

VISIONEERING WICHITA
BREAK OUT GROUP REPORT
GROUP # 1
Facilitator: Terry Clevenger
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Chris Erwin

(10) Education

- National reputation for high quality education K-University
- Student involvement
- Affordable education
- Government funding
- Better budget for USD 259
- Be complete with private schools
- Student accountability

(8.5) Quality of Life

- Police
- Culture arts
- Culture aesthetics
- Outreach programs for under 25
- Health insurance
- Improve jobs
- Funding libraries
- River Walk
- Family activities
- Improve culture
- Specialty hospitals
- Image
- Tourism
- Arena

(8.5) Economic Development

- Entrepreneurship
- Support industry diversity
- Creating recycling businesses
- Funding/budgeting
- Reasons to go downtown

(7) Leadership

- Funding Visioneering
- Budgeting
- Arena etc. mission statement
- Student involvement
- Accessibility
- National reputation for quality education K-University

(6) Infrastructure

- Business service, transportation, bike lanes, etc.
- Trash – solid waste
- Flood control, east side, west side, street
- RV friendly
- Recycling
- Preservation/restoration

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GROUP # 2

Facilitator: Heather Perkins
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Ken Short

(10) Business & Jobs

- High tech products
- Skilled & knowledgeable workforce and training
- More jobs for the disabled
- Better climate for small businesses
- More technical support for aviation industry
- Summer program for youth employment
- More awareness of the word and modern language studies
- More diverse businesses
- More diversity in the workforce

- Regional leadership & cooperation
- Revamp metropolitan planning commission
- Find ways to unite the city of Wichita
- Expand community policing
- Smaller government, lower taxes and less regulation
- Inform neighborhoods of city's plans before they occur!
- Neighborhood meetings with law enforcement
- Clean indoor air ordinance
- Value our diversity

(9) Health & Human Services

- Accessible, affordable and understandable (help to navigate the system)
- Make facilities (i.e. Lord's Diner) more accessible to city's outskirts
- Treatment for drug offenders as opposed to long term incarceration
- Locker, laundry, source center for the homeless
- Primary car (prevention) cheaper than secondary/tertiary

(6) Education

- Improve K-12 education
- Improve public libraries
- Consolidate school districts
- Diversify colleges/universities
- Workforce training

(8) Infrastructure

- Interstate access
- Intermodal transportation
- Improved street drainage
- Solid waster plan (recycling)
- Sufficient water source
- Control urban sprawl
- Bike trail improvement
- Conservation
- Downtown development

(5) Community/Image/Quality of Life

- Reasons to stay in Wichita
- Promote outside money coming into community
- Improve support of the arts
- New identity for Wichita
- Protect city's parks/playgrounds
- Better variety of leisure and cultural options
- Theme park
- Quality of life for variously-abled
- More conventions
- River development (not a River Walk)
- Regional poetry convention
- More women bowlers
- Develop tourism
- Eliminate hunger
- Downtown development
- Diverse college/universities
- Revamp Sedgwick County Park
- More discounts for seniors
- Keep our youth and retired citizens in Wichita

(7) Government

- City/County consolidation
- Election of municipal judges by people

- Emphasize prairie architecture

(4) Diversity

- Diversify colleges and opportunities in fine arts

- Diversity in our workforce

- Value our diversity

- Address racism and other “isms”

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GROUP # 3
Facilitator: Bill Cook
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Kara Belew

(10) Infrastructure

- Mass transit
- Railroads
- Airport proposal
- Traffic flow across Big Ditch
- I-66
- Police & Fire protection
- NW & SW by-pass/US-54 thru Goddard
- Parks Department
- Eliminate need for autos
- "St. Louis Arch" type attractions
- Flood control
- Planned growth
- Water supply
- Roads
- Parking
- Emphasize open & park space
- Carpooling
- Hotels near Universities

(9) Economy

- Building & maintain sustainable economy
- Limit outsourcing
- Mixed zoning
- Revitalize downtown
- Evaluate mill levies
- Diversify industrial base other than aircraft
- Living wage
- Jobs in inner city & for teens
- Water treatment & supply
- Casinos
- Remove sales tax from food
- Sports arena
- Emphasize WSU as an asset
- Taxation – analyze spending

(8) Quality of Life

- Affordable housing
- Place for teens to hang out
- Increase city library system
- Local entertainment options
- Drug & alcohol
- Help for homeless

- Strong social service support media portraying in positive light
- Metro park system – free park rec.
- Health system – clinics
- Expand senior services
- Preserve architectural landmarks
- Organization to help homeless
- Using people over 55
- Childhood hunger
- Affordable tree trimming
- Mixed zoning

