



# CITIZEN COMMENTS

**JOPLIN OPEN HOUSE – PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS**

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

1:00-3:00 P.M. AND 5:30-7:30 P.M.

JULY 12, 2011

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## Open House – Public Input Sessions – Draft Comments

Memorial Middle School Gym

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

1:00-3:00 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The following are the unabridged comments provided by citizens attending Open House - Public Input Sessions at Memorial High School Gym in Joplin, MO. Attendees were asked to write and post comments on boards at six information stations:

- Infrastructure + Environment
- Housing + Neighborhoods
- Schools + Community Facilities
- Economic Development
- Sustainability
- Community Vision

At the first four of these stations, there was a board for each major topic: Issues, Assets, and Opportunities—with questions beneath meant to elicit comments. There was only one board each at the Sustainability and Community Vision stations. The summary below includes the topic and the question(s) of each board, followed by citizen and attendee responses.

Attendees were provided optional comment forms. Some attendees brought articles, typed letters, or images to illustrate their comments and these have been noted. A few comments were obtained prior to July 12 from responses to meeting announcements found on the KOAM Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/koamfox14](http://www.facebook.com/koamfox14)).

Comments were transcribed as written without correction for grammar, spelling etc. Each bullet point is the comment(s) of one person; comments contained within [ ]'s are from other attendees who agreed with the comment, expanded upon the comment, or disagreed with the comment. Comments obtained via Facebook are preceded by "FB".

## INFRASTRUCTURE + ENVIRONMENT SECTOR GROUP

### KEY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

*What would you most like to see improved in the Joplin area?*

- Use lessons learned from Greensburg, KS in rebuilding a green section of Joplin.
- Large roundabout @Florida, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Newman area.
- Keep alleys – very useful to have rear access and helped to keep cans etc. out of sight.
- Move sidewalks, move bike lanes, move bike trails, trees.
- Easy access to alleys. Old downtown area only!
- Continuation of stormwater tax.
- More sidewalks, bike lanes, active friendly!
- More sidewalks in busy neighborhoods.
- Fiber-optic internet. [X3]
- Overhead pedestrian walkways at busy intersections.
- Energy efficient homes.
- No hard housing, basic floor plans.
- More sidewalks in busy neighborhoods.
- Curbside recycling.
- Underground utilities so we can keep our trees.
- Through streets every six blocks.
- Underground power lines, what a beautiful skyline we would have! [X3]
- Underground utilities. [X3]
- Keep recycling in Joplin – don't outsource it! Make it bigger!
- Dog Park. [X6]
- Widen Duquesne Road to 5 lanes and widen 20<sup>th</sup> Street. It would take a load off of Range Line. Also provide bike lanes to encourage exercise & save fuel.
- Having more in-home viewing for the public – open house- where all will show us how proud they are to have their home to welcome their neighbors – nice ones.
- Community loop geothermal solution.
- Improved Metro Transit system.
- LOVE what has transpired in the 2<sup>nd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> blocks of Main Street. Would like to see that continue southward.
- Car lane, truck lane, motorcycle lane, scooter, bicycle lane, wheelchair lane, pedestrian sidewalks.
- LBS weighs or any other idea. Putting the community on a scale. LBS Global Community Cardinal Scales has catalogs of scales. Doing research of everyone and things in Joplin people of all kinds.
- Sustainable renewable energy – Geothermal grid for the entire area? Make use of network of mine shafts???
- Make Campbell parkway into a sculpture parks complete with trails, lights, benches, perhaps a water feature.
- Planned developments with underground utilities.
- Right turn only on Rangeline
- Move sidewalks to the edge of the curb to allow more room to plant trees.
- Get all the business back! With volunteers here can sustain for years to come.
- Public shelters for people outdoors.
- Educate citizens on proper tree placement and care. More city ordinance regarding

