

VISIONEERING WICHITA
BREAK OUT GROUP REPORT
GROUP # 29 – MONDAY 16, 2004
Facilitator: Jo Sanders

Elected to the Vision Task Force: Jay Price

(10) Education

- Teacher salary
- Parents' education for proper attitude
- Increase graduate rates
- Need technical education facility
- Workforce development
- Better job training skills
- Don't cut arts from education
- Percent of casino profits to education
- Increase volunteers in schools
- Educational foundation of technical education
- Decline of art for youth
- Technical industry
- Criminal justice – reform
- Promote Kansas & Wichita I.D.

- Integrating diverse community
- Pride in Wichita
- Young adult & singles opportunities
- Public transportation
- Decline of senior movement
- Libraries
- Arts
- More friendly to young adults/singles
- Historical preservation
- Mandatory rental properties be at "code"
- Integrating ICT's "small" communities to on community (black, white, Asian, Hispanic)
- Emphasize cultural opportunities

(9) Economic Development

- Transportation/public
- Downtown development
- Arena
- Casino
- Adequate workforce
- Diversified workforce
- Diverse manufacturing
- Increase tourism
- Mid Ark Valley development association (expand waterway)
- Make Wichita a port city
- Retain youth
- Preserve, revitalize, redevelop, stabilize downtown
- Accept "Cowtown" image

(6) Human Services

- Senior movement
- Healthcare (affordable)
- Disables "support/expand services"
- Public transportation – smaller vehicles, additional routes, frequent stops
- Increase senior programs (Derby)
- Expand good neighbor program
- Develop one location
- Homeless services (coordinate)
- Jobs for mental health
- Not a disable friendly city
- Like to see city a model city for the disabled
- More grab bars in restrooms
- Wider doors in restrooms

(8) Community Development

- Blighted areas
- Public transportation community identification
- Historical preservation
- Urban sprawl
- Revitalize inner city
- River WaterWalk
- Rental properties at code
- Integrate all races of people
- Retain youth
- Marketing the spirit within & outside Wichita
- Support existing Attractions

(5) Healthcare

- Affordable healthcare
- Healthy lifestyles
- More resources for mental health
- Providers business/government find additional funding sources for uninsured and underinsured
- Recruit dentists
- Disease prevention
- Healthy lifestyle
- Get Medical Society of Sedgwick County involved

(7) Quality of Life

(4) Workforce Development

- Better job training
- Better job skills

- Health industry
- Technical industry
- Retain youth
- Positive image of Wichita (internal/external)

(3) Government

- City, county co-op
- Reward recycling
- Recycling
- Solid waster management

- Increase salaries (public)
- Rental properties at code
- Centralize recycling
- Fix “I want it but don’t want to pay for it” attitude
- Criminal justice reform
- Focus on crime prevention
- Merge fire departments
- County library
- Get rid of boarded up houses

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GROUP # 30 – MONDAY 16, 2004
Facilitator: Jena Lysen
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Mary Campurano

(10) Economic Development

- Airport hub
- World class technical training
- Multi-purpose lake
- Encourage global visioning
- Promoting downtown arena
- Business start-ups
- Diversifying types of industries
- Supporting existing small business
- Intermodal transportation
- Entertainment development on the river
- Retaining retirees in the community
- Attract complementary business
- Bringing in different industries besides government
- Keep low airfares
- Corporate relocation to Wichita
- Turnpike free to Oklahoma line
- Building demolition for downtown
- Promoting downtown arena
- Center city redevelopment

(8.5) Quality of Life

- Promoting healthy lifestyles thru good urban design
- More bicycle paths
- Promote exercise
- Promote volunteerism
- Promote local/regional artist
- Low cost air fare
- Canoeing under Arkansas River
- Make Old Town/downtown more of an after work destination
- Continuing art in construction/arena
- Beautifying streets
- Closer consolidation of non-profits
- Contain urban sprawl
- Embrace our diversity
- More entertainment options
- Keep low airfares
- Fix up Coliseum
- More attractive bridges
- Spade/neuter pets
- Open space – safe parks
- Keep the parks that we already have
- Receive/promote complete healthcare insurance
- Affordable healthcare