(7) Education

- Focus on people rather than buildings
- Technical education & training
- Speak same language
- Evaluate school district spending & funding
- Better educators in schools
- Train young people with sellable skills
- Increase library system
- Stop bussing
- More community oriented schools

(6) Government

- Cooperation between government agencies
- Consolidation of city/county government
- Metro government
- Improve our image
- County wide waste management
- Taxation
- Mixed zoning
- Remove sales tax on food
- Accountability for lottery \$
- Casinos
- Not cutting school programs
- Evaluate school district / spending & funding

(5) Neighborhoods

- Speak same language

- Mixed zoning
- Libraries
- Eliminate need for autos
- Neighborhood schools
- Eliminate bussing
- Preserve historical sites
- Free ballet in parks
- Community attractions
- Affordable tree trimming
- Revitalize downtown
- Better PR
- Affordable property insurance

(4) Health Care

- Health clinics – public
- City/County health
- Drug & alcohol treatment

- Mental health system
- Expand senior services
- Enhance training for health professionals

(3) Waste Management

- Pollution – air, ground water, water supply
- Affordable & accessible landfills
- Bulk waste pick-up
- Curbside recycling
- Tire recycling
- Incineration
- Mass appliance disposal – Freon
- Recycling
- Motor oil recycling
- Community compost pile

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BREAK OUT GROUP REPORT
GROUP # 4

Facilitator: Jennifer Barclay

Elected to the Vision Task Force: Mary (Mimi) Balazs-Shellito

(10) Economic Development

- Support local businesses (shops)
- Attract new companies
- Provide incentives for companies that bring in revenue from outside our region
- Strengthen airport services
- Increase downtown development
- Tourist attractions for more revenue
- Economic diversity
- Retain corporate businesses/headquarters
- Market our city – What is our identity?
- Improve recycling industry
- Overcome our negative self image
- Stop losing educated people to other cities (“Brain Drain”)

- Environmental preservation: clean water, air, etc.
- Market our city – What is our identity?
- Improve healthcare affordability/accessibility
- Beautify our city
- Provide cultural amenities
- Develop recycling industry

(7) Downtown Development

- Increase downtown development
- Increase downtown residence
- Support the development of a downtown sports arena
- River development
- Investigate urban sprawling
- Develop an enclosed tennis facility

(9) Education

- Improve athletic facilities
- Encourage students to finish school
- Integrated team to support education of companies according to their needs
- Increase funding of public school system
- Development of a world class technical training college
- Identify students within high schools for manufacturing positions
- Improve high school students test scores
- Attract traditional students to local universities (i.e. WSU)

(6) Government Services

- Better support for community policing
- Progress with BTK killer
- Improve mass transit system
- Unification of city/county governments
- United team legislative representation
- Increase the integrity of government officials
- Build better roads (that last longer)
- Better planning for road development

(8) Quality of Life

- Historical preservation with tourism
- Support of the arts – support proposed lake in Callie County
- Work on motivation!
- Decrease our divorce rate
- Increase youth activities outside school
- More (smaller?) themed festivals
- Overcome our negative self image

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GROUP # 5
Facilitator: Jim Hutchinson
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Mike Castile

(10) Metropolitan Combined Government

- Minority/women
- Diverse leadership
- Access to government leaders

(9) Encourage Public/Private Sector Leadership

- Reinstate Citizen Partic. Org. (CPO)
- Involve minority business & provide funding
- Encourage public/private leadership

(8) Industry Recruitment

- Retail/commercial economic development
- Quality visitor center
- Small business development
- Fund marketing of ICT – re-evaluate Fair Fares
- Diversification of industry
- Business other than aircraft
- Drainage planning
- Increase senior issues – aging population
- Strengthen all education
- Neighborhood maintenance
- Coordination of road priorities

(7) Education Equity

- Increase dollars spent per child
- Fewer students per teacher ration
- Early childhood education
- Suburbs vs. inner city (increase investment in inner city)
- Smaller classrooms (students)
- More emphasis toward vo-tech

(6) Identify integrated job skills

- Develop new industry that matches current skill sets

(5) Downtown Development

- Smoking policies – increase smoke free environment
- Public transportation
- Affordable housing
- Traffic – left turn signals
- Entertainment
- Downtown
- Development
- Taxis
- Drainage – civil engineer – south side
- Road projects
- Trash- long term waste management

(4) Small Business Development

- Decreasing taxes for small business
- Publics transportation
- Affordable housing
- Downtown revitalization

