

Ridgedale Southwest Sector Guiding Principles

The following guiding principles were developed to further inform potential redevelopment that may occur in the southwest sector of the Ridgedale village center area. These guiding principles are the result of community engagement meetings during the winter of 2015, serving as supplemental information to the Ridgedale Vision 2012 document. As redevelopment occurs in the southwest sector, these principles, along with the vision document, will be used to help evaluate projects. Although not requirements for project approval, the principles are intended to provide guidance to the city's decision makers.



1. *All development should follow the Planned I-394 District zoning regulations.*
2. *Create a sense of place for the entire Ridgedale Village that would make it a distinctive destination and instill pride.*
3. *Reinforce the identity of Minnetonka - using signage and other markings to highlight key values such as commitment to natural resources, livable community, and not "intense" like places that are in the urban core.*
4. *Building height should transition from taller closer to the mall to shorter closer to neighborhoods. Establish a building height limit.*
5. *Provide a good separation and transition between commercial uses and residential areas.*
6. *Modify, if necessary, the current vision to keep space available that is on street front and visible for local and small businesses that make living in the area more convenient and add to the overall livability of the neighborhood.*
7. *If additional green space, public spaces etc. are made available when/if redevelopment occurs - make sure there is good access for neighborhood people to benefit.*
8. *Don't design something that would "overuse" the natural areas. Keep preservation and care of the environment as a key factor in planning and development.*
9. *Dampen road traffic in and around the residential areas.*
10. *Improve access and safety for pedestrians and bikers. Incorporate best practices into the design of these improvements.*
11. *Increase family friendly/youth opportunities as feasible.*
12. *Listen to the community input and use it for decision-making. Involve people proactively in things that impact them.*
13. *Evaluate and address parking needs when considering redevelopment proposals.*