

VISIONEERING WICHITA
BREAK OUT GROUP REPORT
GROUP # 14

Facilitator: Bill Wunder

Elected to the Vision Task Force: Diane Leubbage

(10) Educational Opportunities for All

- Retention of graduates

(9) Urban sprawl (control)

- Infrastructure development

(8) Diversity Employment Base

- Generate hi-tech jobs
- Create right types
- Focused economic development jobs

(7) Improvement of Public Transportation & Use of and build reg. transportation hub

- More attractive thoroughfares.
- Monorail system

(6) Get Youth Involved and Start Younger

(5) Celebrate diversity

(4) Build Sense of Community

- Support home grown businesses
- Promote fine arts (2nd tier)
- Rid us of inferiority complex

(3) Focused Economic Development Plan

- Keeper of Plains (landmark)
- Tourism promotion
- Renewable energy hub

(2) Develop and Promote Affordable Housing

- More housing downtown
- Mixed use areas

(.5) Human Services

- Recycling plan

(.5) Centralize Government

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Facilitator: Vera Bothner
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Jim Graham

(9.5) Infrastructure

- Transportation planning
- Zoning
- Easy parking downtown
- Amtrak
- Subsidies for airfare
- Urban master planning
- Downtown revitalization
- Eastside/Westside equality

(9.5) Image

- Tourism – conventions, gambling, aviation museum
- Ecology
- Change Cowtown name to Old West Wichita
- Attitude
- Clean up city/eyesores (refineries)
- Support for publicity for cultural institutions
- Better parks/pools
- Free downtown parking
- Community hospitality

(8) People Issues

- Family stability
- Health care
- Early intervention drugs/crime
- Health care facilities
- Higher ed
- Better education – pay pre-K through college
- Safe places for youth
- #1 education in Kansas

- technical education
- promote neighborhood associations

(7) Government

- Consolidated government – make it happen
- Have politicians listen to people
- Efficient
- Local people – not consultants
- Targeted taxes
- Better representation in Topeka
- #1 efficient government in nation

(6) Solutions

- Healthcare endowment
- Save companies & require they reinvest locally
- Open to new ideas, alternative strategies
- City endowment
- Community endowment program
- Government efficiency accountability czar
- Make suggestions happen

(5) Employment/Workforce

- Quality jobs to attract quality people
- Hot spot for consultants to live & work
- Military presence
- Worthwhile tax abatements equitable

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Facilitator: Morris Dunlap
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Jan Hiebert

(10) Economic Development

- Funding needed for Convention & Visitor's Bureau
- Funding needed for advertising for tourism
- Need to develop jobs other than manufacturing (bio sciences, medical, etc.)
- Need better entrepreneur fostering environment
- Fair Fares needed – continue to support
- Medical services highest employer – grow this area
- Need to choose companies carefully for industrial revenue bonds
- Creative class to promote vibrancy
- Industrial park needed
- Mass transit system
- Identify other cities by which to benchmark Wichita – adopt Baltimore Accountability model
- Keep industries we have here HERE and diversity those
- Need downtown services (grocery stores, cleaners, drug stores)
- Air service –play up geographical location – distribution hub
- Rail services – play up geographical location – distribution hub

(9) Education

- Educators need to be dedicated to area
- English language & culture needs taught in community areas
- Employment forecasts & models needed to shape educational programs for area
- Character Connection initiative to continue
- Need to be able to rehabilitate criminals into workforce
- Stronger basic education needed for area youth

(8) Government

- Cowskin & Calfskin flooding problems – fix instead of patch problems
- Combine duplicate services in city 7 county – remove obstacles
- Coliseum projects – select only one, or make each special purpose
- Maintain streets, waterways & fix flooding
- Reallocate beautification funds from roads to parks
- Need more information available on elected officials' positions on issues
- Dirt roads still exist on west side even after Mayoral pledge to only process with paved.
- People need more influence over budgeting
- Need continuity in leadership

(7) Quality of Life

- Direction – finding signage
- Promote Wichita as clean & nice city, not as Cowtown
- Need more parks & green space
- Make Wichita a place where kids want to say
- Downtown needs services (groceries)
- Wichita citizens can be own worst enemy – need to improve our own image projections/citizenship
- Communities need easy access to “how to’s” for are issues (recycling, transportation, etc.)
- Divided streets with trees & shrubs can cause obstruction of views for drivers & added work to communities
- Resource center required

(6) Environment

- Recycling & conservation
- Aquifer pollution
- Dirty river vs. River City image (desired)
- Power generation

- Waste disposal
- Alternative power generation (wind, etc.)

