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Please forward this message to the Planning Commision and staff.

Thank you as always!

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Brad Pritts

To the Planning Commission and Staff:

I am sure that many of you are familiar with the Strong Cities organization. Many of their recommended practices are consistent with our shared goals.

This very timely piece by their founder Charles Marohn speaks powerfully for the need to engage the community from the bottom up, taking modest steps. It is not too late to move toward more genuine engagement.

One brief quote summarizes Marohn's article.

*We need a different mindset. One that's slower, smaller, and rooted in trust. We need to stop outsourcing our problems to distant institutions and start cultivating local capacity. We need to stop promising transformation and [start practicing care](#).*

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*There is no journey gone so far that we cannot stop and change direction.*

--Stephen Schwartz – composer of Wicked! And Godspell, from The Children of Eden

[https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2025/6/2/governing-like-caesar-with-jesus-in-mind-why-cities-fail-when-they-plan-top-down-and-hope-bottom-up?apcid=00682ba167bbd733ffff0d03&utm\\_campaign=monday-thought-leadership&utm\\_content=monday-thought-leadership&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=orto](https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2025/6/2/governing-like-caesar-with-jesus-in-mind-why-cities-fail-when-they-plan-top-down-and-hope-bottom-up?apcid=00682ba167bbd733ffff0d03&utm_campaign=monday-thought-leadership&utm_content=monday-thought-leadership&utm_medium=email&utm_source=orto)

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