

VISIONEERING WICHITA
BREAK OUT GROUP REPORT
GROUP # 36 – TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2004
Facilitator: David Warren
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Richard Lewis

(10) Economic Development

- Downtown arena
- Decent workforce
- Promote small business development
- Clean river with recreational usage
- Strategic focus economic development
- Address ethnic issues
- Ark River navigation – Wichita – Tulsa – Great Bend
- Comprehensive marketing strategy & accountable sales organizations
- Bring back WSU football
- Stop subsidizing Air Tran
- Improve highway access to Town West from Kellogg
- Maintain current infrastructure
- Buy Wichita
- Bring medium-size growing companies to Wichita
- Less city-business collusion
- Promote Wichita as Regional Medical Center

(9) Quality of Life

- Smoke free
- Family stability
- Curbside recycling
- Downtown arena
- Support YMCA
- county wide public transportation
- Enhanced library facilities
- Support arts & culture
- Involve youth in adult decision making
- Clean river with recreational usage
- Address problems of ethnic groups
- Homeless strategy
- Better zoning – better architecture
- Improve big ditch – facilitate all types rec.
- Bike trails – rural too
- Preserve & restore historical sites and amenities
- Public restrooms in Old Town & parks
- Driver training – enforcement – courteous
- More trees & less pavement downtown

(8) Family – Social Issues

- Preteen sex education

- Parenting training
- Address ethnic issues
- Stop forced racial busing
- Parental discipline of children in schools
- Mandatory life studies courses in high school
- Aging issues (health, housing, etc.)
- Mandatory parent training for at-risk students
- Expand Parents as Teachers program

(7) Education

- Support YMCA
- Enhanced library facilities
- Improve education – college, secondary
- Better public communication, especially public newspaper
- Address ethnic issues
- Early childhood & Headstart program
- Higher learning expectations in early child hood
- Preteen sex education
- Mandatory parent training
- Stop forced busing
- Parental discipline of children in schools
- Technical & vocational schools – meet needs of students & employers
- Understand SWOT
- Expand Parents as Teachers program

(5.5) Image

- Support for arts & culture
- Clean river with recreational usage
- Invest in , preserve, improve quality neighborhoods
- Better public communication, especially public newspaper
- Consolidate willing city police forces under Sedgwick County sheriff
- Address ethnic issues
- Rename 200 – “200 Wichita”
- Better zoning – better architecture
- Comprehensive marketing strategy – accountable sales organization
- Improve Big Ditch to facilitate all types of recreation
- Bring back WSU football

- Improve access to Town West from Kellogg
- More trees & less pavement downtown
- Sell Wichita
- Reduce visual clutter (signs tower)
- Make Wichita real Air Capital

- Improve access to Town West from Kellogg
- Maintain current infrastructure
- Less city/business collusion
- More citizen input on Comprehensive Plan
- Reduce taxes
- Code enforcement improvement

(5.5) Government

- Curbside recycling
- Countywide public transportation
- Involve youth in adult decision making process
- Citizen responsive government
- Consolidate willing city police forces under Sedgwick County sheriff
- Address ethnic issues
- Consolidate city & county everything
- Improve drainage systems – control street flooding
- Non-partisan appointed judges
- Stop subsidizing Air Tran

(4) Housing – Neighborhoods

- Decent workforce housing
- Invest in, preserve, improve quality neighborhoods
- Address ethnic issues
- Pave streets throughout Wichita
- Improve drainage system – control street flooding
- Homeless strategy
- Preserve & restore historical sites & amenities
- Infill housing development

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(10) Economic Development

- Diversify job market
- Higher paying jobs
- Tourism
- Regional economic development
- Tourism partnerships/private business
- Capitalization of “Heartland” hub
- Downtown development
- Airline hub
- Traffic infrastructure (maintain/improve)
- Mass transit
- Marketing of Wichita to extl.
- Combat youth brain drain
- Medical service expansion/diversification

(9) Quality of Life

- Positive youth activities
- Neighborhood identities
- Adult sports leagues
- Encourage personal responsibility
- Smoke-free restaurants
- Intergenerational activities
- Volunteer opportunities
- Positive youth recognition, youth/seniors
- Internal self promotion, feeling good about ourselves
- Local folks tourism
- Enhancing mid. Income housing opps.
- Tax abatements for housing renov.
- Senior citizen issues (activities support, etc.)
- Ethnic diversity (neighborhoods)
- WSU football!!!

(8) Education

- Fine arts emphasis
- P.E. emphasis
- Excellence in higher education
- Teaching fiscal responsibility
- Ethnic diversity

- Business – works?