(5) Urban Sprawl

- Metropolitan planning by region
- Stricter controls on development
- Inner city development

- Mass transit system
- Accessibility for public transportation
- Highway loop
- Environment & green space
- Development & planning/beautification with common sense

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GROUP # 18

Facilitator: Connie Tindal

Elected to the Vision Task Force: Ken Rohling

- (10) Economic Development
 - Attract new industries
 - Maintain current industries
 - Diversity industry
 - Long term tech plan
 - Job training
 - Airport travel costs
 - Improve control over unregulated businesses
 - Improve core area – incentives residential
- (5) City/County Consolidation
 - MSA versus ICT
 - Regional transportation
 - Remove community barriers
 - Expand to include surrounding cities & counties
 - Community barrier (remove)
 - Increase effectiveness
 - Reduce cost
- (9) Education
 - Develop pre-K
 - Basic
 - Higher education
 - Under graduate
 - Vo-tech
 - Public/private initiatives
 - Public finance
 - Life-skill education for teens
 - Attract & recruit teachers
 - Instill value & pride in education/schools
 - Junior achievement
 - WSU – change image/perception
- (8) Quality of Life
 - Arena – downtown
 - Improve core area
 - Enhance recreational opportunities – lake
 - Health/dental care – access, strategies
 - Judicial system – juvenile, corrections
 - Inmate population
- (7) Infrastructure
 - Flooding
 - Landfill/trash management
 - East-west link
 - Long-term water consumption
 - Airport travel costs
- (6) Regional Planning

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GROUP # 19

Facilitator: Dian Jackson

Elected to the Vision Task Force: Doug Hye

(10) Economic Development

- Reduce taxes
- Increase tourism
- Pay for develop with revenue other than tax dollars
- New kinds of business
- Small business support small business friendly Chamber
- Transportation hub (local & national) aircraft maintenance hub
- Skills inventory
- Core competencies & sell it
- Realistic evaluation of both jobs & workforce needs

- WSU football – loss of 2,000 students since 1986
- Better shopping – classic retail
- Affordable health care for low income
- Review health care costs
- Attractive retirement communities

(6) Leadership

- Community unification
- Empower visionaries
- Strong identity
- Revise political negative environment

(9) Education

- Improve technical & vocational education
- Education friendly Chamber
- Unique educational experiences is USD 259
- Fund education
- Change/expand school boundaries
- Programs to develop young adults, ages 20-30

(5) Infrastructure

- 13th St. bridge – ditch
- flooding
- traffic – general – 21st & Maize area
- retain established neighborhoods

(7.5) Government

- Local public transportation
- Specialized transportation for mentally & physically disabled & elderly (evenings & weekends)
- Revise political environment
- Unified legislators
- Recycling
- Functional consolidation

(4) Youth Focus

- Youth participation in civic development
- Youth retention
- Economic development to keep & attract youth
- More appealing activities for young adults
- Increase diverse sporting events

(7.5) Quality of Life

- Local public transportation – evenings & weekends
- Mentally & physically disabled specialized transportation
- Youth participation in civic development
- Youth retention
- More appealing activities for young adults

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GROUP # 17
Facilitator: Ed Hoeller
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Jeff Cooper

(10) Planning

- Create a viable, strategic plan endorsed by the citizens to enhance the physical form of the community & create livability.

(9) Education

- Best of class education community in State/Nation

(8) Employment

- Increase number of high paying, well educated jobs
- Broaden economic base

(7) Leadership

- Create an environment & attitude to best represent the interest of the community

(6) Social Issues

- Promote better quality of life for all citizens

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GROUP # 20
Facilitator: Terry Behrendt
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Felicia Fields

(10) Economic Development

- Recruitment of different industries
- Tax incentives
- Affordable airfares
- Job diversification
- More technical jobs
- Generation X leaving in high numbers

(9) Education

- More technical jobs
- Build technical school
- Align educational opportunities with workforce
- Education K-12

(8) Quality of Life

- Affordable health care
- Provide health care for poor
- How to build athletic program
- Family support
- Support single families
- Recycling
- Programs to rebuild community - restore inner city housing/communities
- Health care for elderly
- Affordable assisted living for chronically ill
- Decline of standard of living
- Embrace diverse population

(7) Tourism Attractions

- Parks & recreation
- Waterwalk
- More social events
- More theatre, sports, arts/cultural events
- No entertainment

Facility to market more venues