

MEETING SUMMARY

The Garden City Comprehensive Plan officially kicked-off with a fantastic staff and advisory meetings! The purpose of the first meeting is to explain the process, build group trust, and begin working together to build a foundation for the comprehensive plan.

City staff and advisory committee members worked through several exercises together and generated an abundance of ideas, thoughts, and names about items and people that must be included in this process. Highlights of these results can be seen throughout this document. Full results can be downloaded from the project website.

Most importantly, this meeting introduced city staff and the advisory committee to the elements of a 21st century planning process. One that is all inclusive, truly comprehensive, and energizing. All members of staff and the committee will play integral parts in the success of this plan.

To share your feedback, you may:

- Talk to project staff or city staff
- Visit the project website at: www.oaplanning.com/gardencity
- Visit the project manager blog site
- Attend the upcoming Community Visioning Sessions

THIS PROJECT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IF...

- Believe that we can make it happen
- Retain City's identity
- Keep "Garden" in Garden City
- Large vision is put into attainable goals
- Reach out to everyone
- Engage all levels and population
- People are willing to change
- Aggressive / Accountability
- More than just fluff



WHAT KIND OF COMMUNITY DO YOU WANT TO LIVE IN?

- Clean, Safe, Progressive
- Economically stable, diverse, and vibrant
- Friendly, welcoming, open to all people
- One where we all speak the language of "community"
- Attractive to families
- Provides entertainment for all
- Strong Community Center -- Downtown
- Values historic and cultural resources

WHO NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED?

- Business Groups
- Education
- Healthcare
- Service Providers
- Churches
- Major Employers
- County Government
- Young Professionals
- Elementary and High School Students
- Senior Population

MEETING AGENDA

Welcome and Overview

"The future ain't what it used to be."

Introductions

"Focus on you..."

What kind of Community do you want to live in?

"Make no little plans, that have no magic to stir men's blood...Make big plans, aim high in hope and work."

Who should participate in this process?

"Public leadership is not the prerogative of few; it is the responsibility of many."

Commitment to the process

"Community building is not a spectator sport."

QUESTIONS?

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