trees

- No more city ordinance regarding trees.
- Town homes / row houses.
- Bike paths between parks, 26<sup>th</sup> St. commercial link Range Line and Main.
- Building codes to allow the new energy efficient construction methods. Green beltway cutting through storm path/ walking, bicycling paths. Bisect town west to east. Common community garden project. [X2]
- Housing for special needs – access to shopping and transportation.
- Beautify Joplin by putting electrical lines below ground.
- Underground utilities. [X2]
- 20<sup>th</sup> Street – walk/bike/lanes sidewalks – maybe widen / more lanes to encourage growth. Commercial Development where already started – keep residential back.
- Underground utilities. [X3]
- Stricter enforcement of codes on unkempt yards.
- Pervious paving in public areas to facilitate absorption.
- Bike paths and green zones. Connect communities to each other and retail venues w/walking paths.
- More tornado sirens located closer together and into edges of Joplin.
- Parks and Trees.
- Pedestrian friendly City! Sidewalks and bike paths.
- Requirement for business to have landscaping and green spaces on property, if available look to Collierville, TN as an example.
- Coordinated green buildings program.
- Native trees and shrubs.
- Bury electric line in rehab areas – expand as replaced /repaired.
- Rethink public buildings on queue (performing arts/museum) to get FEMA funds for combined use. Bike/Trails/Walking paths. Planning to minimize storm water runoff (rainy gardens).
- Community gardens.
- Native trees and shrubs.
- Electric lines should be buried.
- After trying to take my kids for walks around south side of town for past 6 years , I'd like to see sidewalks so we aren't walking on the road. I know there's a budget but it's still a wish.
- Tree lined streets with sidewalks to encourage walking and improve shade /aesthetics.
- Plant community fruiting trees for pedestrians to enjoy.
- Open space planning.
- A suggestion: Sell the bricks from high school for \$10.00. Rename school HOPE HIGH SCHOOL. – LOVE THIS! Had Same Ideas!
- More Usage of renewable energy sources.
- Botanical garden/park.
- Native Plants.
- Pedestrian friendly retail so people don't have to drive from one store to the next.
- Range Line Road – extend access road.
- Small parks, lots of trees in neighborhood. Keep alleys on Pennsylvania, good sidewalks.
- Green buildings that are energy efficient!

- Change garbage pick up to curbside recycling instead of alley.
- Do away with alleys and have sidewalks in front and have street lights.
- Keep sidewalks, bike trails, more street lights.
- Keep our sidewalks in the neighborhoods that are being rebuilt and install them in the neighborhoods that didn't have them before.
- Only plant trees that will be pretty and beautify neighborhoods.
- Memorial/botanical garden/park , teaching discovery center/ city historical museum
- Storm water handling, let's learn from past mistakes.
- No more giant parking lots!!! [X2]
- Small neighborhood parks. Lack of space for sidewalks and bike paths.
- Curbside recycling. More "green" buildings.
- Underground utilities (fewer outages). Neighborhood schools. Sidewalks everywhere. Wider streets.
- New buildings should have minimal impact on environment. Provide tax incentives for building green – friendly.
- Signage control – limiting size and location of business signs and advertising – look at Germantown, TN as an example.
- Use of eco friendly building material.
- Allow grey water usage for washing clothes, watering plants, etc.
- Determine design for grade separation on 20<sup>th</sup> Street so businesses and churches can make rebuilding plans.
- More small parks in neighborhoods – more green areas.
- Getting utilities into all areas quickly and affordably. Trees and shrubs replanted. Underground utilities would be nice.
- Building design conformity. No more hodge-podge buildings.

## COMMUNITY ASSETS

*What do you like most about the Joplin area?*

- Too many to list, continue moving forward.
- Community atmosphere of neighbors caring about each other.
- Rolling hills and abundant trees.
- Small, well lit area parks. Plant and maintain trees. Offer free trees for adoption (Maintain tree in honor of....).
- Upgrade Duquesne Road from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. Also upgrade 20<sup>th</sup> from Davis Blvd. to Kensor Rd. Work with DNR to reestablish trees in neighborhood.
- Develop better public travel and widen roads. Connect and “level” parks/trails.
- Access and convenience.
- Now is the time to: Underground utilities, sidewalks, paths, parks, wider streets, commercial districts.
- Hometown feel, ease of getting around, north/south and east / west roads, grid pattern of City.
- Keep our neighborhoods kid friendly – no more multi-family homes in single family areas.
- Require new public buildings to be LEED certified at highest possible level.
- Regulations for builders to leave trees or plan new ones when building.
- Trolley expanded.
- It is big enough to have everything but still retain the small town friendliness and helpfulness. There are no strangers in Joplin.
- Memorial site for those lost in tornado.
- Excellent library.
- Great recycling center.
- Line 20<sup>th</sup> St. with redbud trees as a memorial to those who lost their lives. The heart-shaped leaves represent how they will live in our hearts.
- Keep a diversity of buildings, residential, multi-family, small & median business all dispersed and not in big clusters.
- The people of Joplin are awesome. Through adversity comes strength! Wouldn't consider living anywhere else!
- Major infrastructure not affected by tornado! Green spots prior.
- Ozarks and prairie – we have a beautiful area.
- City form non-profit and acquire land for affordable housing.
- Small home town feel with large shopping mecca to bring business into community.

