.

We certainly want to make sure its not so restrictive that those interested in investing/developing within our city don't have too many hoops to jump through. And we need to balance that with holding developers accountable to the overall livability of our community. The more pride people take in where they live, where they work, where they go to shop, get gas, be entertained, outdoor park life, etc., the more they preserve and expect others to preserve those spaces.

We should ask the question "Will each change made to the UDC encourage Dubuque to be a more attractive place to live for the next generation?" If the answer is no, then we should not make the change.

What is in the best long-term interest of our community? Clear communication of the long-term dream of what we all want our city to become and how we work together to get there

Mixed used housing prioritized (most revenue per sq foot for cities) and people like the mix of small indy shops/restaurants/taverns with houses-Prioritize beauty over quantity. Don't make things cheaply, don't do things half-assed. Build things out of stone. Penitentiaries of the 1800's are nicer looking than the crap we build today. - Include SOME low income options for any major project (but not enough to make a ""poor neighborhood""-Lower required parking lot standards. Do some research into this, the answer is obvious.

Environmental sustainability; equity

Instead of city employees having meetings about this, why not get citizens involved in meeting to find out their opinion's

What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code?

Less regulation, Partnership between developers and city teams

Benefit of the citizens, promoting more healthy lifestyle

Get the 19th century industrial and truck/car traffic out of the city. Reduce noise from bikes and trucks. Make the city appealing aesthetically

Parks and greenspace access. Trails and connectivity. Public/Private Partnerships Flexibility

Little guy should be treated as well as the big guy is treated (and big guys get treated pretty nicely in Dubuque)

Sustainability, green infrastructure

Try to make it developer friendly, it should protect critical nature areas. Most of the successful tourism locations in the united states have great infrastructure mixed in with nature and have good sustainability.

Affordability; environmental integrity; resiliency

Uphold existing historical codes. No more tax exemptions on building and/or building remodeling More independent input

Protection for existing residential neighborhoods

Treat property owners and developers fairly. Understand that if it can be done privately, it should be done privately. Be consistent in enforcement without interjecting department head's personal preferences. Let people live their lives. Be realistic about safety, understanding that dramatic expenses to potentially save people aren't smart. The Rockbowl has no fence at the top of it yet no one falls and dies there.

Enhance the ease by which people can carry on tasks of daily living and communicate with each other in an aesthetic atmosphere.

What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code?

Examination of the current population and determination of the existing capacity of housing and travel for that population. If the low income housing segment is in need - focus there first. If large spaces about commercial areas are wasted by no residential living - focus there."

Preserving our past while allowing for growth. We should not be tearing down old buildings for the sake of building new just because it's easier. There are plenty of empty lots in Dubuque but once a building is lost, we lose it forever.

Denser housing and encouragement of small groceries in the areas north of the millwork.

Basic safety. For example, the number of smoke detectors in a rental has become ridiculous. Safety protocols are fine, Overkill is unnecessary. Balance of green space and living space. Don't try to create a utopia using code.

Public use of the community space. I'd like to see more parks and green space mixed in within the downtown commercial spaces.

Environmentally friendly and progressive -equality and equity-sustainable clean energy

A balance of historic preservation with what is financially reasonable.

Focus on using existing space for infill, mixed use including industry and going back to some elements of a pre zoning city might bring a new dynamism and resilience to the older parts of the city. By making it easier to start and run businesses. Include provisions for diverse public and personal transportation options including cars bikes and "last mile" solutions(think more like dutch cities!).

Flexibility for owners and developers

What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code?

1) Ease of construction of new housing, especially on the denser side and near downtown. 2) Mixed used development. 3) Sidewalks, shade, and green space.

Promote movement and physical activity for residents and visitors. Access to new development that doesn't create more traffic back-ups or stop and go for traffic. Complete Streets avoid sprawl

not sure

Long term sustainability of environment and community health.

Ease of use. Living document - meaning be open to amending as needed to keep up with changes in the development world

Keeping the Taxpayers in mind when making major decisions for what is best for Dubuque

Making sure the code preserves the character of our community while also allowing our community to try more of new things (new mixed-use developments, etc, etc,).

Dubuque has an opportunity to really grow, so we must adapt a growth mindset.

