

Global Voices, Local Action Q & A

General – Global Voices, Local Action Event Series

Will the Global Voices, Local Action presentations and slide decks be available after the event?	The slides and a recording of the event will be available online.
During some We Will Chicago events on Zoom, I can't see who the other attendees are or the questions people are asking. Why?	The webinar format on Zoom disables some features that are available in a regular zoom meeting, that give it a feeling more similar to watching a live stream or live event. Questions are sent to the event host and panelists directly instead of showing up in a chat box, which makes it easier for hosts to see them and respond. The webinar format also enables the translate function, which is used to provide live translation from English to additional languages.
Will the results of the Mentimeter poll (live in-event polling) be shared after the meeting?	The results of the Menti polling will be synthesized and provided as a summary report at the end of the event series.
Why are the Policy Ideas not included on the presentation slides?	There are over 600 policy ideas across all We Will Chicago pillars. The slides focused on goals and objectives as a high-level overview. You can see the full set of policy ideas online at www.wewillchicago.com/draft
Why are we spending so much time on examples in places that are very different from Chicago? Why can't we hear from local examples and initiatives?	This event series is hosted in partnership with the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, so it features global and international examples.
What is the language access policy for these presentations?	For this event series, the registration form asks attendees whether they need interpretation or ASL services. If requested, we arrange these resources for the event.
I have a question for one of the local or international speakers.	Some speakers may have shared their contact information as part of the presentation. Check the event slides and recordings.
My question is not answered here. Who can I contact?	Please send your question to WeWill@cityofchicago.org

General – We Will Chicago

Who was part of the research teams?	Research team members are listed on the We Will Chicago website: https://wewillchicago.com/we-will-teams
Who were the artist-organizer teams?	Artist and organizer biographies are available on the We Will Chicago website. Hover over an individual's picture to see whether the artist worked in a pillar area or on the mobile team. https://wewillchicago.com/artists
How did the City select research team members?	Members of the research teams were identified through a citywide open application process requesting volunteers to help create the draft plan
How can I provide feedback on the Draft Plan?	Visit the We Will Chicago site to provide input: https://wewillchicago.com/surveys
Will the plan change zoning in my neighborhood?	There are no specific zoning changes or adjustments recommended as part of We Will Chicago. Future neighborhood plans or zoning code updates should align with the We Will Chicago framework. If adopted by the Chicago Plan Commission, future large development projects can be evaluated through the lens of the We Will Chicago goals.
How can I get involved in engagement events during Summer 2022?	Check the We Will Chicago website often for new events. Public engagement on the Draft Plan will run from July – November. https://wewillchicago.com/calendar
How many residents and community-based organizations have participated in the engagement process?	A list of contributors can be found in the Draft Plan (p. 128): https://wewillchicago.com/draft This does not reflect all participation across community events, early focus groups, etc. Thousands of residents have already been engaged in the prior phases of We Will Chicago with thousands more to be engaged through the public comment period this summer and fall.
Are the surveys all multiple choice or is there a way to submit written comments?	The last page of each survey provides a comment box for any additional written feedback.
Who is part of the focus groups, and what topics are they covering?	The goal of hosting additional focus groups is to intentionally reach communities who have not been adequately represented in previous stages of the plan.
On the We Will website, there is a “Draft Framework Plan” and also a “Policy Ideas” document. What is the relationship between the two documents? Is the plan made up of both or one or the other? What benchmarks	The Draft Framework Plan includes the goals and objectives developed through the planning process. The policy ideas document includes over 600 recommendations in alignment with the goals and objectives. If the

<p>does the city hope to hit in implementation of the plan?</p>	<p>Chicago Plan Commission approves the framework plan, we will proceed with implementation. As part of that, all 600+ policy ideas will be further assessed for potential equity impacts and prioritized as part of implementation planning.</p>
<p>Are neighborhood plans (e.g. LISC Quality of Life Plans) and other similar efforts incorporated into We Will Chicago? Why is We Will Chicago a separate process?</p>	<p>There are hundreds of plans drafted and adopted over the past three decades related to Chicago and its neighborhoods. Many of these planning documents have been created by government agencies, but many more have been created by local planning organizations and community groups. The We Will Chicago team assessed past plans related to each pillar area, and incorporated overarching goals and lessons into We Will Chicago.</p> <p>Citywide and neighborhood-level plans also serve different purposes. We Will Chicago is a citywide plan, which will set priorities for the city as a whole to work toward. Neighborhood level planning will continue to happen, and new neighborhood plans should be aligned with the values and goals of the citywide plan, while focusing on specific neighborhood needs. Once the We Will Chicago plan is finalized, future neighborhood plans will be able to adapt the citywide framework into actions and priorities specific to neighborhood context.</p>
<p>How is the community input going to be incorporated from the community meetings?</p>	<p>For past community input, The We Will Chicago team, consultants, and advisors have analyzed and summarized the key points from meetings and surveys and incorporated those ideas into the goals and objectives. For the summer of engagement, the City will similarly analyze and summarize trends and key points from the surveys, focus group feedback, and event polling feedback to inform any changes to the Draft Plan.</p>
<p>What is the Chicago Plan Commission? How does it intersect with elected officials / local units of government? Are their decisions binding?</p>	<p>The Chicago Plan Commission is a public body with appointed members responsible for the review of proposals that involve Planned Developments (PDs), the Lakefront Protection Ordinance, Planned Manufacturing Districts (PMDs), Industrial Corridors and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts. It also reviews proposed sales and acquisitions of public land as well as certain long-range community plans. Approval of this framework</p>

	plan by the CPC would mean that all planned developments moving forward would need to be consistent with the Goals and Objectives of the We Will plan.
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