## OPPORTUNITIES

*What would make the Joplin Area a more vibrant, enjoyable and successful community?*

- Eliminate one way streets.
- Wi-Fi in parks.
- Small park at 10th & Main, 26th & Main, 7th & Duquesne, 20th & Duquesne.
- Reduce light pollution so we still attract migrating birds and see stars by having downward facing yellow streetlights. Change regulations for night time business signs to reduce light pollutions. [X2]
- Thought for technology wireless.
- Different styles of parks (Hunter Park- 91st & Sheridan, Tulsa, OK).
- Walking / Bike paths, tree-lined streets with rain gardens, city transport to shopping, durable and energy efficient building codes.
- Plan neighborhoods with easy access to schools, markets, and other basic services to reduce need for additional transportation.
- All new construction that involves public money should be LEED certified.
- Underground utilities, ADA sidewalks, more public transportation (small buses), tree-lined streets.
- A memorial to those lost in the storm.
- Glad to see focus on trees and green.
- More events to make Joplin a “destination” location (arts, music, museum, sports, culture). [X2]
- Move a preliminary design for grade separation on 20th so businesses and churches can plan accordingly when rebuilding.
- Multi-family homes should be spread throughout the city, bike and walking trails.
- Make more community events - outdoor concerts, family oriented. [X2]
- Lots of green spaces.
- More bike and walking trails and sidewalks!
- Continue funding for Audubon center.
- Native use of plants in landscaping. To my knowledge there is nowhere in Joplin to buy them.
- Sidewalks and underground utilities to homes.
- Public education about native plantings and reduction of non-point source pollution.
- Clustering of housing where lots have been bought up to maximize open space (our older population needs access to housing c/o worries).
- Sidewalks to go from end of city on main roads. Pedestrian, bicycle friendly, and handicap accessible. Make no car needed.
- Bike lanes.
- FB: Rezone and widen our alleys and pave them for better access in emergencies.
- Sidewalks in all neighborhoods consider pros and cons of utility wires underground.
- 20th needs to be improved from State line through Duquesne with business corridor.
- Really good playground park ideas please review!! Thanks (would like to see a builders expo for future planning and development ideas) – JRC -Joplin Residential and Commercial Builders. Attached article: Summer Spritzers, Urban Tulsa Weekly – interactive water playground at Maxwell Park on N. Canton Ave. and E. Newton St. These were paid for by Vision 2050 funds.
- Use native trees and plants.



- Art museum, culture events, bike & walking trails, clean & pristine areas with trees, interesting commercial area for shops and stores – think RC plaza.
- Designated bike routes to schools, major shopping areas, downtown – Joplin has made a good start; now we have the opportunity to retrofit some areas.
- Walking paths in southeast – 30th & connect area.
- Build “green” technology. Build for the future.
- Apply for hazard mitigation towards funds to bury utility lines. Refer to City of Independence, MO.
- Larger recycling center.
- Provide websites for energy efficient (green) house plans for those who are rebuilding.
- Facilitate future recycling at curbside.
- Green spaces, continue walking trails, what about building codes, other codes that now promote “green”.
- Sidewalks in all areas, bike paths.
- 2 high schools with more music in schools and supported by administration. Retirement /patio home area.
- Recycling center on south east part of town.
- SIDEWALKS!!
- Have utilities through alleys, electric, water, cable, trash, etc.
- Keep diversity.
- Reduce light pollution.
- Memorial site/statue/park.
- Can we go geothermal building using prior mined sites?
- Use of native plantings to encourage return of songbirds to nourish our souls.
- Joplin is going to have an abundance of vacant ground say 50% along the tornado path. A discussion of the best paths should be explored.
- Create a network of parks and green space that includes storm water management techniques such as bioswales, rain gardens, and retention ponds.
- Set up a fund now to pay for reforesting (and landscaping) the affected area.
- UNDERGROUND UTILITIES!
- Easy to use website with city building regulations/codes.
- Healthy community with plenty of healthy behavior opportunities.
- A park from one end of Joplin to the other preferably west to east with playgrounds, dog park, community storm shelters, walking trails and bicycle paths.
- FB: Underground utilities should be so worth it!! People would really want to move back to that area because of the dependability but it would cost big bucks.[X2]
- Provide an education program to inform residents who are rebuilding about sustainable energy efficient and environmentally friendly construction methods.
- Widen roads provide bike and walking spaces.
- Utilize land banks/ allow land swaps to free up property for zoning issues.
- Trees! Trees! Trees! Joplin looks naked without them. Also, educate people re: tree choices- more natives/low water choices (get local nurseries/big box stores to help with availability).
- FB: My suggestion for improvement would be to place a median from Main to Maiden.
- FB: Underground utilities.
- Curbside recycling for traditional recyclables and yard waste, tree limbs.
- Screened areas at commercial properties for trash AND recycling.
- LEED type philosophies on buildings such as metal roofs, recycled content insulation