Prioritize the well-being of those who have chosen to make their homes and livelihoods in our city. It should not be to attract outsiders. A well-run and properly managed city with a thoughtful development code and long-range planning will serve to attract those looking at our community, or may be used by other city and private agencies for this same purpose. But it's a "skin in the game" issue, not "view from the sidelines.

n/a

Enjoyment and resources to citizens of Dubuque. Will it increase quality of life.

What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code?

To increase affordable housing environmental protections more landlords/eliminate the landlord monopoly

Fairness, equality and sustainability

DEI principles, Good balance of affordable housing, Balance of development and preservation

Provide safe affordable housing in various parts of the city with encouragement for good landlords to invest and run places. Provide additional options for more expensive apartments for young professionals who may prefer more amenities and perhaps some proximity to eating spots in the complex- etc- like exists in the Millwork District.

Sustainability and environmental considerations.

Less urban sprawl, more mix use, and less high restrictions.

Less urban sprawl, more mix use, and less high restrictions.

Look to the future but remember and honor the past that makes Dubuque unique.

Growth/development, equity, housing

1) More owner-occupied housing options
2) Grants for rehabilitating homes with structural issues (i.e. foundations)
3) Incentives for reuse/reimagining of abandoned buildings

Everyone is treated equally

Population focus. Take care of existing residents

Make the code easier to work with not harder. Within reason. We don't want eyesore development happening. But if it's a good, positive addition to the community then it shouldn't have to jump through hoops.

What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code?

1. Common Sense 2. Stop the woke nonsense

1. Do not prioritize lower income. Prioritize middle class.
2. Make Dubuque a safe place to live and work. 3. Make changes to businesses, housing and sidewalks to accommodate wheelchairs.

Redevelopment of the downtown area, including maintenance of residential buildings, to make coming into the city more inviting and safe.

Pro businesses, especially those that are longtime businesses and owned locally. We are so pro new business but we chase longtime family names out of town. IBM got the Red Carpet, AY got the boot. Pro quality and durable design. Look around at JFK Road and do the exact opposite of whatever that is.

Be more flexible with subdivision developers

Mission, goals, and standards to support a better quality and quantity of life for all citizens no matter their financial, ethnic, or educational levels.

Local people. Local jobs. Local contractors

Actively recruit businesses to come to Dubuque. Support the businesses that we have. Seek to grow our community faster than we do. Growth = additional opportunity for jobs, housing, revenue.

Beauty, sustainability, tourism.

Quality of Life. Quality of build! Good structures with very good components to make certain the homes are economical to heat and cool.

We should look at unemployment factor in Dubuque, and quit giving free housing and benefits to people who can definitely work. We have worked our entire life in Dubuque, we didnt ever ask for assistance. Work is out there, but why work when you don't have to.

Making downtown more inviting

What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code?

I am not technical enough to say anything more than common sense and good education)example: people don't like change, but the best relatively recent example of when technology has to be embraced is the pushback you folks (& public works) had to endure over the roundabouts whose benefits were exponential in time savings.

The updated Unified Development Code (UDC) for Dubuque should be guided by the following principles and goals:1. Sustainable Growth and Environmental Stewardship. The UDC should prioritize eco-friendly practices, promoting green infrastructure, energy-efficient buildings, and sustainable land use. This includes preserving natural areas, reducing urban sprawl, and integrating renewable energy and stormwater management systems into new developments.2. Housing Affordability and Accessibility. The code should encourage diverse housing options to meet the needs of all residents, from affordable housing to mixed-use developments. Flexibility in zoning, such as allowing ADUs and higher-density housing, can help address

ADUs and higher-density housing, can help address affordability while promoting equitable access to amenities and transportation.3. Community-Centric Design. The UDC should foster walkable, connected neighborhoods with a focus on public spaces, pedestrian and bike infrastructure, and transit-oriented development. Incorporating public art, historic preservation, and design standards that reflect the city's character will strengthen community identity and inclusivity. These principles will help Dubuque balance growth with environmental protection, affordability, and a high quality of life for its residents."

Face to face interaction with those citizens that are most familiar with working with the Code. Do this honestly and without a predetermined solution in place.

Being sustainable, promote being environmentally healthy, more access to engaging art

Maintain the unique beauty of our area when planning improvements.

What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code?

The environment should be priority because businesses will not make sustainable choices unless required to do so.

I think I like mixed development most, keeping as much of nature intact as possible.

I will be anxious to see how many citizens participated in this survey! I intend to spread the word and encourage people to fill out this survey. Everybody needs to be invited.