(7) Government/Leadership

- Consolidation of government services (efficiencies)
- Government do it all?
- Get along
- Communication of needs
- Efficiently citizens government
- Partnerships (civic, private, etc.)
- Lower taxes
- Tax accountability
- Cooperation/unification area communities
- Leadership development
- Character development – ethics
- Positive youth recognition

(6) Health Care

- Access to
- Lack of
- Teen sex/pregnancy
- Obesity
- Drug & alcohol abuse, prevention & treatment
- Smoking, teens/adults
- Dental care
- Fluoridation
- Incentives for disease prevention (wellness)

(5) Environment

- Alternative energy sources
- Water management
- Utilizing/promoting national resources
- Recycling
- Environment responsibility
- Controlling urban sprawl

(4) Public Safety

- Prevent/treat teen rape
- Crime prevention

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(10) Economic Development

- Expand overseas markets for Wichita/Kansas products
- Development of Cowley County Lake
- Wind power
- Alternative agriculture (land institute)
- Image & marketing
- Make Wichita “true” Air Capital
- Self image
- Revised economic model for service industry
- Chamber of Commerce more active in promoting Wichita activities
- Aircraft companies involved with air museums
- Look at total health care needs for region (study)
- Creating new jobs
- Keeping jobs in Kansas
- Big enough arena – 15,000
- Develop computer & electronic industry
- Wichita rank as pro business for all

(9) Quality of Life

- Promote unique social & retail culture opportunities
- Support for community wide core values
- More housing choices (smart growth, affordability)
- Better police traffic control
- Quality & quantity of high school extra curricular activities outside of schools
- Preserving historical assets
- Outdoor (urban) recreational facility
- Anti-smoking ordinance
- Arkansas River clean up
- Quality of drinking water
- Utilize current outdoor facilities
- Community ideas for Exploration Place
- Perception of Wichita – quality of life
- New arena – no block seats
- Diversify ethnic community involvement – different nationalities
- Pursue quality of life for handicap

- Theme parks
- Old Town development – increased
- Affordable health insurance for all including prescription drugs

(8) Education

- School district consolidation and alignment
- Expand entrepreneurship education (youth)
- Expand International Baccalaureate program (East High)
- Better graduation rates (minorities)
- Technical schools ? future
- Commercial pilot training
- Law school
- Increase number of college bound seniors
- Develop WSU as a top research institute
- Strategic marketing plan for higher education (utilize area colleges)

(7) Governments

- One unified city/county government
- Annual lottery financial report
- Reduce property tax for elderly
- Efficient use of resources – less waste
- Better pay for police/EMS/fire
- Shared public & private risk for economic development projects

(6) Growth Management Infrastructure

- Urban growth boundaries forcing redevelopment
- Downtown development
- Resolve long standing traffic issues
- Progressive trash management policy
- Recycling required

(5) Generational

- Increased young adult involvement
- Keeping and involving younger adults in Wichita (retention)
- Youth involvement on community/corporate boards
- Quality of life for elderly

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(10) Economic Development

- Maximize private participation in visioning process – provide funding
- Free market principle
- Develop young professional opportunities
- Recruit/maintain minority professionals
- Downtown revitalization
- Small business development
- Planning a growth
- Incentives for corporations
- Recycling
- Diversify economy
- Public-private collaboration
- Job quality expansion
- Vertically integrate agricultural products
- Keeping youth in Sedgwick County workforce
- Re-zoning

(8.5) Education

- Youth & safety education
- Post secondary technical education
- Encourage private schools (voucher system)
- Education – health care for disadvantaged
- Equality of resources for disadvantaged
- Raising standards of expectations for education system
- Protection of citizen property rights – curriculum

(8.5) Government

- Government accountability/reform
- Strengthen social services
- Consolidate
- Not=consolidate
- Re-create democratic process (CPO's)
- Eminent domain – public use only (not a business)
- Diversification of government
- Pool system for judges (not elected – not appointed)
- Unity of south central legislation delegation in Topeka
- City county coordination/communication improved

- Protect citizens property rights
- Law enforcement accountability

(7) Quality of Life

- Youth safety
- Re-zoning
- Public infrastructure
- Planning developments – smart growth – sprawl
- Greater equality among ethnic groups
- Entertainment
- Protect enhanced park system
- Community pride
- Focus on history & culture of Wichita – PR & marketing
- Green environment
- Area child hospital
- Activity for elderly (and care)
- Strengthen social services

(6) Infrastructure

- Public transportation
- 911 access (phone pool)
- landfill
- green environment
- strengthen social servi