such as Fiberlite Technologies, manufactured lumber for decks and porches.

- Recycling during construction of buildings (metals is easy).
- Donate to Habitat for Humanity ReStore for surplus supplies and for purchasing items.
- Rebates on building permit fees for “green building” practices.
- Continue the sales tax for parks + stormwater on August 2nd! [+1]
- Good transportation (public).
- Allow pets on trails!
- More community activities.
- 20th Street rebuilt as a commercial across town corridor.
- Outdoor concert venue. Landredth Park?
- More sirens!!!!
- Open space.
- Walkability.
- Multi-modal transition.
- Bike lanes/paths.
- Community gardens.
- Neighborhood Pocket Parks connected by bike trails.
- Community Storm shelters throughout town.
- Please consider walking and bike trails connecting the city. [+1]
- More sirens. On 5-22 I barely heard the sirens with the windows open. Now with our cooling system on, I could never hear it.
- Open parkways & botanical garden.
- Bury utilities. [+3]
- Use extra “green space”.
- Plant trees.
- Increase walking trails.
- Set aside several places for community gardens. Might even pay people locally to build raised beds for each plot.
- Start planting trees as soon as possible—ideally in the fall. It takes a few months to put up a building, but many years to grow a nice shade tree. Trees along the streets, trees in the parks, need trees.
- Move the homeless shelter to the N end of Main Street + expand it to include services that will address the reasons for their homelessness (e.g. finding jobs, getting job training, getting into alcohol/drug rehab).
- Underground powerlines to reduce blackouts.
- White Christmas lights in community trees on the 22.
- More sirens!!!
- Better TV Coverage eve if its “rain wrapped” We had 10 seconds! TV had regular programming on Channel 10. Just a little warning map.
- Don't grandfather in code violations.
- I was wondering if it is possible to save any of the old trees that were damaged. Many have new growth but no bark. If the trees were covered over the winter would the bark grow back?
- I lived on Wall and liked one-way streets—cut daily flows in half—more peaceful.
- Inviting + attractive street corner meeting areas in neighborhoods. Some places have used “cob” construction methods for benches (mud + thatch construction) fiber.
- LBS weighs Having as many people and other involved in a research on what kinds of food and drink people want to intake and them being employed at that eatery. People-

twins, boys, girls men, women, heart problems, liver problems, brain surgery, blue eyes, brown eyes, queer etc.

- Community Centers (with community storm shelters that have free rooms for meetings.
- Sheltered sidewalks away from extreme weather.
- A Greenway with a bike trail. [+1]
- Memorial Park @ Parr Hill. Many of the other parks are too small for a memorial.
- Bike lanes.
- Sidewalks to major areas.
- People buying from resident shops not franchise.
- Plant native trees, shrubs and flowers. Utilize groups like master naturalist & master gardener. MDC & Audubon.
- Trees, trees, more trees! Big trees for a 10-15 year jumpstart to our 1] parks 2] neighborhoods and 3] bike trails. Resources: 1] Botanical tree, trail and nursery – Springfield. 2] Sarcorfe Nursery 3] Tulsa contact.
- E-W thru development of 26th? Undergrounding utilities.
- NODE neighborhoods. Residential couple and retail in a organized way, etc.
- Community bicycles. Red bikes with parking stations. Ride until you're done, and leave it to the next person.
- Connected walking/biking trails through city + tornado path. [+1]
- A Memorial Garden at Cunningham or St Johns create a park/garden as a learning, historical teaching space.
- To buy land from Land Trust preference to meet needs/wants 1] current residents 2] local business owners 3] people who have recently lived within 15 miles of city limits (MO residents).
- Bikes lanes that connect shopping and + schools.
- Plant trees along roadways.
- USE some unused lots for storm water retention + absorption.
- Previous paving to facilitate stormwater handling.
- Safe walkable sidewalks. [+3]
- Use brick and stone from every sector of the City to build a memorial of some sort. A collage of bricks part of our varied fabric. Most – or a lot has already been hauled away. I think we a speeding too fast + the cleanup and throwing away the stone and brick into landfills.

## WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING ON OPTIONAL COMMENT FORM

- Widen 26<sup>th</sup> Street from Connecticut to Shifferdecker. Include bike lanes.
- Install sidewalk on both sides of 26<sup>th</sup> Street from Connecticut to Shifferdecker.
- Realign Jackson Street at 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Stop lights may need to be installed.
- Convert 26<sup>th</sup> Street/Gabby Street Blvd. back to a boulevard with green islands (think of Junge Blvd.). Plant the islands with native plants and trees.
- Widen and realign 24<sup>th</sup> Street from Connecticut to Rangeline. Include bike lanes.
- Install sidewalks on both sides of 24<sup>th</sup> Street from Connecticut to Rangeline.
- Require all utility lines (electric, telephone, cable etc) be buried. They have to be reinstalled throughout the damaged zone anyway—bury them and eliminate the eyesore.
- The water and gas lines in the affected part of the city should be inspected and repaired/replaced if necessary. Do it now before all of the new construction.
- The city needs to inspect and repair/replace the sewer lines in the affected part of the city. Do it now before all of the new construction.
- Require outside lighting on buildings and in parking lots to broadcast down. Such lighting does not need to light up the surrounding neighborhoods. From my destroyed house I can now see the stars. I don't want go back to the light pollution.
- Require all utility lines (electric, telephone, cable etc) be buried. They have to be reinstalled throughout the damaged zone.
- When the city is planting trees-they should be planting a variety of native trees. Please do not plant imported, evasive ornamentals.
- A comprehensive Greenspace (Landscape) plan from Shiffer 26-0<sup>th</sup> st to the roundabout. Widen streets, sidewalk scaping small parks for trails etc. Contact MU Grant program for \$ to be used for this upgrade.
- Lots of sidewalks and walking paths. Underground utilities would be ideal. Small neighborhood parks would be great for young and old to enjoy. Lots of trees to replace all we lost.
- More roundabouts , run-off concerns , handicap access curbing (look at Greensburg), park and replacing trees, use native trees and shrubs, if vacant lots-create green spaces.
- Think about public transportation.
- I believe that we need plumbing for our water that will provide safe water for our bodies. I have a reaction to food and drink in metal-cooked or contained in. and input through my mouth. (so I use my own method).
- Joplins own natural production of trees, wildlife, and resources could be more noticed.
- Lanes for – motorcycles, autos, trucks, bicycles, scooter, mopeds.
- Don't let city council wimp out – require safe rooms in all new construction – residential and commercial. All new construction, not just in the "zone".
- Sidewalks – manicured for pedestrians, wheelchairs. Shaded/sheltered from extreme weather.

## HOUSING + NEIGHBORHOODS SECTOR GROUP

### KEY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

*What would you most like to see improved in the Joplin area?*

- No HUD housing at all in the central area 23<sup>rd</sup> and Joplin.
- Have more street lighting.
- Mixed development along commercial corridors (20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, Main, Conn., etc) and good residential conformity on R-1 sites.
- Affordable, accessible housing for special needs.
- Pedestrian bike friendly walks streets. [ditto]
- Affordable energy efficient housing.
- Communities redeveloped with sustainable village concepts (friendly, walkable).
- Release BLDG Permits now!
- Village Centers. Mixed zone of commercial and residential areas to encourage neighborhood businesses, entrances w/in walking distance.
- Town Houses.
- SIDEWALKS in the entire affected area.
- Sidewalks and Bike lanes.
- I love what has been done to restore downtown. It would be wonderful to have house plans available that borough that same look into the neighborhoods.
- Improve S Main Retail. Form CDC to buy and assemble commercial land. Build new commercial buildings.
- Geothermal Community Loops. [x2]
- Prevent uninhabitable haves from being piece-mealed back together and rented out. Accountability w/respect to occupancy licenses and permits. [x3]
- Hold rental owners responsible for the upkeep of their properties. I have seen HUD houses that weren't fit for people to live in. [Ditto!] [Ditto] [Amen!] [Yes]
- Don't rebuild with smaller houses where larger houses once stood (i.e. no 2 bedroom 1 bath, surrounded by 3/4 bed, 2 bath).
- Sidewalks [x2]. Property upkeep enforced.
- Set hard deadlines for "rental" owners to have lots cleared. Nobody wants to build around them.
- Team up with local architects to develop affordable, low energy homes.
- Mixed use housing.
- Jobs.
- Some way to keep large developers from buying up neighborhoods and making them less desirable/accessible to all. [Ditto] [x10]
- Include universities for school of architecture and urban planning – KU, MU, ARK. Could have a "lab" w/ Joplin's parks or neighborhoods.
- Keep out of town big developers out of town. It's not their city.
- Make sure the coming building boom doesn't overcorrect the current housing shortage to the extent that existing homes lose value because of an oversupply. [Ditto yes] [x2] Also, with the large amount of out of town and quick starts we need to hold builders accountable to Joplin.
- Ask Crowder College Market Center to allow input in green building. We have the perfect "classroom lab" to learn in.
- Let single family neighborhoods remain single family.