Historic preservations is great but it comes at a cost. Most people are not going to buy an old "historic" building to be forced to follow expensive and non-productive building codes to make use of the space/building. Like anything, something has to cash flow to survive. You can not update a space and be upside down in it before you step foot in it.

Public study on the needs and wants for people we want to attract to Dubuque.

Revitalizing architecture and existing buildings. Build with great design and quality, we don't need another strip mall... Building with quality and interesting design will hold value and interest long term.

Compassion for the least amongst us. Sustainability that the code can't be screwed with by greed-based interests. Undermining external non-Dubuque (including suburban Asbury and Peosta) interests seeking to sap the city of money. Compassion for the least amongst us.

Please have an article in the TH explaining the Unified Development Code.

Idea from contractors

A downtown that people want to live work and play in. That attracts tourists and residents

Sustainability, Equity, inclusion

What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code?

The code needs to be in place to encourage investment/reinvestment in our community.

"Strategic urban land use. Aggressive and urgent maintenance historic buildings (before they're too far gone)"

Try to look 10-15 years in advance and make changes to encourage that growth. Make it possible that someone could live downtown and be able to get to where they need to be without a car.

Promotion of business and commercial friendliness as it improves tax base and overall economics of Dubuque- hopefully stop/reduce exodus of businesses to more business friendly communities

1. Fairness to citizens of all ages 2. Make handicapped accessible housing a in single family homes and apartment's.

Items relative to Dubuque not other areas

Maintain historic architecture

Sustainability, equity, caring for the needs of all
"See above "

Maintain the delicate balance between attracting investors to create jobs and housing while maintaining safety, preservation and affordability for local residents.

I think the code should encourage more historic preservation. It makes our city very unique. Find confident developers that will keep our city historic.

Walkable neighborhoods.

Longevity and sustainability of the environment while offering incentives and understanding to middle class families not just low SES families in order to provide opportunities to continue to grow in a beautiful community.

What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code?

Building community and connection. Providing for economic growth. Maintaining aesthetic standards

Comprehensive plan and district plan(s) City Council goals and priorities. City Staff recommendations. People before profit.

Livable neighborhoods that enhance quality of life for all types of residents while also allowing businesses that serve basic needs to thrive in those neighborhoods...a tall order.

Quality of life, sustainability, historic preservation continue to make Dubuque a great city to live in

Inclusion and accessibility should be major focus.

Balance between various interested, with a lean towards future improvement/development

Equity and clarity

n/a. I am a renter

Sustainability, Affordable Housing. Maintaining Historic Character of the City

Transportation on weekends. Safe places for families. Affordable housing

Environmental Sustainability

Historic preservation and greenspace preservation

Help revitalize the downtown area with a more modern look, give people a reason to wander around downtown with better lighting, street decor, piped in street music. Maintain architectural structures

Make things EASIER for end user. Look at other communities permit rates- lower and some are nonexistent. Support first time renovations by an individual

What principles or goals do you believe should guide the creation of the updated Unified Development Code?

Focus on sustainability and access for individuals. Retain college students after graduation

Respect for individual privacy and property. Limited financial burden on taxpayers. Economic growth

Please consider accessibility as ideas and plans are developed. Focus on nature space improvements that support accessibility and climate resilience.

Continue to preserve historical buildings and architecture.

Our sustainability program that is already established
Look at other cities....both large & small...what works for them. Better enforcement of existing code for existing buildings

Simplicity-easy for residents to understand clear and consistent integration of other plans and their goals

Creating neighborhoods that feel like a community within a community.

Preservation of buildings and environment.

Mixed use, support all citizens (especially economically less well off), functional and good looking

Walkable- Accessible - More than a place to live, a home that inspires engagement with neighborhoods, parks, nature, businesses, and community

