

## Canton-

Community Discussion Questions- copied from notes turned in at the summit (7/27/23)

### ***What do you see as things to celebrate?***

The Canton Library is doing well, 2030 Revitalization effort, USD419 is amazing. The meat locker provides good business and morale along with Mama C's

### ***Do you notice any names missing on the leadership list?***

Wendy Brotton, Rhonda Hamby, Joe Allen, Carla Hamm

### ***What do you notice about the priorities identified? How do those align with the priority metrics?***

The New businesses align, as well as the improving public infrastructure, renovating properties, and number of people engaged in improvement.

### ***What disconnects do you see?***

The Population vs. registered voters [separate survey], the city council

### ***What do you see as the most critical 2-3 issues to address?***

1. Water Quality and Street Repair
2. Annex
3. Business

### ***What is currently happening related to solving these issues?***

Revitalization through K-State Research & Extension

## Inman-

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### ***What do you see as things to celebrate?***

Citizen support, clean town, City Utilities all work, fully staffed police and city staff, great parks, Celebrating the highway is right by us, museum possible expansion, afterschool program

### ***Do you notice any names missing on the leadership list?***

Shivawn Schierling, Ralph Vogal

### ***What do you notice about the priorities identified? How do those align with the priority metrics?***

Fairly Closely

### ***What disconnects do you see?***

City Council need to be more proactive, City Council needs to dream bigger

### ***What do you see as the most critical 2-3 issues to address?***

1. Housing
2. Child Care
3. Retail & Service along K61

### ***What is currently happening related to solving these issues?***

Museum Development, New Senior Center, Afterschool development, Discussions on housing

# Lindsborg

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## ***What do you see as things to celebrate?***

Old Mill, Hyllingsfest/Midsummer, Stockholm Housing Development, LCDC, Recognizing people in need, Dala Pantry, Laundry, Capital Improvements @Bethany College, Upward trend in annual sales tax

## ***Do you notice any names missing on the leadership list?***

Holly Lofton, Pam Ash, Eric Lundstrom, Mandy Todd and Russell Ware, Debbie Jacobson- sister Bojangles

## ***What do you notice about the priorities identified? How do those align with the priority metrics?***

Encouraging economy but also taking care of the people, supporting the idea of small business. Economy is the majority of our priority metrics and it is one of the priorities identified

## ***What disconnects do you see?***

Population is up but school enrollment is down

Conference center is on the list for needs?

Our community wants to remove/renovate run down properties; yet the visitors & tourists of our community always comment on the beauty & well maintained properties.

## ***What do you see as the most critical 2-3 issues to address?***

1. What kinds of industry can we attract?
2. Churches
3. Stronger building/business base
4. School Populations/Enrollment (College/Public)

***What is currently happening related to solving these issues?***

Strategic Alliance, New Community Development director, Bethany College Moving forward, Baseball field of Dreams, This is one of the weaknesses at the moment, Golf Course expansion possibility-raised with donations.

# McPherson

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## ***What do you see as things to celebrate?***

Youth is engaged in the community, beginning to support itself, industries in the community, people want to live here, leadership is working towards more housing, Low unemployment, location, healthy vibrant community, infrastructure coming up to date, a “giving” community, McPherson College Donation, This collaboration process and visioning, Vibrant downtown, tiny home success, Recycling Center, participation and responses to survey, McPherson Hospital has more physicians and more services, safe community, Strong interest/support for mental health, All School’s day celebration, 2 Colleges, interstate access is good, Community involvement

## ***Do you notice any names missing on the leadership list?***

Andi Amann, Jackie Gilby, Danielle Black, Lou Newberry, Sally Scott, Debbie Gray, Brett Reer, Kasi Morales, Braylan Hess, Michael Schneider, Inge Esping,

## ***What do you notice about the priorities identified? How do those align with the priority metrics?***

Metrics are economy based priorities are health, we feel these should be more aligned. Surprised by the number of people facing food insecurity, poverty is growing but jobs are plenty, Priorities are much more economic, Programs centered around affordability and quality (There is an interconnection between both)

Metrics don’t seem to match priorities, economic metrics should be able to fund priority programs

***What disconnects do you see?***

Lack of youth engagement, Demographics of who took the survey, Gap widening with poverty, there is a large disconnect between community and industry, Wages should be a priority, Supports for low income were not on the priorities but fridges and pantries are empty, Division Economically and Socially

***What do you see as the most critical 2-3 issues to address?***

Affordable qualified childcare (x9)

Prek Education

Bridging income inequality

Expanding social services

Housing (x7)

Workforce (X2)

Schools (x3)

Public Safety

Quality of life

Updating facilities

Wages

Food insecurity

There is a tremendous division in the McPherson Community. We need to address this in order to increase community confidence and be able to address needs.

***What is currently happening related to solving these issues?***

Today-bringing us all to the table. We have better knowledge and relationships with our nonprofits and community leaders, new housing is being built, School Bond issue, Building second station, Health Care, update parks and walking trails,

We have a childcare task force, but need to make changes at the state level, pursuing grants for child care, low-income senior housing units, Need to pursue consistent funding

Free lunch program in the summer for kids, food pantries and blessing boxes, Tiny Homes, Oak Harbor Villages, McPherson Housing Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, More state programs that assist with child care, senior center bus runs inexpensively, Who Knows? Same issues we have had for years.

# Moundridge

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## ***What do you see as things to celebrate?***

The Hub, STEP MC, Farmers Market, Opera House, not a lot of vacant buildings on Christian St, Schools, Collaborative Discussions (ECC) Medical, Library, good industry base, housing development northside of town, positive attitudes

## ***Do you notice any names missing on the leadership list?***

Aaron Herbal, Dennis from the grocery store, Ken Stucky, Vaughn Unruh

## ***What do you notice about the priorities identified? How do those align with the priority metrics?***

Makes Sense

## ***What disconnects do you see?***

Poverty Conversation is growing but needs to get better, build affordable housing

## ***What do you see as the most critical 2-3 issues to address?***

1. Affordable housing
2. Trails, sidewalks and safe ways for kids to get around town
3. Infrastructure
4. Forward thinking and innovative approach when creating new housing and facilities

## ***What is currently happening related to solving these issues?***

Growth on the northside of town, discussions on Child Care, partnerships to improve existing spaces