(3) Early Childhood Education

(2) Diversification

- Identify integratable job strength (skill sets)
- Attracting workers
- Shopping experiences
- Tax breaks – new companies

(1) Entertainment

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GROUP # 6

Facilitator: Kris Johnson
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Donna Wright

(10) Education

- Maintain after school programs
- Broaden base for finance of public education – more than property tax
- Keep our graduates in town
- Entrepreneurship besides aircraft
- Post-secondary education for training work force – funding
- Inform/integrate youth in careers/jobs
- Retain educated citizens
- More resources in public schools, smaller class size

(9) Jobs – work force

- Trained workforce – donor community
- Promote small businesses
- More diversity in government/private jobs
- Job diversity – more than air
- Attract more small plane & start-up companies

(8) Quality of Life

- Improve parks
- Citywide affordable recycling
- Increase pride in home – neighborhood ownership
- Expand trails (walk, hike, bike) to connect parks (open spaces) with activities for all ages
- Healthcare affordable to all
- Arts
- Clean air
- Preserve older communities and control urban sprawl

(7) Planning and follow through

- Commitment from those with power to make vision a REALITY
- Involve public in more decision making/meetings
- Opportunities for public input
- Improve city planning process to involve area citizens – go to neighborhood & out of 8-5 hours

- Commitment to follow through with our STUDIES/VISIONS

(6) Government

- Involve public in more decision making/meetings
- Opportunities for public input
- Improve city planning process to involve area citizens – go to neighborhood & out of 8-5 hours
- Eliminate duplications of public services
- Examine tax abatement program
- Examine structure of county government
- Merge city-county commissions
- Streamline government services – avoid waste
- Committee oversight of government spending
- Update city codes to fit community
- Accounting of lottery revenue

(5) Human Services

- Concern for health of children – school menu, avoid pesticides
- More healthy foods with Vision Card
- Involvement in teen pregnancy prevention
- Attention to early childhood/infants
- Alternatives to incarceration
- Healthcare affordable to all

(4) Infrastructure

- Creative uses for vacant downtown buildings
- Improve efficiency of street building/repair
- Continue to grow FAIR-FARES
- Improve bus service – longer hours
- Confusion of one-way streets downtown
- Upkeep of rental properties
- Transportation – highways, air fares, public transportation
- Preserve older communities and control urban sprawl

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GROUP #7

Facilitator: Tom Kimbrell

Elected to the Vision Task Force: Dan Stockemer

(10) Economic Development

- Job diversification/ business succession
- New business attraction
- Highways/improved distribution
- Tourism
- Business development within neighborhoods
- Strategies for keeping & attracting workers – stop brain drain
- Contact point for business leaving
- Banking rel. imp. & credit improvement
- Senior employment/government cooperation
- Long term water supply

(9) Education

- Business providing support for parents
- Better pay for teachers
- Slow drop-out rate
- School partnerships
- Classroom discipline
- Improve % of above ave. on assos.
- Practical life skills
- Freedom in curriculum
- Parenting & citizenship education

- Exchange student programs
- Brain drain/youth sports
- Busing for schools

(8) Quality of Life

- Diversity – community pride
- Housing quality
- Recycling
- Crime prevention
- Volunteer opportunities
- Arts & entertainment
- Single parent families
- Animal control
- Health improvement
- Enforcement of existing laws or changes
- Clean up areas in need
- Tolerance, tech, talent
- Neighborhood development

(7) Government & Community Involvement

- Open meetings & scheduling
- Diversity in city planning “more participation”
- Changes in laws where necessary
- Improved inter-gov cooperation
- Better pay for law enforcement
- Regional coop across state

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GROUP #8
Facilitator: Aaron Hamilton
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Andy Solter

(10) Education

- Increase graduation rates for minority
- More/better education for all
- Funded summer programs
- Smaller school districts
- Better education
- WSU & surrounding neighborhoods need to work together
- Increase focus on lower-income students
- Proper staffing/teachers in schools
- Better discipline
- Neighborhood schools

(9) Quality of Life

- Improve self-image
- Recycling
- Lower divorce rates
- Hiking, biking trails; pedestrian-friendly
- Lively downtown
- Make city attractive to visitors/residents
- Transportation – accessibility
- Enlarge library system
- Parks/open space – improve, increase & maintain
- More & better cultural options
- Rails to trails
- Public sports venues are under-utilized & entertainment
- Fewer billboards

(8) Jobs/Economic Development/Business

- Study cost-of-development
- Improve appearance for visitors
- Conventions & tourism
- Increase manufacturing
- Diversify economy
- Include health care in regional health center

