E-Democracy.org Today
in Minneapolis and St. Paul

2 city-wide Issues Forums – 10+ years
6 new at the neighborhood level

Minneapolis Issues Forum
Neighbor Forums
St. Paul Issues Forum

"Online town hall" discussion and community life exchange based on bounded places – city boundaries, official neighborhoods/district councils

E-Democracy.org hosts 25 community-wide and neighborhood online agenda-setting “Issues Forums” across 15 communities in three countries – US, UK, and New Zealand. Our largest base is in Minnesota, where we are proposing a Participation 3.0 pilot and prototype. More: http://e-democracy.org

Next Generation

More Areas, Inclusion
Participant-centric social networking in “public life”
Add E-Block Clubs and More

Build next generation pilot based on our strengths and actual and existing local thousands strong “e-citizen” participant base.

Point-specific social networking connects people in neighbors-only “electronic block clubs.” People can join and self-organize with help.
Participation 3.0 Pilot

• A comprehensive local “next generation” online civic engagement and community building system engaging the greatest percentage of the population on a frequent (mostly daily) basis ever.

• Q: How do you attract 10% of households or roughly 30,000 people across Minneapolis and St. Paul?

A: Be citizen-centric. Useful e-block clubs and neighborhood forums building up to effective community-wide engagement.

Imagine

• Imagine: Unparalleled local online civic engagement and participation.

The world’s best and most comprehensive local online network for effective civic engagement where you can:

– Get to know and connect with your neighbors to keep your block safe and provide mutual support
– Learn about community issues, trends, and developments and lend your voice, experience, and knowledge
– Use online tools to help solve problems and effectively share your time to meet public challenges
– Inclusively engage a great diversity of people, viewpoints, and interests
– Connect with your elected officials and democratic processes "anytime, anywhere" in new and innovative ways
– Reach out to a deeply interactive public from government, the media, and community organizations using social media
– Help generate models, lessons, and technology for local communities and democracies around the nation
Draft Feature List

Core Functions:

• Social networking style registration built from geographic location
  – Continue multi-tech access web, e-mail, add Facebook, iPhone, etc.

• Electronic block clubs

• Issues Forums – Many more for neighborhoods and community-wide topics of interest

Support Interconnected Next Generation E-Democracy Features:

• Community solutions “do something” tools

• Community survey and consultation platform

• Who Represents Me Look-up – With EVERY elected official

• How to Get Involved Wiki Guide

• Community task force engagement system

• Elected/appointed community leader profiles with e-news and input options

• Community meeting notices and directory

• Community views dashboard

Background:

Today’s Issues Forum

How it Works
Get Involved, Review Draft

• To learn more about E-Democracy.org, visit:
  – http://e-democracy.org
  – http://blog.e-democracy.org
  – http://e-democracy.org/if - Issues Forum Detail

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