The city should be focused on people not cars
Design around humans not cars

Connecting downtown to the suburbs Making life more walkable Safe water for all

Strong towns

Accessibility, affordability, equitable

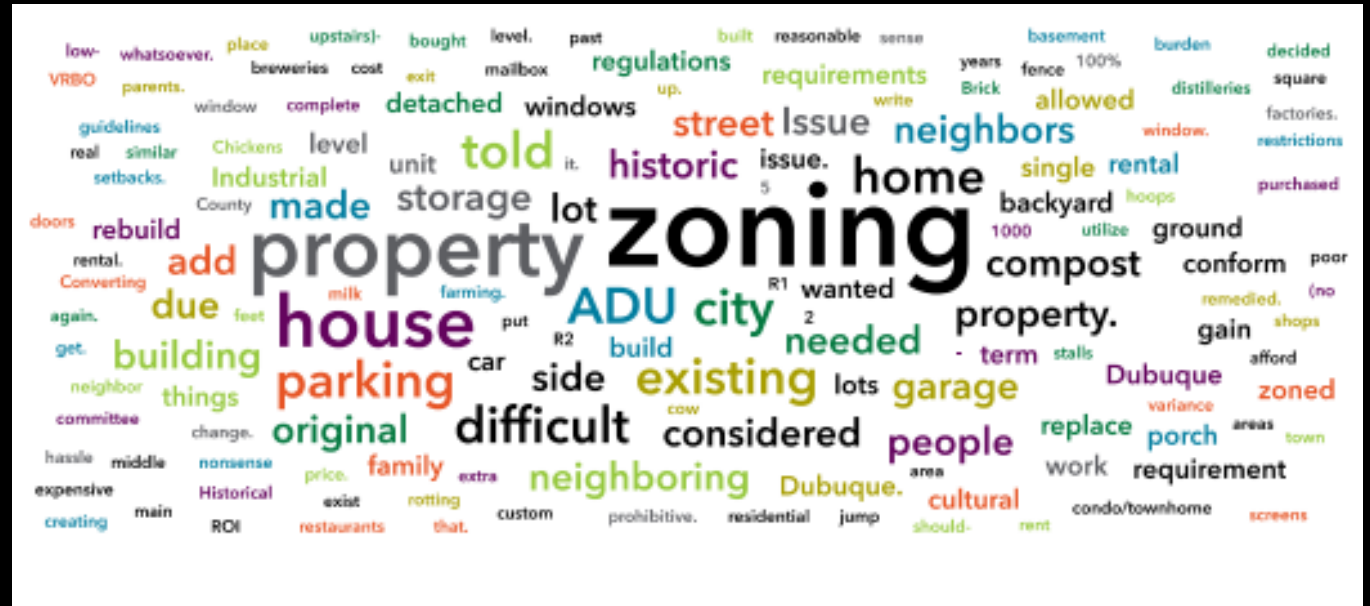
Clarity Reducing the number of things that require variances. Reducing the number of PUDs by incorporating the typically desired provisions into the regular zoning regulations.

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Sustainability, walkability, maintain character of city while allowing it to get more dense, remove arbitrary zoning rules that get in the way of property rights without improving the city. Help reduce overall tax burden by allowing more dense taxable development and reducing the sprawl into farmland.

How about tweak without overhaul

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Own an existing single-family home in an area that is zoned C4 commercial first floor only. Was not able to add infill or ADU to property to meet my investment requirement for a federal program because of restrictive zoning regulations

Roosters

Not so much prevent, but real pushback on things legal and allowed while also being held to stricter standards than others.

I considered building a new detached three car garage with an ADU above at a rental property (duplex) where the construction would have utilized existing infrastructure and improved parking by creating three off street garage stalls for the residents where currently no off-street parking exists, but the zoning hurdles were insurmountable.

ADU

"Historic zoning made the cost of a fence prohibitive. While I hadn't purchased a property yet, zoning restrictions for distilleries made it so they can't exist exactly where they should- by shops, restaurants and breweries, and instead have to be in industrial areas near factories."

Chickens, which has since been remedied.

We considered building an ADU, but did not because zoning required us to build a larger driveway to accommodate an extra parking space even though we live on a street with ample free overnight parking. A few of our neighbors do not even have driveways, so this level of zoning requirement seems onerous and makes it more difficult than it needs to be to add new housing.

Parking a car along side of a detached garage, in a location that was very difficult to see from the street. We were requested to remove the vehicle.

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Dubuque County, not city - property setbacks. I cannot utilize my property to put up storage or build whatever I want because a neighbor can write in and say that they don't want me to have a variance or allow an R1 to R2 change. It's complete nonsense, again.

I bought a single-family home in the middle of town from my parents. I was told by the city that I needed to replace all the windows and many screens even though the windows were new to the house in the past 5 years and the house is 100% ground level (no basement and no upstairs)- 1000 square feet and 2 exit doors on the main level. This made no sense whatsoever. Because of this burden I decided to do a more expensive upgrade to the interior and rent the place as a VRBO vs as a longer term rental. The ROI is better and the hassle is low- so that is one less long term rental unit on the market in Dubuque now.

