



Visioning Workshop Summary

Colorado Mesa University

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 – Colorado Mesa University, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction

The City of Grand Junction hosted a Visioning Workshop on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at Colorado Mesa University as part of the ongoing outreach process for the *One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan*. This workshop was led by City staff and was attended by 16 university students. Input received at this workshop and through additional outreach avenues will assist the *One Grand Junction* planning team in identifying goals and objectives essential to achieving the Plan's vision.

WORKSHOP FORMAT

Participants were assigned to two groups who were charged to work as a team to prepare their vision for the community, including mapping desired improvements and development. Each group was provided a workbook packet that included guidelines for discussion along with a large map of the City and surrounding area. Suggested topics included the following:

- Residential Areas and Housing
- Commercial Areas and Uses
- Industrial Areas and Uses
- Transportation issues and improvements (including public transit and biking)
- Parks, Open Space and Recreation, and Natural Areas
- Community Facilities
- Image and Identity
- Other Ideas

The Visioning Maps accompany this summary in a separate document.

SUMMARY LIST OF IDEAS

The following is a list of ideas, suggestions, and concepts that were written in the workbooks and/or on maps organized by topic. The ideas below were stated by participants during the visioning workshop and do not represent recommendations of the *One Grand Junction* planning team.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND HOUSING

- Apartment complex by Colorado Mesa University
- Albertson's parking lot
- Add residential areas in Orchard Mesa
- Update old homes
- Add multi-unit homes by Canyon View
- Add student housing surrounding campus
 - Apartment complexes—at least 10 stories
- Add a restaurant on North Avenue by Big Lots
- Update old housing
- New residential on Dawn Drive
- The Arbors development—new residential
- Redevelop Rosevale and C ½ Road
- Redevelop and improve code enforcement near North 25 Street and Grand Avenue
- Redevelop Chipeta Avenue

COMMERCIAL AREAS

- Pool
- Resort
- Restaurants on river
- Expand/add to Main Street
- Office space Downtown
- Update the mall (2)
- Add major sporting goods store
- Shopping center in Redlands
 - High-end
- More retail, restaurants, and entertainment on Main Street
- Commercial on Highway 340 Redlands
- 24 Street to Grand Park Drive—more commercial development

INDUSTRIAL AREAS

- Add shipping companies, etc. north of Canyon View
- Amusement Park
- Add industrial south of Interstate 70
- By original train station
- Unawep Avenue and 26 ¼ Road—continue developing business incubator
- Bridge maintenance

TRANSPORTATION

- Update the airport
- Update Rimrock commercial area traffic flow
- Hyperloop—next 50 years—to Denver
- Update North Avenue, Orchard Avenue—widen
- Fix intersection by Rocket Park
- Add connections to Downtown
 - Bus/trolley system
- Fix the intersection by Chik-Fil-A
- North avenue expansion near Colorado Mesa University and heavy traffic areas
- Patterson Road needs more lights so residents can enter/exit safely
- Expanding 1st Street
- Frontage Road and 30 Road connecting to G Road

PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION, NATURAL AREAS

- Amusement Park
- Update Lincoln Park
- Update/clean Rocket Park
- Add community parks into new residential areas
- Add pool in Canyon View
- 25 ¾ Road—do something with reclamation land
- Canyon View—leave room for expansion
- Expand connect lakes area

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Pool in Canyon View
- Recreation Center (2)
- Fire station
- New schools
- Consolidate to one large homeless shelter

IMAGE AND IDENTITY

- Improve image and signage on Interstate 70 business loop and Patterson Road
- Clean North Avenue
- Add landscaping on North Avenue
- Add foliage
- Public art in Downtown area
- 1st Street, 12th Street, North Avenue, Grand Avenue = historic district
- Interstate 70 business loop—revamp streetscape
- Planters in medians
- Nice walls on sides of roads

OTHER IDEAS

- Better internet
- New cell towers
- Airport expansions so we can reduce prices