

Human Services & Community Building Sub-Committee

Notes from Public Kick-Off Meeting

January 26, 2016

Overview

The chair is Kandice Whitehouse. The Staff lead is Megan Chan and the additional staff is Matt Summers. It meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 5-7PM at the Planning Commission office at 230 East Main Street. The general topics are as follows:

- Livability/Quality of Life issues
- Access to services
- Education/Awareness initiatives & programming
- Education about homelessness and low-income individual/family concerns
- Local official and public knowledge of the existing problem
- Awareness of existing/available services
- Reinvigorate Community Connection and/or similar pairings that promote available resources
- Affordable housing
- Eliminate sub-standard housing
- Regular inspection of rental housing
- Incentives for affordable housing
- Help Center for migrant workers or low-income individuals
- Workforce training
- Developing and fostering partnerships
- Education
- School, homes, libraries
- Partnerships with businesses
- Tech and global perspectives
- Community gathering places
- Regional tourism and recreation, as related to impact on local brand/vision/quality of life
- Public transportation
- Expansion of library services/locations

Long-Term Vision Activity

“Imagine Scott County in 2040. What does it look like?”

Visioning ideas were categorized and written on paper on the walls for everyone to see. The goal was to encourage attendees to share their long-term vision for Scott County, including:

1. Wants, needs, etc.
2. What’s missing in our community that you’d like to have?
3. Categorize comments as physical/environmental, social, or economic

The comments below were submitted under the categories of Physical, Social, and Economic. They were then assigned to subcommittees based on their best fit. Some comments are listed under multiple subcommittees due to their complex nature.

Physical

- Access to public transit (local & regional)

Social

- Theatre
- Anyone who can't drive should have access to enrichment activities
- Instill virtue and values in our people and promote Godly people
- Raise awareness of poverty with solutions
- Strategic planning recognizes it exists and works to fix it New resident transitional program to inform about all aspects of community (school, work, social, clubs, etc.)
- An increase of free/ low cost activities for children & teenagers
- With every initiative, consider how to make its benefits accessible to lower-income members of the community
- Pass a Fairness Ordinance for Georgetown and or all of Scott County
- Ban indoor smoking
- More activities for kids/family
- Positive activities for teens: bowling, put-put, skating, karate etc.
- Concert hall (attract big name artists)
- Legal aid
- Tenant services
- Support for the arts and cultural events

Economic

- Discount, affordable low-income housing
- As a growing community and to better serve the citizens of Scott County->Leader in Healthcare

Growth Management Activity

"We've had a rapid annual growth rate and are expected to reach a county-wide population of 100,000 people by 2040 (twice our current pop). What do we need to be doing to prepare for that kind of growth?" Participants were asked to write responses on post-it notes to place on the wall. After the meeting, the comments were assigned to subcommittees based on their best fit. Some comments are listed under multiple subcommittees due to their complex nature.

- More library locations
- Great schools
- Support & strengthen health & human services infrastructure
- Provide broader services for homeless in Georgetown
- Expand public health education services and physical education resources
- Make sure when we become a big city that we do not have the bad habits we see in those cities by making good values central to growth
- Good quality affordable housing

- Expanded educational opportunities
- Public transportation

Draft Vision Statement – Human Services & Community Building

In 2040, Scott County is recognized for its high quality of life and accessible public services. Our community offers arts, cultural, educational, health and wellness, recreational and parks programs, and financial resources at a variety of diverse community locations, accessible to all and designed as warm and inviting places for diverse audiences. Community members have many opportunities and location to gather as a community, to play and learn together, and support each other in times of need.

Through its numerous “Quality of Life Partnerships”, the community nurtures strong, diverse and interactive neighborhoods where people feel safe and socially connected with opportunities for cross-neighborhood interaction. Affordable housing is available, accessible, and kept in good condition, and homeless individuals have access to housing, food, and workforce training.

Scott County, Georgetown, Stamping Ground, and Sadieville each have responsive and dependable Health and Human Services delivery systems that exceed national standards for a community of its size. Scott County proactively assesses, measures, evaluates, addresses, and acts upon identified health and human services needs through an on-going collaboration among community partners.

This “Coalition” of community partners has established a track record of working to insure the best use of available resources and working toward the elimination of unmet needs, as they arise in the community.

Funding for partnerships and the variety of opportunities come from a variety of sources, i.e., city, county, college, private business and industry, and participants in the many activities.

Draft Work Plan

Feb 2016

1. Introduction and history
2. Overall and committee level vision statements
3. Work plan
4. Distribute and review exiting documents
5. Distribute proposed guiding principles

March 2016

6. Scenario planning joint exercise (separate meeting)
7. Review existing guiding principles and goals
8. Propose new guiding principles and goals

April 2016

9. Revise guiding principles and goals
10. Chair and staff follow-up: prepare draft for review by steering committee – due by 5/10/16 for the 5/17 steering committee meeting

May 2016

11. Public Meeting
12. Start digging deeper

June 2016

13. Shift focus to implementation, measures, follow-up, etc.

July 2016

14. Shift focus to implementation, measures, follow-up, etc.

August 2016

15. Shift focus to implementation, measures, follow-up, etc.
16. Staff begins compiling draft Comp Plan

September 2016

17. Review and revise draft Comp Plan Element

October 2016

18. Receive public feedback on the draft
19. Review and revise draft Comp Plan Element

November 2016 (NO COMMITTEE MEETING)

20. Final review and endorsement by the Steering Committee and Planning Commission

December 2016 (NO COMMITTEE MEETING)

21. Bring to legislative bodies for adoption