



Visioning Workshop Summary

Grand Junction Department Directors

Wednesday July 17, 2019 – Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 North 5th Street, Grand Junction

The City of Grand Junction hosted a Visioning Workshop with department directors on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, in the Council Chambers at City Hall as part of the ongoing planning process for the *One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan*. The visioning phase of the project aims to establish an implementable vision for the future of Grand Junction and identify the goals and objectives essential to making that vision a reality.

Attended by 11 department directors or members of City staff, the workshop was held to gather input from individuals working in various departments which can be utilized to form the basis for recommendations and policy within the Comprehensive Plan. This summary provides a review of the workshop and major takeaways from the input provided.

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.

MAJOR THEMES

Participants used the provided maps to draw focus areas and input that pertained to sites for new development as well as areas for improvement. Many of the suggestions pinpointed areas where new residential development should occur and identified transportation infrastructure to accommodate this growth. The groups identified key areas for new and improved parks and open space, and a community center. As the groups considered the image and identity of Grand Junction, they identified wayfinding, improved signage, and corridor enhancements as key improvements to consider.

SUMMARY LIST OF IDEAS

The following is a list of the ideas, suggestions, and concepts that the City's department directors either drew on the maps or noted in the workbook, organized by topic.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

- New residential development:
 - Canyon View area
 - River Corridor – east of Las Colonias
 - Between Highway 340 and Wingate Park
 - Water Tower on the Redlands
 - Appleton area
 - Eastern border of City
- Redevelopment
 - Highway 6 and Highway 50 corridor to Orchard Mesa
 - Downtown – Ute/Pitkin
 - Interstate-70B
 - Main Street to 29 Road
- Other residential/commercial mixed use areas identified on the map.

COMMERCIAL AREAS

- 24 Road from Highway 50 to Interstate-70
- 24 Road Interchange
- 29 Road Interchange
- Develop train depot area
- 24 ½ Road corridor
- Interstate-70 at east border

INDUSTRIAL AREAS

- 29 Road
- H Road near airport
- 23 Road
- River Road corridor
- Northeast of Interstate-70

TRANSPORTATION

- Centralized bus transportation
- Roundabout at 1st Street and Grand Avenue
- Light rail 32 Road to mall
- Market Street
- River Road and Riverside Parkway
- Patterson Road
- 29 Road

PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION, NATURAL AREAS

- Develop Matchett Park
- Neighborhood parks west of Canyon View

- Appleton area
- Pear Park north to Interstate-70
- Southwest of Shadow Lake Park

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Community Center
- Visitor Center
 - Monument
 - Union Station

IMAGE AND IDENTITY

- Improved wayfinding
- Improved entrance signage
- Art/cultural center at Whitman Park
- US Hwy 6 and Highway 50 corridor enhancements