



# Horizon Jenks

## Comprehensive Plan

### **Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Summary**

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

On June 26, 2019, the City of Jenks hosted a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) workshop at The Hive, a local arts facility and event space, and home to the Jenks Chamber of Commerce. The workshop, which was attended by CAC members, was a part of the plan's kickoff outreach process for the creation of the new *Horizon Jenks Comprehensive Plan*. Attended by 16 individuals, this meeting was an opportunity for CAC members to offer their input and feedback regarding the City and the plan. The workshop discussed issues, opportunities, and key strengths and assets of the City. Input from this workshop will be directly reflected in the vision, goals, recommendations, and policies of the final Jenks Comprehensive Plan.

The top issue identified at the workshop was the lack of pedestrian and bike connectivity. Participants discussed the need for sidewalk and trail infrastructure, walkability to Tulsa Hills, and pedestrian mobility Downtown. Another top issue discussed was the need for a Downtown revitalization. Participants would like to see infrastructure improvements, development of vacant lots, façade upgrades, and new commercial development including, retail, clothing, and restaurant opportunities.

When asked to identify the strengths of Jenks, participants noted the City's schools, the small town feel, and the Riverwalk and riverfront development as assets to preserve. Other strengths included regional access via Highway 75 and the Creek Turnpike, the Downtown, and the Oklahoma Aquarium.

#### *Note on Summary Context*

*The following is a summary of the thoughts, comments, and opinions received in the workshop. Some comments were shared with the entire group, while others were recorded privately on worksheets. The items identified in this summary are not recommendations or observations of the consultant, but rather represent feedback and comments received from those who participated in the workshop.*

## Issues & Concerns

Participants were asked to individually identify the issues and concerns confronting the Jenks community. Next, participants worked to create a single, cumulative list as a large group where each participant shared important issues from their individual list. Participants were then asked to rank the three most important issues discussed from the cumulative list. Below are the highest-ranked issues as determined by this method, as well as all other issues identified throughout the workshop. The number of instances the issue was listed is included in parentheses.

## Highest Group-Ranked Issues

- Pedestrian and bike infrastructure (10)
  - Downtown
  - Tulsa Hills connection
  - Sidewalk
  - Trails
- Downtown revitalization (8)
  - Facades
  - Vacant lots
- Road infrastructure (7)
  - Widening of Elm Street
  - Intersection of Elwood Avenue and 111<sup>th</sup> Street needs turn arrow
  - Elwood Avenue needs roundabouts
  - Downtown roads need improvement
  - Lack of connectivity between neighborhoods and subdivisions
- Commercial development (6)
  - Retail
  - Hardware
  - Clothing
  - Restaurants

## Other Issues by Category

### Land Use and Development

- Riverfront development (2)
- Rezoning and development affecting home values
- Too many multifamily developments
- Butane blending plant development

### Transportation

- Traffic (3)
- Public transportation (2)
- Parking for new developments
- Speed limits too low

### Quality of Life

- Lack of activities and things to do (3)
- Lack of community center (3)
- More active/healthy things to do
- River sports opportunities

### Economic Development

- Business, tech, light manufacturing
- Need tax generating businesses
- Lack of cohesive business/commercial planning

## Preservation

- Preservation of nature
- Preservation of Old Town

## Character and Identity

- Yard upkeep code violations (2)
- Branding the City
- Diversity in residential planning

## Other Topics

- Arkansas River needs water (2)
  - Low water dams
- No retirement community
- Lack of youth involvement
- Better community communication
- Public street sweeper
- Police/Fire station funding
- Regulation of Downtown and Riverwalk retail hours

## Priority Actions & Projects

In response to the list of issues, participants were asked to name specific projects or actions that would provide solutions to those issues identified in the first part of the exercise. Recommended projects and actions are categorized below.

### Land Use and Development

- Revitalize Downtown and the riverfront (5)
- Community center (5)
- Infrastructure maintenance (4)

### Transportation

- Road infrastructure (7)
  - Elm Street and 111<sup>th</sup> Street intersection improvements
  - 111<sup>th</sup> Street connection to Highway 75
  - Widen Elm Street
  - Improve access to Creek Turnpike and Highway75

### Natural Resources and Open Space

- Open space development (5)
  - Bikes, trails, walking, hiking
- Increase water level in the Arkansas River (2)

### Economic Development

- Shops on the pedestrian bridge (2)
- Buy back library property for development
- Science/tech museum

## Character and Identity

- Branding
- Attract unique businesses in order to attract diverse population

## Strengths & Assets

As the *Horizon Jenks Comprehensive Plan* is developed, the key strengths and assets of Jenks should be regarded as areas to maintain and build upon. For the final part of the exercise, participants were asked to list strengths and advantages of Jenks that should be preserved. The following were identified:

- Schools (12)
- Small town feel (6)
- Riverfront development (4)
- Access to Highway 75, Creek Turnpike, and Downtown (4)
- Downtown (3)
- Oklahoma Aquarium (2)
- Potential (2)
- Size (2)
- Riding trails
- Younger population