Converting residential lots to condo/townhome side by side unit lots

Had a historic home and had to jump through hoops to replace a rotting window. Could not afford the custom window the committee wanted us to get. Instead got one very similar at a much more reasonable price. Needed to rebuild an original porch on a historic home.... original lot was subdivided 100yrs ago and neighboring house was built on the then new property line but due to new recent setback regulations was told the existing original 108yr old house porch is now considered a covered deck and is now too close to neighboring 102yr old house to rebuild or restore. And that any new work would need need to conform to new zoning requirements for decks (the house itself does not conform to any other modern zoning due to lot width and neighboring buildings). Had to make due with patching it together rather than properly rebuilding from the ground up. New zoning requirements should NOT be retroactively applied to existing structures but city employees are doing exactly that.

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I do not and will never be in a financial situation where I will be able to own my own property. Therefore, there are far too many things to list. Just for a sample, I'd say it's exceptionally difficult to compost my food waste. My affordable housing building does not allow compost service from the City of Dubuque. This is despite the immaculate compost I produce in a sealed bucket and transport to my parents' backyard out west. Though I understand, given the other tenants are animals when it comes to waste management. Again, the issue isn't just a zoning issue, but a cultural issue. People do not value their environment and surroundings with a collective view. My neighbors, the poor, the developers, the external forces trying to come into Dubuque. They're all individually motivated for self gain, not for the betterment of the community. That's a cultural issue.

I was not able to do my own work because I was not living in home yet

The people who ask are told no. The people who do and never ask get to do whatever they want with no enforcement.

We wanted to add gravel to our Light Industrial zoned lot for equipment storage and we were told it needed to be paved.

Brick mailbox

Relatively minor so not worth the detail; but the answer is yes and it was more of what a change in policy forced and allowed neighbors to do in this time of climate extremes and how it impacts my property.

Historical guidelines

Having a cow on my property to get milk

It is difficult to gain approval for outdoor events.

Community Survey: City of Dubuque Unified Development Code Update

Question #25:

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None.

Get rid of urban blight billboards, especially downtown, stop grandfathering them too. So much emphasis on sign regulations, make it easier, no wonder small businesses can't survive.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of an issue that could inspire a great step forward for our community

Keep it simple

Please think about how to make zoning and the city easier to do business in.

Removing parking requirements could be a factor in allowing development to proceed

Keep the Big Picture in mind

Be sure the community feedback sessions are as broad and inclusive as possible. Don't rely simply on the city of Dubuque web page and the paper to get the work out on the meeting schedule. Leverage social media, the Chamber, each of the downtown associations, Travel Dubuque, GDDC, and all of their combined mailing lists. This should also be inclusive of communities near Dubuque who use our community and it's amenities.

Transportation is a positive feedback loop. Adding things for cars leads to more demand for cars. This is a phenomenon called ""induced demand"". ""One More Lane"" solutions never work (they are developed by traffic engineers who see the world from a car's perspective, not a human's perspective). Do you want to live within a loud, dangerous, polluted network of large roads and parking lots, with unhealthy people scrolling through their phones while driving? Biking and walking infrastructure allows for beauty and healthy

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living. Think about what kind of people you want to attract to your city. Young professionals who have specialized skills, who are starting families. Look up ""traffic calming"" measures and implement them. Let's force drivers to slow down. Roundabouts are efficient, especially given our geography and topography. "

No

Downtown's Dubuque is a desert for life...Make it appealing, a place with restaurants and outdoor terraces, fountains, public places, walking and resting places, noise reduction...

Thank you for that work that you all do to make Dubuque the shining city on the River. There are so many reasons I choose to live here and to raise my family here. One of those reasons is the city and county staff and leadership of the Supervisors and City Council. We are blessed to have dedicated,

collaborative, driven, dynamic people working to make Dubuque the best place to work, play, and raise a family! Thank you.

No.

Focus on infill; discourage sprawl

Zoning changes have impacted the population density of my neighborhood.

When in doubt, be less restrictive. The people will rise up if there is an issue.

No

In the end sanity, common sense and simplicity should prevail.

Not at this time

Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding the update of the Unified Development Code.

Thank you for all of the work that you are doing on this project. I'm sure it is not easy, nor is it possible to please everyone.

Thanks for the chance to offer comment and feedback.

