

PLANKCK Comprehensive Plan



Outreach Summarized

Saturday, April 29, 2023 - Neighborhood Roundtable

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 - New Roots for Refugees Food Systems Discussion

Previous engagement opportunities have shown challenges to overcome regarding inclusion.

Demographics to Recognize:

- Visually impaired
- Disabled
- Northeast area
- Working class
- Previously incarcerated
- Veterans
- Young adults

Obstacles to Overcome:

- Meetings conflicts with personal and professional schedules
- Unreliable public transit/inaccessible location
- Technology barrier/digital divide
- Trust issues with the UG
- Community members are unaware of meetings or forget
- Childcare
- Language barriers

Solutions for Future Engagement:

Communication through forms of media (radio, tv, newspaper, etc.)

- Advertise on UG mailings or BPU bills
- Mass texting
- Provide surveys
- Communicate successes/progress

Form stronger relations with engagement partners

- Farmers Market, festivals, booths
- Neighborhood group meetings

- School/youth programs
- Resource fairs (Dept. Youth & Family Services)
- Juneteenth
- LGBTQ+
- KCKCC/Donnelly
- Large employers
- Wards/precincts/veterans

Provide childcare & transportation opportunities

Shared Values Throughout Engagement Events:

Major Themes

- Public services
- Youth engagement and activity
- Educational opportunities
- Successful results
- Strengthen community culture
- Open Spaces
- Sustainability-Think Green
- Minimize violence
- Improve existing infrastructure
- Equity | Finance
- Reduce utility prices + taxes
- Enhance neighborhood experiences
- Mitigate language barriers
- Affordable living

Moving Forward:

Define & Elevate Equity and Environmental Justice

- Incorporate new environmental and demographic data to resilienc plans and policies
- Identify underused spaces that provide opportunity
- Develop a holistic approach to community planning

Provide sustainable solutions that support the local narrative of KCK while supporting regional relationships strong, regional relationships

- Affordable, accessible housing for all
- Infrastructure for all
- Promote human activity and mobility across multiple scales
- *“repair rather than replace”*

Inclusive opportunity

- Grow from our past mistakes

- Be action-oriented and solution driven
- Grow our economy through investment in education

Community Feedback:

Vision for Thriving Communities

- Futures for youth - invest in education and youth activities
- Clean environments (streets, highways, local roads)
- Access to affordable care
- Resiliency integrity
- Improve relationship with local police
- Recognize and respect diversity
- Enhance existing urban identity
- Mobility access across scales-walking, biking, vehicular
- “15 minute city”
- Provide reliable services
- Preserve the unique local heritage
- Optimize open spaces
- Transparency of landbank
- Maintain and improve infrastructure
- Access to community assets and assistance (community center)
- Honor every individual - “love thy neighbor”
- Improve walkability score
- Provide diverse experiences
- Preserve historic neighborhoods
- Economic and environmental equity
- Affordable living (utilities, housing, taxes)
- Mixed-use development
- Traffic calming solutions
- River connection
- Access to commercial centers
- Improve and provide diverse recreational opportunities
- Engage with local artists to create murals (aesthetic improvements)
- Green infrastructure investments
- Improve access to food

Questions for the Community

What challenges do you face?

- Not enough places in KCK to distribute food
- Price of utilities
- Money assistance for off season (farming)

- Lack of communication regarding codes and ordinances for farming
- Lack of efficient public transit and access
- Lack of resources to translate languages

What do you need to be more successful?

- More training for agriculture business (children & adults)
- Assist individuals to achieve educational standards
- Increase housing and land opportunities
- Protect the Juniper Gardens
- Reduce sales tax
- Common market place for local produce
- Better affordable, low-rate business loans

What would you like to see change about farming and access to food?

- Improve infrastructure (streets)
- Improve access to transit
- Equitable treatment

How can the UG improve the quality of community?

- Overcome language barriers (increase educational
- Equitable access to opportunity
- Implement better paying jobs
- Increase access to employment opportunities within the UG
- Partner with other programs and organizations
- Multi-language communities - citizenship resources, provide medicare information, increase the usage of translation software

Community Comment Cards:

“Use all communication possibilities including snail mail (elderly), radio & TV on local channels to engage community in planning & visioning.”

“Excited about the direction we are going in.”

“I really enjoyed the different presentations from What is a Comp Plan, to resiliency, to values, to Groundwork, to NE Heritage trail, to each activity & side discussion. Thank you for taking the time & energy to do this roundtable discussion. I’m wondering how the shared values could be connected more throughout...but, THANK YOU!”

“Thank you for the informational networking. It’s great to hear about what’s happening and including the community. Glad to know there are more of those being planned for the community. Appreciate your dedication to our community.”

“I really loved the diversity of those who participated today - that’s who we are as WyCo. I appreciated the brevity of the presentations and the constant inclusion of community participants.”



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