

*VISIONEERING WICHITA*  
BREAK OUT GROUP REPORT  
GROUP # 23  
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(9.5) Education

- Improve computer literacy for high school graduates
- Job opportunity for training older adults
- Education for entrepreneurial
- Financial education for youth
- Family education – counseling
- Improve quality of graduates
- Funding for public education
- Opportunities for adult education
- Review public school policies
- Local business in public schools

(9.5) Economic Development

- Public transportation
- Improve digital infrastructure
- Retain McConnell AFB
- Retain Boeing
- Attract new jobs
- Improve per capita income
- Build downtown arena
- Meet needs of farmers
- Expand air service at Mid Continent
- More even tax structure
- Urban renewal
- Identifiable historic district
- Consider downtown casino
- Revitalize downtown

(8) Human Services

- Family education counseling
- Expand health department – services to smaller communities
- Trash disposal
- Recycling
- Pride of ownership in communities
- Entertainment opportunities
- Quality of community leaders
- Lower crime
- Deter gang violence
- Protect water resources
- Have nice place to raise children
- Complete road & highway improvements
- Improve ecology

- Clean Arkansas River
- Improve quality of life

(7) Marketing

- Attract young people
- Tourism
- Attract new jobs
- Attract investment capital
- Improve signage for tourists
- Community marketing
- Better funding for business development
- Promote WSU athletics
- Better marketing of bed & breakfasts
- Better/more restaurants
- Entertainment
- Build infrastructure

(6) Diversity

- Cultural diversity
- Race relations
- Promote church & related activities
- Improve tolerance of opposing points of view
- Accessible community involvement

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GROUP # 24  
Facilitator: Janet Wilson  
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(10) Quality of Life

- Football @ WSU
- Churches promote Marriage Savers
- Inner city revitalization/residential
- Less dependence on aircraft industry
- Drainage projects
- Infrastructure improvements
- Regional living wage
- Embrace cultural diversity
- Internet connections for everybody
- Recycling
- Good entertainment directed toward all people
- Improve workforce development
- Improve traffic flow through downtown
- Better publicity for cultural programs
- No smoking in the workplace
- Improve access to healthcare for uninsured/underinsured
- More job opportunities for youth
- Downtown arena – 20K +
- Business opportunity diversification

(9) Government

- Better planning for drainage projects
- City to work w/ neighborhoods regarding district planning
- City mor3 responsive to neighborhoods & citizens rather than developers; BIZ.com, MAPC, WABA, WIBA
- City commissioners elected rather than appointed
- Mayoral form of city government with partisan elections
- Eliminate city manager form of government
- Improved co-op & consolidation between city, county, school district
- Politicians to fund programs
- Greater access to council meetings (evening, night)
- Application process for boards & commissions

- Regional cable compliance commissions
- Fund drainage projects
- Alternative punishment for drug offenders

(8) Green Space

- Higher priority for parks, open space & pathways
- Dam the Arkansas river for recreational purposes
- Create a regional park, open space entity
- Greater emphasis on outdoor recreational facilities (publicly owned)
- Control urban sprawl, save farm land

(7) Education

- Football @ WSU
- Better co-op between city, county, school district
- Extensive revision of school busing system
- More job opportunities for young people
- Improve workforce development

(6) Marketing

- Better/more positive self image
- Better marketing of Wichita in other markets
- Better image marketing/better public image

(5) Healthcare

- Long term treatment fro drug offenders
- Improved access fro un/under insured

(4) Public Transportation

- Amtrak service
- Public transportation improvement

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(10) Education

- Elementary education
- Education to keep workers in Wichita
- Education for pre-schools
- Education for technical education
- Use education to get job
- Improve all levels of educators
- Expose kids to better life options
- Study having neighborhood schools
- Promote excellent higher education opportunities
- Crime prevention by reaching juveniles
- More emphasis on research & development

(9) Land Use

- Landfill solution
- Development of inner city
- Urban sprawl
- Develop older neighborhoods
- Revitalize downtown
- Infrastructure improvements (21<sup>st</sup> & overpasses)
- Use of land south of Lincoln & west of river
- Refurbish industrial core
- Create desirable housing in inner city
- Flood control
- More improvement for recreations for youth
- Look for unique attractions
- Affordable hotels & more of them
- Changes in housing

(8) Image

- Make a name for ourselves
- Wichita self-image improvement
- Make city attractive for youth
- Clean-up neighborhoods
- Beautify river in south Wichita
- Re-establish football at WSU
- Bass Pro
- Casinos
- Sell the attractions in Wichita
- Environmental issues

- More ways to sell convention business
- Affordable hotel rooms
- Promote Wichita's quality of life
- Attract retirees to Wichita
- Confusion about growing Wichita or maintaining status quo
- Concentrate on image – de-emphasize tourism

(7) Quality of Employment

- Increase governmental employment
- Greater diversity in employment
- Diversification of business & industry
- Job market
- Attract high tech jobs
- Retaining & growing business
- Diversify job opportunities
- Higher paying jobs
- Exposure of career options for kids
- Technical education
- Need more technical job support for all industry
- Seniors working

(6) Government Leadership

- Strong leadership
- Combine city/county government
- More emphasis & participation from young people
- Minority involvement
- Reduce residential/commercial utility cost
- Specialized hospitals “boutique” taking profitable business from hospitals

(5) Transportation

- Mass transit improvements & expand
- Become airlines hub
- Access to airlines
- Infrastructure improvement
- Assist to the needy