No thank you

Don't let developers control the entire narrative. New developments are good as long as they are balanced with principles of good stewardship

I am a fan of duplex or 4 plex units being infilled into neighborhoods that have existing housing stock that is falling down to help revitalize a neighborhood.

The city has a lot of potential to be great. It's up to the city if it decides to be great.

Provide more free parking in the downtown area. While I have heard a lot about the smart parking plan make sure there's a good return on investment if that plan moves forward. Not only does that program cost to replace current meters but it costs to maintain them and to pay people to monitor them.

None that I already haven't mentioned

Appreciate the city's engagement with the public and development community on this update.

"Disappointed in assessment process in historic neighborhoods. High assessment with difficult sale of property "

No

No

No.

Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding the update of the Unified Development Code.

We want Dubuque to be a safe place to live and work. We also want Dubuque to be more ADA accessible.

Quality design requirements. Do not let people put bandaids on as a forever solution, Make it easier to keep Dubuque Business here.

There are thousands of cities the size of Dubuque around the U.S.A. We need to study them for the good and bad of taking on such an endeavor.

No

Please update the lighting code in accordance with the Dark Sky Initiative - remove 50% of the billboards - lighted ones first. More public fountains with sculptures in the center.

Not at this time. I need to know more

Probably but this took longer than I was planning :)
Offer TIF style benefits (graduated property tax increase) to homeowners who apply for permits for home improvement projects to encourage more permitted build out participation.

I really feel the Long-Range Development Department does a great job.

Limit the amount of houses/apartments built for the sole purpose of section 8 living. Make more of affordable housing for the hardworking Dubuque citizens.

Regulations exist to protect citizens, like speed limits, labeling food ingredients, parking spaces, licensing to practice...too many to name. But greed and grievance have reared their ugly heads since the 2016 election and politicians/public servants seem intimidated by unreasonable demands for deregulation and instead of moving forward, we are being pushed back. Zoning never seemed to be a problem. Until now.

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Sorry for taking up your time with mostly unactionable flavor text. I'm not an engineer in these matters, so I can only put it in more human terms.

"Please share with me info of housing (emergency shelters) for women with no children and are not pregnant. Thank you. "

I'd be happy to be part of an ongoing committee or email group to offer feedback or ideas.

Make sure that any changes to provide the public including contractors, developers

Enforce existing demolition by neglect codes. Deter negligent absentee landlords. Proliferation of air-BnBs contributes to housing shortage and deters neighborhood community

No

No

It's very important to keep rental and single family home prices affordable.

Get those rotary built at Asbury and University and also, maybe one at university and Hill Street. Keep up with the historic preservation!

I find the usage of the term ""affordable housing"" a bit ambiguous in this survey. HUD: ""Affordable housing is generally defined as housing on which the occupant is paying no more than 30 percent of gross income for housing costs, including utilities."" So, I assume this survey has some target gross income in mind when asking questions about affordable housing. Suggest that some guidance be added to this survey about what exactly is meant by ""affordable housing"".

Nope

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Housing affordability has become a crisis around the country in large part due to the increasingly unrealistic and senseless insistence on single family zoning. Rezoning away from single family zoning should be easy. Parking requirements are too onerous and should be done away entirely and not neighborhood by neighborhood. Single family zoning should not exist. Properties should be taxed based on lot sizes only - not on improvements - this encourages development and would be a boon for economic activity, sustainability and community character. Infill should still be regulated to make sure that it fits in with the neighborhood in terms of building design, massing, setbacks, etc.

I think it is difficult to find a balance sometimes between what the City wants and what the Citizens want. It would be nice to have a way for there to be some leeway in the Code that allows for a Committee to hear specific cases and decide to allow exceptions when needed.

No

Please no more hotels!! I do not understand why we added 2 new hotels when we are only at 40-60% occupancy the months of January, February, and March.

Not at this time

Keep up the great work

Guidelines and enforcement for existing buildings; both occupied and vacant; regarding appearance and upkeep. IE; boarded windows, peeling paint, broken sidewalk, accumulated trash, overgrown shrubs and trees. Inspections of Bed & Breakfasts and Air B n B properties"

Make it more accessible to the community. People don't often know it's out there until they have an issue and it's often reactive engagement

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It's crucial that safe drinking water is prioritized

Look to successes of more innovative cities, look to the future, try to reverse the mistakes of the past.

Why do I feel like I'm wasting time