- More than 1 community festival annually

(8.5) Marketing/Promoting Wichita

- Promoting local and regional artists
- Trolley to promote tourism
- Pedestrian mall
- Making Wichita a cultural hub
- Promote better tourism
- Promote old town as after work destination
- Develop regional brands
- Positive self-talk
- Entertainment development/river
- Publicize entertainment options
- Recognize benefits of being regional
- Market Wichita Visioneering results
- Attract educated immigrants
- Keeping bright young here
- Market Wichita as tourist destination
- Promote synergy among tourist attractions
- Promote brick building downtown
- Positive newspaper/TV coverage

(7) Education

- Pre-K education
- Promote education
- Lifelong vocational education training
- Ongoing adult education
- Promote colleges
- Using retirees as mentors
- Community involvement in schools
- Gang issues in schools
- Health education/prevention
- Music/sports/art in schools
- Increase options in public education
- Access to technical training
- Accountability in education
- Increase pupil spending, decrease administration spending

(6) Infrastructure

- Clean public streets
- Street maintenance
- 311 for non-emergency calls
- highway to complete the outer loop
- more stop signs in residential neighborhoods
- city/county consolidation

- pedestrian mall
- comprehensive highway linkages to major cities
- revamp airport
- 4 lane highway west of state line
- railroad crossing - solutions soon
- transportation in the core
- regional mass transit

(5) Environmental

- Curb-side recycling
- Clean up closed industry
- Initiate recycling
- Long term landfill solutions
- Waste management
- Multi-purpose recreational lakes
- Consider recycling water
- Control storm water run-offs
- Respect water quality
- Additional clean water
- Wind energy

(4) Jobs

- Lifelong vocational education training
- More jobs for recent college graduates

- Promote jobs for retirees
- Keeping bright/young people here
- Revisit workforce Alliance training

(3) Government – Public Safety

- Reducing tax burden
- Consolidation of city/county services
- End revolving door policy for elected
- Referendum initiative as rule not exception
- Work on gang problems
- Increase/enhance emergency services
- Willingness to compare taxes with other communities
- Diversify & utilize advisory boards
- Recognize best easiest way to reduce taxes is to grow
- Promote safe driving
- Getting government out of real estate
- Property tax review
- More tax deterrents for small business
- Include small communities in planning/implementation

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GROUP # 31 – MONDAY 16, 2004
Facilitator: Donna Luetters

Elected to the Vision Task Force: Jess Sojka

(10) Economic Development

- Retain businesses
- Attract/retain young professionals (engineers, etc.)
- Develop economic plan
- Revitalize downtown
- National warehouse distribution center
- Downtown building utilized
- Attract retail businesses (large stable)
- Encourage walking/spending time
- Need food/similar items
- More jobs that pay
- Utilize assets such as riverfront entertainment/dining
- Better promotion of Wichita as wonderful city
- Diversification of Wichita
- S economic base
- City to develop “in-fill” instead of urban sprawl
- See people downtown, living, working, etc.
- Better facilities for conferences, other activities – to bring visitors to town

(9) Education

- Educated workforce
- Better resources for people, job training, retraining, education
- Increase emphasis on math/science
- Job training/place for drop outs
- Higher education priority – better utilization of taxes
- Higher high school graduation rates
- Dropout prevention
- School readiness (K, 1st, etc.)
- High school graduates ready for college/work

(8) Government

- Smaller, consolidated government
- Government that listens to citizens
- Lower taxes to attract/retain young professionals & increase businesses

- Younger government representatives
- Role model leadership in city government
- More citizen participation in city affairs
- Less fragmented plans
- Better performance projections for plans
- City proactive with utilities
- Wind/hydroelectric resources, etc.
- Monitor outsourcing of businesses who receive tax benefits

(7) Quality of Life

- Promote exercise, nutrition, smoking cessation
- Safe community environment
- Gang prevention
- Attractions – museums, art, etc. to recruit/retain workforce
- Better quality libraries, more programming, programs for children, more money
- More walking/biking trails
- Recycling – government should do something
- Promote equality of ethnic diversity

(6) Human Services

- City take active role in meeting homeless community needs
- Better elderly support services
- City buildings more handicap accessible
- Increase emphasis on volunteerism

