

POSITIVES AND CHALLENGES FROM LAST TWO YEARS

January 2020

POSITIVES:

- Massage Ordinance – process of engagement, allowing adequate time for feedback, achieving something embraced by those regulated and improved safety.
- Acceptance of input that is contrary
- Impressive number of accomplishments (2040 Plan, GHG inventory, crosswalk, etc.)
- Rental Housing Cap – complicated issue; best decision-making CC has done. Accepting input, compromising
- Heading towards shorter meetings as a rule, not an exception+
- Thoughtful approach to Ames Plan 2040 – taking input and considering the decisions
- Made strides in Council consensus-building

CHALLENGES:

- Responding to legislative pre-emption of home rule+
- Healthy Life Center – have not yet sorted through lessons learned+
- Hearing “I didn’t know about this meeting”
- We don’t have an engaged community
- Public input is not equally given from all communities
- Some decisions are made that are not consistent with our goals
- Prioritizing/managing workload
- Saying “no” & dealing effectively with dispositions of communications to CC
- Circular conversation
- Confusion after long discussions