- More awareness of business & C of C impact
- Attract/cultivate younger residents & workers including minorities

(7) Infrastructure

- Transportation – Amtrak
- Pave unpaved roads
- Study cost of development – drainage, water/sewer/police/fire
- Regional collaboration
- Rails to Trails
- Lively downtown
- More lakes & water
- Parks & open space – increase, enhance & maintain

(6) Social Services

- Lower divorce rates
- Funded summer programs
- Increase funding for lower income students
- More family services
- 24-7 homeless shelter
- Help for older neighborhoods
- Family – strengthening
- Financial training
- Coordination of current programs
- Aid to small business
- Services in center of city

(5) Administration/Government

- Recycling
- Study or citizen committee to study local governments
- Regional collaboration
- Night meetings for: WCC, BOCC, & MAPC (MAPC on Channel 7)
- Smaller school districts
- Cost of dev. study

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GROUP # 9

Facilitator: Frankie Brown
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Tom Roulston

(10) Economic Development

- Tourism
- Downtown development
- Continuation of Old Town development
- Taxes
- Diversified economic development
- Retention of young talents
- Business retention
- Business recruiting
- Casinos
- Airport development
- Air services
- Networking with cultures
- Immigration
- Trash/landfills
- Infrastructures
- Relationships between large/small cities and counties
- Train service (Amtrak)

(9) Education

- Teachers salaries
- Fine arts
- Athletic
- Facilities
- Supplies
- Support staff
- Bussing for education – does it work?
- Coordination between business and the school system
- Higher education

- Scholarships
- Technical training
- Unemployment/retraining
- Workforce development
- English vs. other languages

(8) Youth

- Summer employment
- After-school programs
- Youth programming
- Youth mentoring programs
- Gands
- Entertainment
- Safety/crime prevention
- Neighborhood development

(7) Quality of Life

- Clean up the air
- Parks
- Trash/Landfills/Recycling
- Abandoned railway tracks
- Water resources
- Networking within cultures
- Libraries
- Support of the Arts/Museums/Zoo/Botanica
- Senior citizens services
- Entertainment
- Aviation museum
- Neighborhood development/Old Town/ Downtown Development
- Indigent health care

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BREAK OUT GROUP REPORT
GROUP # 10
Facilitator: Ronnie Plang
Elected to the Vision Task Force:

10) Education

- Strong parent involvement
- Workforce preparation
- Global bench mark
- Positive image of schools
- Community outreach-teenage parenting
- School/community policing
- After school programs
- Leadership development
- Fully fund education
- Mentoring internship develop - apprentice

(9) Economic Development

- Empowerment of all city residents
- Summer jobs for youth – proactive
- Recruitment/retention to stay in Kansas
- Invest in existing business
- City of Wichita (greater diversity in planning)
- Evaluate market needs of all (prior to setting objection)
- Downtown ownership (problem solving who owns – verification?)

(8) Environment

- Recycling programs
- Environmentally incinerators
- Railroad (efficiency, damage of tracks, vehicles)
- Improve image in all areas of the city (curbside appeal in neglected community)
- More green space (parks, recreation, neglected areas)
- Responsible recycling (trash)
- Beautify Wichita incentive
- Invest in existing neighborhoods
- Water quality & quantity

(7) Government

- Leadership/development
- Consolidation of city/county
- Health care for everyone
- Conf. verifiable voting system
- Pro labor agreement
- PR for city of Wichita & surrounding area
- Ambassadors for Wichita- Tourism
- Community policing in schools
- Security – global concerns
- Regional cooperation
- Fair contract rewarding of small business

(6) Infrastructure

- Transportation
- Barges roads – railroads
- Public transportation made accessible
- Highway/Regional Airport system that connects
- Regional railroad system
- Overpasses in city
- Smarter air transportation

(5) Social Issues

- Good quality of life
- Single mother support mechanisms
- Importance of family structure
- Retention of our youth to “thrive in Wichita”
- Problem solving with mentally ill issues
- Stronger spirit of volunteer
- Rehabilitation programs for offenders – prison- drugs
- Elder care (prescription drugs)

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GROUP # 11

Facilitator: Ed Wolverton
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Deann Young

(10) Education

- Opportunity for education
- Keep educated here
- Parental involvement
- Football @ WSU
- Graduate opportunities/jobs for graduates
- Broaden programs @ WSU
- Higher education for minorities
- Scholarship awareness
- Sedgwick County Community College
- Increase teacher pay
- Job training for minorities
- School – district apportioned
- Internet/distance learning

