

VISIONEERING WICHITA  
BREAK OUT GROUP REPORT  
GROUP # 40 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2004  
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Elected to the Vision Task Force: Rhea Sloan

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(10) Economic Development

- Job training/re-training
- More high tech jobs
- Government laws & regulations stifle new business
- Government subsidies in business
- Higher paying service jobs
- Conflict of interest between business & government/politicians
- Should government be in the development business
- Education to fill business needs
- Public apathy

(9) Government

- Concealed carry
- Public apathy re: low voter turnout
- Allow homelessness
- Public transportation
- Government subsidies in business – how long, when to stop, how much, what kind of businesses
- Smoking bans/areas
- Laws and regulations that stifle new business
- Consolidation of government services for efficiency
- Quality improvement
- Not taking personal property's imminent domain
- Honesty & simplicity in taxation, e.g.: level tax base
- School government be in the development business?
- Do we need an arena?
- Conflict of interest between government & business

(8) Education

- Education standards "Basic Rs"
- Community resources for the middle school citizen
- End busing – devote resources to education
- Too much pressure on students e.g.: testing

(4) Media

- Parental accountability for student behavior
- Corporal punishment in schools pros & cons
- School teacher salaries
- Competition in public school system e.g.: privatization
- Common sense education
- Education vs. indoctrination
- Concern about phasing out fine arts in schools
- Job training/retraining
- Excessive administration in schools
- Education to fill business needs
- Increase partnership between education/business
- Education for anti-bias – race relations, diversity

(7) Quality of life

- Biking/walking trails
- Crime prevention
- Allow homelessness
- Address homeless problem e.g.: housing, employment, shelters
- Improve public transportation
- Smoking ban
- Smoking areas
- Open spaces, e.g.: parks, recreation
- Do we need an arena?
- Cleaning the river
- Weak family structure
- Public apathy
- Education, re: race relations

(5) Infrastructures/Community Planning

- Public transportation
- Open spaces, e.g.: parks, recreation
- Cleaning the river
- Conserving of resources e.g.: suburban sprawl

(6) Health

- Medical care costs are outrageous
- Improve access to health care for uninsured, underinsured
- Access to mental health services

- Balanced reporting
- Show both sides of story
- Focus on local population
- Honesty in reporting

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BREAK OUT GROUP REPORT  
GROUP # 41 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2004  
Facilitator: Rachel Prine

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(10) Economic Development

- Hire Kansas graduates
- Reduce taxes
- Limiting outsourcing
- Kansas misuse of eminent domain
- Alternative tax structure
- No arena – auditorium
- Don't – annexation of previous established neighborhoods
- More shopping venues – more parking
- Private ownership rights
- Cowley County dam & water (Anti!)
- Get money before beginning project
- Stop financing airlines
- No floating bonds
- Stop more “big box” stores
- No state owned casinos
- No slot machines
- Get more jobs – control taxation
- Make companies responsible to not hire illegal aliens
- Riverwalk – let users pay for
- Downtown parking
- Yes, slot machines by private enterprises

(9) Quality of Life

- Color Wichita visual/arts
- Affordable RX
- Enhancing health care systems
- English main language
- Legislators spend more time at home
- Parks & recreation
- Exploration Place – losing money
- More community meetings & public discussion
- Retirement facilities

- Safety net for uninsured
- Develop something for teens & aging
- Legal issues for activities for children
- Ad volorem tax – return to community
- No arena
- Homelessness
- Don't build in our parks
- Town hall meetings
- Community mindedness
- Sample ballot before voting to study

(8) Education

- Education takes too much money
- Immigration – no benefits for 5 -10 yrs.
- Extreme expense of education
- Technical training
- Federal problems, i.e., Education Mandates (Immigration)

(7) Infrastructure

- Bring K-96 around
- Mass transportation
- Waste conversion
- Recycling
- Water quality/quantity
- Land use
- Roadways
- Rural water district

(6) Safety

- More executions
- Police force training
- Public safety
- Control gangs
- Rehabilitation of inmates
- Big signs (accidents)

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GROUP # 42 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2004  
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(10) Education

- Funding
- Teach basics (3 r's)
- Arts
- Reallocate higher education funding to vocational
- Career development media centers (K-12)
- Vouchers
- Explain yearly cost per pupil
- Qualify & quantify level of education at graduation
- Increase up to date technical instruction per business need
- Teacher retention

(9) Economic Development

- Diversify manufacturing companies/bring in small companies
- Loss of agricultural business (preservation of)
- Address unemployment issues
- Less zoning & nuisance ordinances to encourage small business
- Preserve service industry

(8) Environmental Issues

- Environmental/water quality
- Solid waste/look at new technology

- Expand recycling
- City maintenance – keep areas clean

(7) Government

- Decide downtown development by public vote
- Annexation of established neighborhoods
- Judges picked by peers from pools of lawyers with term limits
- Do not consolidate city-county government
- Involve citizens in annexation planning to save tax dollars
- No fighting between cities

