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Community Visioning Challenge presentations

The City of Springfield will host the first-ever Community Visioning Challenge for Springfield high-school and college students during this week’s City Council lunch meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

Students from Drury University, Evangel University, Ozarks Technical Community College, and Springfield Public Schools accepted the challenge to present visions for Springfield’s future based on input from students at their respective institutions. The project is designed to engage a younger generation of citizens to contribute their perspective on Springfield as part of the current strategic-planning process.

The final presentations, which will be judged by members of the City Council and the Greene County Commission, will begin at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, in Council Chambers in Historic City Hall. Each of the four teams will have 10 minutes for a presentation based on written reports submitted in advance. The central question posed to the teams was: “What city characteristics, features and amenities would make you want to live in Springfield for the next 20 years?”

The Council and Commission members will judge each presentation based on criteria including the usefulness and feasibility of the ideas; methodology; creativity; diversity of ideas; and inclusiveness. Mayor Jim O’Neal will present the award to the winning team at the end of Tuesday’s meeting.

The presentations and award ceremony will air live on CityView, the City’s government-access channel on Mediacom 15.1/80. The program also will stream live on the City’s Web site at: www.springfieldmo.gov/cityview. It will be archived on the Web under the “Tuesdays with Council” programming on CityView.

The program will be re-broadcast on CityView at:

- 11 a.m., Friday, April 16
- 11 a.m., Saturday, April 17
- 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 18

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