

**Imagining Superior's Future
Town Hall Meeting, September 23, 2014
Setting Priorities for Community Improvement**

Sharon Hueftle of the South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) facilitated a Town Hall meeting in Superior, Tuesday, September 23, 2014, with the assistance of Bobbi Pettit of SCEDD. This meeting was sponsored by the City of Superior. Approximately 46 people participated in the meeting.

The Town Hall meeting opened with a presentation by Hueftle on the results from the Community Needs Assessment Survey conducted in May 2014. After reviewing the results and community strengths evidenced from the results, Hueftle asked participants to brainstorm community priorities that residents could support and act upon. The brainstorming process leads participants through developing priorities, implementing plans, building consensus and collaboration and increasing visibility of community projects.

Committees were established to create task forces for each priority. Following are the priorities established by the group, and the task force information.

Sidewalks & Streets

Members: Steve Fox, Vivian Coles, Carole Thompson

Focus: Repair Sidewalks; Save our Streets

Strategy:

1-3 Years

- Make trucks use truck route when traveling thru town, thus saving streets from truck use
 - Long term – consider truck route on west side of town like the east side.
- Find out cost per running foot for concrete sidewalks
- See if a service organization is willing to assist in repairing sidewalks
- See if a contractor would be willing to work with the city
 - See about spreading sidewalk cost on city utility bill
- Put a notice in the paper:
 - sidewalks belong to property owners
 - owner is liable

Housing:

Members: Chris Peterson, Karen Fox, Dave Frey, Margaret Brittenham, Terry and Carrie Lemke

Focus: Improve choice and quality of housing in Superior

Strategy:

1-3 Years

- Stay involved in the housing study
 - City will have a plan for addressing housing issues
- Demolish inadequate houses which will create potential building sites and property tax revenue
- Follow up on actions on the housing study
- Consider rebirth of housing authority

5-10 Years

- Adequate housing for those who need it

Tourism Opportunities

Members: Charlie Stiles, Eleanor Stiles, Rex Kirchhoff, Elmer Rempe, Larry Brittenham

Focus: Put Superior on the map for shopping, museum, winery, golf outing, and Lovewell Lake. Promote a restaurant to enhance all of the above.

Strategy:

1-3 Years

- Identify the possibility of a restaurant
 - What is the status of the closed restaurant?
- Transition Memorial Weekend back to “Vesty Weekend”
 - Reinstate the Victorian Tea
 - Encourage Vesty Dress for the weekend

3-5 Years

- Strengthen the connection between Superior and Lovewell Lake
 - Firecracker Run on the 4th of July

Child Care

Members: Stephanie Fierstein, Leo Zadina, John Keelan, Pat McCord, Bev Czirr, Vicki Perry, Sandy Foote, Scott Boyles, Larry Yost

Focus: Provide Center Facility

Strategy:

1-3 Years: Develop Plan for Child Care Center (currently all in-home)

- Publicize/set information meeting
- Administrator Needed
- Volunteers
 - Grandparents
 - Retired persons
- Include Preschool
- State Guidelines (space guidelines/requirements)
- Facility (Luke Meyers home)
- Employees
- Economic Development Assistance
- Budget
- Private or Non-profit
- Involve:
 - Mother’s Club
 - School Systems (Pals, Public, Head Start)
 - Current Daycare Providers

Business Transition

Members:

Who else should be involved: Carmen Bruning, Christiancy’s, Struder’s, Bill Blauvelt

Focus: Keep Businesses Going

Strategy:

1-3 Years

- Identify loss of which business would hurt the most
 - Carmen’s Clothing
 - Pharmacy
 - Grocery Store
- Stay in touch, stay informed
- Campaign to keep people shopping local