

Planning Speaking Series: Comprehensive Planning  
Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
7 PM- Fairview Golf Course

**Key Issues**

- Keeping/ using millennials
- Cleaning up main corridors into the City
- Creating more walkable / mixed use neighborhoods
  - Improve streets and infrastructure
  - How to reinvest in older neighborhoods
  - Relocation of the Mustangs' stadium
- More trails, sidewalks, paths for bikes, and dog parks
  - Community involvement
  - Green technology
  - Land Bank
- Lack of skilled workforce
  - Substance abuse
  - Lack of civic pride
  - Crime and poverty
- Lack of professional employment opportunities
  - Mental health issues
- Public education system needs to be rebuilt
- Buchanan County and the City don't work together
  - Lack of support for historical preservation
- Not enough done to attract new/ unique businesses
- Lack of internal communication and cooperation in the City government  
(Over-enforcement, lack of enforcement/ support and inconsistencies)
  - City needs better engagement with citizens
  - City needs to be more progressive
  - More city programs to promote dialog
  - Lack of leadership
  - Limit physical growth
    - Food deserts
    - Nightlife
  - Abandoned, neglected buildings and homes
  - Lack of trust in reason for codes and plans
  - Infill development v. annexation walkability
    - Need new airport
    - Improvement in roads
    - Need for new animal shelter
  - Need curbside recycling- more education about it
- Need a city council that is supportive and engaged that are willing to take risks
  - Environment and sustainability not a priority at city level
  - Slum lords do not maintain properties but charge high rates
- Need a quality and affordable community college that teaches basic skills
  - Need CDFI that everyone can join
  - Need riverfront development
- Professionals live out of the City of Saint Joseph, MO

- No comprehensive strategic plan
- Dilution of commercial areas, takes away from downtown development
- Improve ethnic diversity

**Key Strengths**

- History
- Parkway
- Riverfront
- Proximity to KC
- MWSU and Hilliard
- Community spaces and walkability
- Farmers markets
- Downtown
- Architecture
- Parks
- Enthusiastic young people
- Large manufacturing community
- Central convenient location with low cost of living
- Lots of green space
- Public transportation
- Festivals
- Strong, passionate group committed to historical preservation/ development
- Great desire for improvement
- Established base on which to develop
- Active Chief of Police, especially in Mid-Town area
- Lots of resources such as Interserv, Community Missions, SWB and AFC-CIO
- Museums and Remington
- Relatively low crime
- Zoning is good
- Chamber is strong
- Longevity of residents