(6) Infrastructure

- Create southern loop by-pass (Andover, Mulvane, Haysville, Goddard, K-96)
- City maintenance
- Park maintenance & development
- Revitalize slums

(5) Quality of Life

- X games arena with motor sports
- Better coordination of service organizations city wide

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GROUP # 43 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2004  
Facilitator: Phillip Hayes  
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(10) Education

- Focus on graduation
- Scrap school busing program
- Neighborhood schools
- More preschools
- After school educational activities
- Better funding of trade schools
- Teacher retention vs. state req.
- Teacher tenure incentives
- Grants
- Better career development in schools
- Expand entrepreneur resources
- Better fiscal education

(9) Business

- Business provide/partner daycare
- Business/government cooperatives for daycare
- Grants
- Career development/job skills
- Maximize central location U.S.>
- Expand manufacturing beyond aircraft
- Expand entrepreneur resources
- Labor shortage in manufacturing
- Keeping workforce in Wichita
- Casinos to offset taxes
- Downtown development

(8) Government/Transportations/Infrastructure

- Clean river
- Drainage/flooding problems
- Grants
- Consolidation of fire, police & EMS
- Attract major airline
- Mass transit outside of city limits
- Keep McConnell AFB
- Get rid of turnpike tolls in metro area
- Recycling
- Stay ahead on major highways

- Elimination of property taxes
- Go to all sales tax
- Future water sources
- Wind farms
- Landfills vs. options

(7) Quality of Life

- Sex education
- Raise community self esteem
- Parental responsibility for adolescent actions
- Clean river
- Grants
- Investment in community quality of life
- Senior activities
- More cultural events
- Healthcare costs

(6) Entertainment/Recreation

- More after school activities
- Youth attractions
- Grants
- Motor sports complex
- Maximize U.S. central location
- Unique attraction not in neighboring state
- Downtown arena
- Make Coliseum a casino
- Expand dog track
- Pro basketball – no competing neighbor states
- More cultural events
- Casinos to offset taxes
- Create tourist attractions
- Downtown development
- More family entertainment
- Land of Oz theme park
- Senior attractions

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GROUP # 44 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2004  
Facilitator: Vicki Schiermeister  
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(10) Economic Development

- Job training/retraining
- Energy costs
- Attract younger workers
- Attract jobs
- Diversification of business
- Casino
- Government incentives for small business
- Growth of medical industry
- Support Fair Fares
- Navigable waterway
- Expand airport

(9) Education

- Bureaucracy in schools
- Community support of arts
- Increase school funding
- Raise teacher salaries
- School district consolidation
- Educational pay for performance

(8) Quality of Life

- Single parent children programs
- Community image
- Young family attractions
- Community involvement
- Tourist attractions
- More lakes
- Build on our strengths
- Create a family oriented community

- Casino
- Cultural arts
- Community support of arts
- More parks
- Accessibility to parks
- Community park programs
- Smoking in buildings
- Availability of health insurance
- Home ownership programs

(7) Infrastructure

- Cost of energy
- Improved roads
- Navigable waterway
- More lakes
- Expand airport
- Clean river/environment
- Recycling
- Long term trash solution/incinerator
- Intelligent transportation system
- 47<sup>th</sup> & Broadway interchange
- Improving emergency services

(6) Government

- Allow community leaders to lead
- More cooperation between law enforcement & public
- Eliminate city manager position
- Affordability of health insurance
- Consolidate city/county emergency response

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GROUP # 45 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2004  
Facilitator: Julie Hedrick  
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(10) Economic Development thru  
Entrepreneurship

- Zoning & nuisance laws (small business friendly)
- Invite entrepreneur spirit
- Partnering with WSU entrepreneur program
- Job revitalization
- Study what growing communities are doing (i.e. Johnson Co.)
- Economic development
- Business/education partnerships
- Regional business incubators

(9) Improving Education

- Increase parent responsibility
- Reading early
- Tutoring
- Refocus what we are training out children to do (in the job market)
- Business/education partnerships
- Emphasize foreign languages
- Educating our children for a global market
- Encourage informal mentoring
- Private schools
- Quality education for all
- Analyze “no child left behind”
- Increase graduation rate
- Increase access to technology for all
- Improve teaching & learning
- Better educate youth on need/importance of higher education
- Keeping college graduates

(8) Community Involvement

- Neighborhood association involvement
- Mirror “Parents as Teachers” program
- Encouraging voters voting
- Promote children involvement in community
- Pre-voters ballots/sample ballots with candidate data
- Clean up neighborhoods
- Increase parent responsibility
- Encourage informal mentoring
- Youth community involvement

(7) Marketing Regional Image

- Marketing a positive image of south Wichita
- Get rid of objectionable businesses
- Community pride
- Enforcement of existing ordinances
- Coordinating marketing programs to attract families to Kansas
- Marketing for Kansas
- Adherence to grandfather rules
- Keep high school & college graduates in Kansas