(9) Economic Development

- Aircraft jobs
- Economic opportunity
- Keep educated here
- Quality of life
- Support farmers
- Lower taxes
- Controlled growth
- Economic diversification/manufacturing diversity
- Small business
- Global diversity
- Development outside downtown and inside downtown
- Lower air fares
- Market the city
- Better marketing of local manufacturing
- Tax break fro small businesses
- Pyrolysis
- Arena/Arena parking – Cessna Stadium

(8) Quality of life

- Controlled growth
- Community self-respect
- Racial relations
- Roller skating park/recreation
- Parks & Recreation
- Clean environment/air pollution
- Cultural activities
- Recycling
- Diversity
- Services for people with disabilities
- Homeless
- Cultural center
- Affordable housing
- More parks
- Water quality
- Affordable health care
- Cowley County lake
- Landfill – yes or no?
- Prairie Proud
- River usage
- Activities for teens
- Outside downtown development

(7) Good Government

- Inner city government development
- Law enforcement
- Political leadership
- Eliminate good-old boys network
- Consolidated government
- More community involvement at City Hall
- Terrorism protection
- Bring back C.P.O's
- City our of real-estate
- Parks & recreation zoning

(6) Infrastructure

- Strom drains
- Trains – service, terminal
- Train/car interaction
- Mass transit
- Wind power generators/earth smart

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GROUP # 12

Facilitator: Bryan Derreberry
Elected to the Vision Task Force: Charles McAfee

(10) Education

- All day kindergarten
- Universal pre-school
- Support higher education
- Additional investment in technical schools
- Attract, maintain, & grow young professionals
- Keep & grow talented youth
- Boomerang Group – young people
- Parent education
- Job-training & GEDs
- Volunteers
- Cross-cultural education for teachers
- Drug & alcohol prevention
- Police in schools – cut down on gangs
- Law enforcement education for public on laws

(9) Economic Development

- Develop renewable energy industries
- WSU football
- Downtown arena
- Music scenes
- City contracts: evenly distributed
- Older neighborhoods revitalization
- Downtown development, revitalization
- Attract major airlines
- Tourism opportunities
- Magnet for international tourism
- Tax-free day for school purchases
- Analyze regional & national competitors: 500 mile radius
- Agriculture: strengthen
- Job development: high tech & pay
- US 54, 400: 4 lanes
- Casinos in Old Town

(8) Quality of Life

- Recreational trails
- Trolley car/railroad lines
- City beautification programs
- Overall community support of arts – taxes dedicated to arts

- Improve Wichitan's self-esteem
- Preserve historic buildings
- Improve media
- Support neighborhood association
- Better youth job opportunities
- Senior centers
- Parks & open space
- Access to health care
- Justice & equal opportunity for all

(6) Public health & human services

- Drug & alcohol – treatment programs – prevention programs
- Dental care, fluoridation
- Animal control
- Promote organ donation
- Access to health care
- Better youth mentors
- Children's health
- Smoke free ordinances
- Senior centers/services
- Corrections reintegration
- Support systems for family & kids
- Area public safety

(3.5) Government

- Restore funding to city departments
- Quality government customer service
- Consolidate local government
- Infrastructure – light rail/mass transit
- Parks & open space
- Urban sprawl
- Smart city planning
- Change from city manager to mayor/council form of government
- Cell tower control
- More people in comprehensive planning process
- Implement previous studies
- Support neighborhood associations
- More sidewalks
- Trash/landfill
- Preserve historic buildings
- Flood control – Ark River navigation
- Affordable housing

- Improve water quality & natural resources
- Recycling/curbside service

(3.5) Infrastructure

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BREAK OUT GROUP REPORT
GROUP # 13
Facilitator: Jennifer Barclay
Elected to the Vision Task Force: John Rolf

(10) Employment

- Jobs paying livable wage
- Attract new businesses
- Job retention
- Industry diversity

(2) Quality of Life

- Health
- Cultural activities
- Commitment to become an anti-racist community

(9) Education

- K-12
- Higher education
- Computer literacy
- More interaction and positive opportunities for youth

(8) Urban/Regional Development

- Revitalize black/minority communities
- Control of urban sprawl
- Infrastructure
- Core area development
- Regional development
- Green space/parks

(7) Environment/Infrastructure

- Water and air
- Waste management
- Energy policy

(6) Government

- Communication between people & government
- Inter-governmental cooperation
- Citizen-friendly governmental processes
- City accountability and promotion
- More citizen inclusion in government

(5) Healthcare

- Eldercare
- Human services
- Healthcare access and affordability

(4) Economic Development

- Tourism

(3) Poverty

- Get rid of poverty