(5) Transportation

- Salt on streets in winter
- More options for air travel
- Better road system – too narrow
- More 4-lane
- More planning
- East/West interstate thru Wichita
- Better public transportation – 2nd shift, holidays, Sundays

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GROUP # 32 – MONDAY 16, 2004
Facilitator: Robbie Bridgewater
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Roger Douthett

(10) Education

- Partnership education & business
- Diversification of industrial base
- Preserve arts, music & physical education
- Quality
- Empower people with vision
- Leadership with vision
- Vouchers
- Careers matching educational levels
- Competitive pay scales
- Diversity bias issues
- Classroom size

(9) Economic Development

- Downtown attractions
- Land use management
- Partnership education & business
- Public transportation area wide
- Diversification of industrial base
- Implementation plan for economic development
- Clean up downtown
- Careers matching educational levels of citizens
- Competitive pay scale
- Diversity bias issues
- Air fares
- Social services for underinsured children
- Maintenance for airplane industry
- Recycling
- Need affordable daycare

(8) Government/Leadership

- Partnership education & business
- Public transportation area wide
- Implementation plan for economic development
- Accountability of government officials
- Clean up downtown
- Friendly to business taxation regulation
- Consumer friendly
- Eliminate special interest groups in community decision making
- Empower people with vision
- Leadership with vision
- Protect/preserve constitutional rights of citizens

- Leadership in city government
- Care of streets in residential areas
- Pride in community engagement of youth
- Safety-health
- Recycling

(7) Quality of Life

- Downtown attractions
- Land use management
- Public transportation area wide
- Preservation of open spaces
- Acquisition of park lands
- Support current arts 7 cultural attractions
- Clean up downtown
- Affordable housing needs promoted – we have affordable housing
- Competitive pay scales
- Care of streets in residential areas
- Diversity – bias issues
- Air fares
- Pride in community
- Social services for underserved children
- Recreational opportunities for under 30
- Non-biased news
- Safety – health
- Recycling
- Neighborhood schools
- Need affordable day care

(6) Planned Growth – Physical

- Annexation
- Downtown
- Land use management
- Public transport area wide
- Preservation of open space – park land
- Acquisition of park lands
- Clean up downtown
- Affordable living (promote)
- Eliminate special interest groups in community decision making
- Unity
- Care of street in residential areas
- Diversity/bias issues
- Recreational opportunities for under 30

- Recycling

(5) Image

- Downtown attractions
- Recycling
- Public transportation area wide
- Diversification of industrial base
- Preservation of open space – park land
- Acquisition of park lands
- Hold government officials accountable
- Support current arts
- Clean up downtown
- Unity
- Air fares

- Affordable living (promote)
- Government being friendly to business – taxation/regulation/friendly to consumers
- Eliminate special interest groups in community decision making
- Leadership with vision
- Highlight value of existing business
- Competitive pay scales
- Non-biased news
- Self esteem
- Image & marketability
- Diversity/bias issues
- Pride in community
- Safety & health

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GROUP # 33 – MONDAY 16, 2004
Facilitator: Coleen Tabor

Elected to the Vision Task Force: Emil Bergquist

(10) Economic Development Strategies

- Zoning – freedom for home businesses
- Partnering with small cities – joining city & counties
- City/county metro partnership
- Public policy – economic development
- Geographically inclusive of MSA
- Stronger regional collaboration among cities counties in south central Kansas
- Small business development/entrepreneurship
- Retain/attract bright young grads
- Expansion/support of WSU programs at city & state level
- Broader corporate leadership for economic development
- New business
- Chamber get more aggressive with new business

(9) Education

- Increase public school pride
- Emphasize pride & progress in schools
- Expansion/support/encouragement of programs at WSU
- WSU do more to attract local students
- More community involvement in volunteer programs
- Attention to youth literacy
- Resolution of school finance programs
- Redevelop downtown area
- More vocational schools
- Reduce out of wedlock births
- Develop a trust in public schools

(8) Government Reform

- Upgrade of leadership
- City/county government consolidation
- Increased voter turnout/education
- Interaction between city, county, school governance
- Attention on racial issues especially in government
- Reduce taxes
- Sample ballot including voter education

(7) Diversity Jobs/Grow Jobs

- Better high tech jobs
- Jobs/economic development
- Diversified manufacturing base for Sedgwick County
- Bring more non-manufacturing jobs to Wichita
- Healthcare... high pay jobs