(5.5) Quality of Life

- Adherence to grandfather rules
- Promote arts in the community
- Higher quality of life
- Increased recreational opportunities for people in area
- Equity in available recreation activities
- Auto inspection policy
- Increase after school program budget
- Health care

(5.5) Improve Infrastructure

- Freeway connecting Haysville/Mulvane/Derby/Wichita area
- Recycle program
- Trash management
- Use landfill as mountain(s) for snow slopes

(4) Health Concerns

- Healthcare
- Health services
- Fluoride in water
- Teen pregnancy
- Substance abuse treatment
- Mental handicap programs for early intervention

(3) Positive Leadership

- Do not unite city & county government

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GROUP # 46 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2004  
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(10) Economic Development

- Attract younger workers
- High tech jobs
- Balanced employment opportunities
- Attract high paying jobs
- Utilize college graduates from local institutions

(9) Infrastructure

- SW development implementation
- Restaurants & shopping within walking distance of hotels
- Nice entry, dress up entries
- Highway reconstruction
- Faster communication – improved technology
- Reduce street flooding
- Move traffic more efficiently

(7.5) Education

- Higher academic standards (all levels)
- Stop university tuition increases
- Adequate financing for suburban libraries
- Increase teachers salaries
- Cut administrative costs in schools

(7.5) Image and Marketing

- No major tourist attractions
- Promote local tourism
- 20,000 seat arena
- Increase convention space
- Indian bingo
- Improve tourism – casinos
- Restaurants & shopping within walking distance of hotels
- Support arts/culture museums with tax dollars

(6) Consolidated Government

- Government consolidation
- Government cooperation
- School consolidation
- Unify government – reduce discrimination

(5) Waste Management

- Solid Waste
- Effective recycling program

(3.5) Good Government

- Reconsider the need for consultants
- Overburden tax on business
- Tax abatement for all to make local business more competitive globally

(3.5) Public Transportation

- Airport hub
- Railway crossing delays
- Mass transportation
- Rail transportation coast to coast
- High speed rail transportation

(2) Environmental

- Renewable energy such as wind power
- Green space between Wichita & suburbs

(1) Job Skills

- Welfare to work programs
- Daycare assistance
- Promote government programs for businesses addressing expansion & training

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GROUP # 47 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2004  
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(10) Quality of Life

- No dirt streets
- Arts for average Joe
- Family activities
- \$15 - \$20 arts events
- Clean environment
- Subsidized festivals
- Better RV parks
- More community arts
- More museums & support
- Parks
- Family dining
- Casinos
- Teen activities
- Neighborhood quality of life
- Lower noise pollution

- Personal access to city/county government
- Honest government
- Merge city/county government
- Government entities meet in evening
- Better communication with community advocates
- User friendly listings for government departments
- Do away with special taxes
- Evaluate taxation procedures
- Stop bonds to biz that goes overseas
- Clawbacks
- Funding of library
- Focus on assets & strengths
- Access to government
- Expansion of downtown library
- Moving libraries to the information age

(9) Education

- K-12
- Pre-K child education – high quality
- Better training for street maintenance crews
- Better knowledge of laws & regulations
- Drug & alcohol prevention
- After school programs
- Parental education

(8) Infrastructure

- Water quality
- Good streets
- Drainage
- Public transportation
- Better parking (downtown)
- Bridge over Big Ditch
- Better shuttles & access to downtown
- Recycling
- Better signage (maintenance)
- Herzog landfill into rec.
- Kid friendly transportation
- Passenger rail service
- Make it easier to get to Wichita

(7) Economic Development

- Better incentives fro small business
- Help small businesses

(6) Government

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GROUP # 48 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2004  
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(10) Human Services

- Fun, safe activities for youth
- Care for aging population
- Improve runaway/youth shelter/care
- Youth employment training
- Knowledge management (mentor opportunity) older/younger
- Affordable health care
- Prevent sexual exploitation
- Increase homeless/youth shelters
- Improve social safety net
- Integration of senior citizens into community
- Drug abuse issues
- Suicide prevention/counseling
- Senior citizen activity/support infrastructure
- Family friendly environment

(9) Education

- Maintaining arts in education
- Accessible training opportunities
- Controlled child development
- Let kids play
- Decreased testing in schools
- Allow individual teaching styles
- Inspire youth development
- Teach citizenship skills to youth

(8) Government

- Not consolidating city/county
- No eminent domain private property
- Recycling/manage waste water
- Family value in local government
- Fair tax system
- Promote Visioneering to whole MSA
- Government cooperation
- City/county checks & balances
- Eminent domain only for public use
- Land use management/planning
- Good road system/traffic management
- Modify zoning ordinances to promote growth
- Public representation prior to ordinance in action
- Water supply/clean water
- Protect property rights
- Protection of citizen's rights
- Reduce crime
- Increased personal security

(7) Media

- Fair and balanced media, bi-partisan

(6) Environmental

- Waste management
- Effective drainage/flood control

(5) Commerce/Private Industry

- Reasonable growth
- Redevelop internal markets
- Maximize private funding
- Minimum taxation