

VISIONEERING WICHITA
BREAK OUT GROUP REPORT
GROUP # 49 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2004
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Elected to the Vision Task Force: Marsha Mendenhall

(10) Government

- Best practice for example Zebra mussels (plus other issues)
- Government – service attitude, community input
- Use consultants too much
- Consolidation/collaboration
- Respect neighboring communities
- Pay raise – teachers/police/rife
- Keep talent/financial incentives
- Code enforcement (less regulations)
- Divide Wichita into 4 cities
- Tax outside users (suburban) for using & working in Wichita

(5) Quality of Life

- Park maintenance
- Nightlife (evening hours) (for public attractions – 200/Exp. Place)
- Downtown housing
- Children activities (especially summer) & volunteer work
- Community beautification

(9) Education

- Youth leadership
- Quality education K-12
- Improve tech college
- Reduce busing
- Teach budgeting & three R's
- Skills assessment
- School technology
- Match education with jobs
- Smaller schools & class sizes

(8) Private Sector Leadership

- Family values/parenting (responsibility/skills)
- Latch-key
- Business & school partnerships
- Against growth/improvements
- Increase support for River Festival
- Physical activities/health

(7) Infrastructure

- Streets
- Sewers
- Solid waste/trash incinerator/recycling
- Improve mass-transit (air/rail/taxi/bus)
- Extend Hwy 96 (south)

(6) Economic Development

- Port authority from port in Tulsa
- Keep people downtown
- Maintain downtown (new attractions)
- Market community (image)
- Good jobs/pay
- Job diversity
- Energy/wind

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Facilitator: Sonja Armbruster
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(10) Education

- Higher teacher salaries
- Focus – classroom
- Reduce administration
- Youth recreation after school
- Life Skill 101
- Job training un-employed
- Higher education outcomes for students
- Tech training for students
- Keep fine arts in education

- Imminent domain use decreased
- Full time jobs
- Road improvement
- Higher pay for elected officials

(9) Economic Development

- Downtown development
- Shopping Douglas
- Improve per capita income
- Economic development vs. entrepreneurial
- Image of Wichita development
- Reliance on aircraft industry
- Cowley Lake (support)
- Improve non-manufacturing pay
- Growth with justice (sensitive to all issues)
- Reduce outsourcing
- Emphasis on community development
- Minority (increase participation)
- Low fare/Wright Amendment (change)

(6) Environment

- Recycling
- Landfill
- Green space
- Water quality
- River cleanliness
- Improve mass transit

(5) Children Issues

- Improving foster care consumption
- Foster care employment criteria
- Improve pre-K development
- SE – swimming pool
- Re-vamp SRS
- Local
- Improve care for children in residential
- Nicer amusement part affordable

(8) Health & Social Issues

- Men's crisis center
- Coordination of social services
- Affordable & accessible health care
- Fluoride in water
- Marriage survival increase
- Cultural sensitivity
- Bridge diversity
- Un-biased media
- Local community issue
- Coordination of social issue

(7) Government/Infrastructure/Leadership

- Affordable car insurance
- Improve city/county relations
- Street safety/driving law enforcement
- Modernize IT support, etc.
- Government leaders to be living examples
- Streamline city/county government

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GROUP # 51 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2004
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(10) Economic development

- Support for inner city business & individuals
- Incentive for developers to develop inner city brown fields undeveloped lands
- Study to determine the impact of spending on outer city limits as opposed to (inner older) city
- Entrepreneurial increase and focus
- Increase minimum wage
- Improve air fare rates
- Develop agriculture vertical integration
- Natural resources funding i.e. wind farm etc.
- Diversity the employment pool
- Center of transportation (hub) – maximize our central location i.e. exporting & importing goods
- Expand convention facilities
- Unemployed training & assistance for down stream – unemployed, layoffs
- Continue to redevelop downtown
- Implement gaming/casino on city public property
- More south side economic development
- Help family farmers
- Attract new business to attract workers

(9) Education

- Better support for libraries & arts funding
- More vocational schools for workforce development
- No all day kindergarten
- Less administration in schools
- Keep school recess
- Education flexible to respond to job skills & needs
- Locate dental school here
- Encourage private schools
- School vouchers
- Eliminate busing program – forces busing
- Adequate education funding
- Job skills training
- Personal financial planning education for secondary students

- World class school system
- Expand after school services & day care both private, public non-profit

(8) Government

- Waste of tax dollars and improper planning
- Intra cities fighting
- More citizen input for development i.e. put to a vote
- Eminent domain for public purposes only
- Statewide vote to make Wichita the state capital
- Long range MAPC citizen input & commitment
- Listen to citizens
- Redesign MAPC to be more representative of community
- No government consolidation
- Do government consolidation
- Study for need of both city manager & mayor
- Deconcentrate poverty thru housing policy
- Judges selected from pool of lawyers
- More equitable distribution of city services
- Land grabbing by cities
- Recycling program to save dollars & land
- Decrease urban sprawl
- Redo zoning in regard to small business
- Redo zoning in regard to home business

(7) Health

- Access to dental care
- Improve access to community health
- Affordable general health care
- Prioritize projects of life threatening issues

(6) Quality of Life

- Sustainable neighborhoods
- Provide adequate infrastructure for city
- Intrastate public transportation

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GROUP # 52 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2004
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(10) Infrastructure

- Freeway through south Wichita
- Drainage flood control
- Better road planning
- Provide services for annexed communities
- Do we grow the fringes at a cost to older neighborhoods
- Omit forced annexation
- Tax dollars more evenly distributed across all of the city
- Recycle program

(9) Economic Development

- Enhance promote airport/air traffic
- Community partnerships
- Reduce taxes (sales tax)
- Renewable fuel sources
- Diversity

(8) Education

- Teachers salaries – improve
- Better cultural ratio of professionals to students
- Improve test scores K-12

- Top notch vocational training center

(7) Quality of Life

- 4 x 4 recreation area (jeep) park
- Health disparities
- Smoking ban
- Arts & entertainment
- Reduce taxes (sales tax)
- Use landfills for other projects

(6) City/County Government

- Hold officials accountable
- Citizens against government waste
- Planning process access to all
- More communication of officials & their results
- An effective planning process that is accessible to all

(5) Public Safety

- Monitor gangs
- Youth prevention programs
- Reentry programs
- Preventative measures

- Faith base education – unwed mothers
- Expand & improve public park land
- Improve quality of water thru conservation
- Less waste generation
- Network coordination of non-profit services
- Program for nonprofit startup
- Conservation of rural rights regarding annexation
- Plan & preserve green space

(5) Public Safety

- Maintain & develop sidewalks
- Hire more police & fire to reinforce community policing
- Study & analyze state audit on firefighters
- Citywide flooding problems
- Expand jail & rehab services
- Reduce toxic chemicals in schools & homes