(4) Environment

- Recycling
- Environmental issues

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(10) Economic Development

- Economic development manufacturing jobs
- Support technical college
- Encourage development small business
- Encourage downtown development
- Inner city restoration
- Build wind turbines
- Redevelop downtown river bank
- Keep & attract corporate headquarters
- Avoid urban sprawl
- Get business more involved in training study to retain our kids
- Tear down vacant buildings
- Free downtown parking
- Stop our college kids from leaving
- Regional brand
- Make friendly to business

(9) Education

- Improve schools
- Support technical college
- Better pay for teachers
- More parent involvement
- Increase capacity of technical college
- Don't pass illiterate students
- Technical education tuition rates
- Greater university involvement
- Public work programs to teach unemployed
- Arena revenue to support schools

(7.5) Government & Infrastructure

- Mass transit
- Combined city/county government
- Unemployment services
- Avoid urban sprawl
- Reverse poll tax
- State highway improvement
- More voter participation
- Cree/flood control improvement
- Better public leadership in Topeka
- Revise city government for more public input
- Bring issues to public vote

- Amtrak into Wichita
- Stronger controls on illegal aliens
- City council use public input
- Encourage voter participation
- Make public input more convenient
- Provide continued feedback to public officials
- City council meet in evening
- Less government regulation on refineries
- Implementation of studies/plan
- Positive media better PR
- Reinstate elected CPO

(7.5) Quality of Life

- Recycling programs
- Parks, walkways, bike trails
- Higher standards & morals
- Park maintenance
- Support arts/entertainment & culture
- Parks & walkways
- Affordable daycare
- Affordable housing for working poor
- Youth activities
- Entertainment & theme parks
- Housing for homeless
- Lower tax on food
- Re-entry program for offenders
- Increase smoke-free public places
- Provide smoking areas
- Designated fireworks areas
- Recreational race tract/park free
- Embrace diversity
- Neighborhood development
- Stop our college kids from leaving
- Increase community volunteerism
- Preserve/increase green space

(6) Healthcare

- Affordable healthcare
- More inexpensive (free clinics) health care around the city
- (Free) testing & discount drugs
- drug & alcohol treatment

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(10) Education

- #1 priority
- Teachers pays as professionals
- Job training
- Abstinence education
- 24 hour community centers: cradle to grave, campus pre-K to 12, work release & homeless shelter

(9) Quality of Life

- Change attitude about Wichita vs. KC
- Eliminate gangs –safety
- Lower divorce rate
- Good place to raise kids & grow old
- Connect our linear parks
- Discourage negative imagery

(8) Economic Development

- Utilize prisoners
- Encourage development of inner city
- Develop ancillary industries – shared workforce
- Freeze local sales tax & use payroll tax for economic development
- Wider variety of challenging jobs
- Diversity industry
- Relax zoning & environmental regulations to help grow small business
- Increase job growth
- Hire the handicap
- Promote aircraft repair business for laid off workers
- Better utilize McConnell retirees

(7) Infrastructure

- Better public transportation system – mechanism so people will use it
- More good sidewalks
- Rebuild sidewalks as often as streets

(6) Government

- Consolidate city 7 county government
- Review old laws before passing a new one
- Help local officials & voters see big picture – benefits, instead of just short term costs.
- Judges picked like juries from pool of all lawyers

(5) Image

- Promote Wichita as Air Capital
- A Wichita landmark – i.e. Riverway

- community outreach to support teenage and single parents

(5) Downtown

- Let citizens decide downtown arena
- Free downtown parking
- Expand public library
- Build casino
- Oppose casino
- Forget downtown arena
- Support Cowtown/Exploration Place
- Redevelop riverbank
- Inner city restoration

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(10) Quality of Life

- First class cutting edge library
- Affordable activities for families
- Attitude change
- More support for existing neighborhoods
- Provide more public park land
- More forward with Water Walk
- Reduce health care costs
- Emphasize creative ways to improve healthcare
- Control suburban sprawl
- Improve community arts education
- Expanded volunteer center
- Venue for longtime residents to meeting with short time residents
- Increase residents' sense of belonging and ownership
- Re-engage seniors
- Promote stable families
- Incentives for single income families

(9) Economic Development

- Intermodal industrial park
- Return to days of 110% income level (median average)
- Attract west bound discount air carrier
- Promote auto manufacturing
- Create one or more new economic clusters in Wichita
- Promote clean environment industries
- Promote industries with alternative energy sources
- Build world class aircraft maintenance facility
- Coordinate finance industry to attract economic development
- Stop departure of businesses out of community
- Improve tourism (Chisholm Trail, western themes)
- More forward with Water Walk
- Limited government – free market environment

- Focus on more conventions

(8) Education (K-Adult)

- Continue to improve education
- Collaboration between community colleges – centers for excellence
- Incentives to retain high school and college grads
- Upgrade tech colleges (electronic, graphic, etc.)
- Expand support for early education opportunities
- Improved arts education
- More efficient school system
- Expand emphasis on social studies
- Reward students for high achievement
- Endowment for college student scholarship tied to residency

(7) Cultural

- Expand volunteer center
- Improve community arts education
- Multicultural entertainment district
- Focus on racial reconciliation
- Promote and grow support for our community

(6) Environment

- Clean river (fish from river)
- Free recycling
- Trash incinerator (convert to energy)

(5) Workforce Development

- Incentives to retain high school and college graduates
- World class training facility to encourage job growth
- Job creation and recognizing life experience

(4) Transportation

- Adequate public transportation system
- Improve transportation access to Wichita