(6) Quality of Life

- Economical curbside recycling
- Change mindset about waste management
- Help leadership take broader view of quality of life basics – education
- Support cultural resources
- More activities to attract/keep youth
- Enhancement of public library systems
- Programs to bring generations together
- WSU sport/football
- Develop/encourage use of mass transit
- Use river as unique enhancement
- All media – especially nsp. – promote Wichita better – be more supportive of ICT events
- Encourage/promote public safety

(5) Downtown Development

- Redevelop downtown area
- Use river as unique enhancement
- Slow urban sprawl – revitalize core
- Downtown arena – build 20,000 seat to compete with other cities

(4) Social Services

- Mental health services
- More community involvement in volunteer programs
- Strengthen social service network
- Healthcare for under and unemployed, specialized healthcare – for poorer segments
- Health insurance plans for small business
- Affordable child care
- Reduce out-of-wedlock births especially among adults

(3) Image & self perception

- Pride in our public schools
- Develop pride in south central Kansas
- Make forums such as this ongoing
- Encourage media to be more supportive of local events
- Develop strategy to involve surrounding communities

(2) Infrastructure

- Encourage & develop mass transit
- Address problem of trains/traffic
- Build a 20,000 seat downtown arena
- Change mind set on waste management

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GROUP # 34 – MONDAY 16, 2004
Facilitator: Tim Link

Elected to the Vision Task Force: Joe Weber

(10) Economic Development

- Friendlier zoning for small business development
- Jobs for the future
- Available, capable workforce
- Market what we have/strengths
- Education
- Incubators for business
- How to measure and define economic development
- Jobs – create jobs here
- Subsidized airfares
- Educate community about current resources
- Casino
- Public transportation
- Build social capital

(9) Education

- Spending for after school programs
- Save public school system
- Challenge for all levels
- Skill trainings for all levels technical education
- Cultivate citizenship, promote community volunteerism
- Improve communication between citizens and government
- We have to learn how to create our own jobs
- Share resources across institutions

(8) Image

- Generalized beautification
- Improve longevity in communities

- Improve national image
- Create image of a 580,000 MSA
- Have pride in what we have
- Cohesive definition of MSA
- Engaging youth
- Recognize & protect our strengths
- Community goodness

(7) Quality of Life

- Education
- Adequate, accessible health care
- Parks, green spaces
- Affordable housing
- Increase public awareness of disability issues
- Culture and arts (air museum, zoo, Exploration Place)
- Public transportation
- Increase social capital
- Reduce divorce rate
- Family strengthening
- Services to single parent families

(6) Government

- End appointment of municipal judges
- Hold judges accountable
- COMCARE/adequate social services with funding
- Political leadership
- Landfill
- Recycling
- Intra government collaboration
- Perpetuate positive community image
- Communication

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GROUP # 35 – MONDAY 16, 2004
Facilitator: Lynn Hawks

Elected to the Vision Task Force: John Jenkins

(10) Jobs

- Economic development
- Increase number of jobs
- Raising levels of compensation
- New arena
- Downtown development
- Casino
- Police wages
- Tourism
- 21st street development
- Brain drain
- Keeping young professionals here

- Youth programs
- Parenting
- Increasing accountability
- Dealing with poverty
- Divorce rates
- Breaking cycles of crime
- Substance abuse
- Affordable health care
- Place for YWCA
- Place for Orientals
- Cultural diversity

(9) Education

- Graduation rates
- Brain drain
- How to pay for education
- Technical education

(6) Government Issues

- Legal system
- Progressive politicians
- Functional consolidation of government
- Marketing the community
- Obtain drivers license Latino
- Community support a sales tax?
- Networking with communities
- Tax issues
- Reducing recitivism rates
- Community development

(8) Economic Development

- 21st Street development
- How to attract people to Wichita
- Community support a sales tax?
- Water park
- Community development
- Improve low-income areas
- Better housing for homeless
- Amusement park

(5) Smart Growth

- Prevent urban sprawl
- Beautification
- Green space/recreation
- Recycling
- Environmental issues
- Reduce traffic congestion

(7) Human Resource/Social Service Issues

- Healthy families
- Race relations
- Homeless