- Some way, make sure that there are storm proof rental property, retirement assisted living, and public shelters. [x2]
- #2 Housing + Neighborhoods small pocket parks/more green space/walking trails with sculpture.
- Accessible Housing. Rentals with access to Additional Parking.
- Keep areas of affordable 2-3 bedroom houses—the old bungalow neighborhoods worked!
- More condos, townhomes, and/or Multifamily housing options! [Not in Pennsyl. area]
- Why are there no condos or zero lot line homes? Would love to see beautiful homes of all sizes in these categories. There is a market for this!
- Community Web Service for Additional or Open Rentals.
- Building more energy efficient housing.
- Incorporate universal design.
- Need for damaged and repair public housing.
- Landlords keep rents down for low income people. [How?]
- FB: There is a need for low-income housing. Maybe more of a hand up not a handout. Less slummy rental houses in dirty falling down ghetto neighborhoods. [Ditto]
- Concerned about codes. Need stronger buildings.
- Review of affordable low income housing.
- Creating “planned” neighborhoods that would in some degree would dictate landscaping and acceptable bldg. styles.
- Require sidewalks to encourage pedestrian traffic.
- Things for kids to do to encourage family activities. [x2]
- Enforce existing property conditions (exterior) standards such that landlords are providing decent housing for tenants.
- Efficient housing for all economic levels. Planned communities with parks, industry, and small business. Building Green is an option that is needed and encouraged – but not demanded.
- Don't forget Schifferdecker Park!! Still no walking path NW Joplin.
- Duquesne wants houses back on their streets! (Residential Streets)
- Building Design Conformity.
- See more greenways and sidewalks in neighborhoods, bike paths, and conservation.
- Buildings need to be built stronger and greener.
- Green spaces. Durable construction. Performing art center as neighborhood hub (FEMA-storm safe).
- Create and enforce residential maintenance standards (grass height, clutter in yards, major disrepair, abandoned vehicles, etc). Penalize/fine offenders.
- Enforcing building codes, demo of dangerous structures. Rental safety enforcement. Making renting properties meet standards.
- I think it would be good to hold a builder's expo so that people in the community can meet with people and determine how to rebuild.
- Make easy-access online website with building regs/codes for easy homeowner reference..
- More income based housing. Rebuild apt complexes with new codes. Blend apts and single housing together in neighborhoods tastefully.
- Housing that multi-cultural and multi-generation. Public housing that “small town “ appearance
- Grants for “green” developments (use Greensburg KS + others) success.

- “Green ways” in rebuilding – use of ART community in building codes that recognize green ideas – NOW! As rebuilding begins.
- Tree lined streets, street lighting with look of vintage downtown lights.
- Organize lot swaps to cluster those who choose to rebuild and free up tracts for new dev.
- What about Joplin Museum developed mid-way in an area of affected area.
- Address energy consumption. It’s not getting cheaper. Build stronger, storm resistant homes. Show us how to use ICF.
- Curbside recycling.
- Require sidewalks and trees in all residential areas.
- Habitat for Humanity housing—good job in past! Keep it up! Continue to help Joplin families.
- Retirement/patio home area, Dr.’s offices thru-out community, hospitals at opposite area of town.
- Keep commercial areas away from residential. Now is time to rezone areas.
- No on Snout Houses, [✓] Yes on Front Porches, [✓] Rain Barrels, Rain Gardens, Downspouts directed to Rain Gardens. Backyard Compost Bins. Green Roofs at least for a shed or garage. Historic Preservation.

## COMMUNITY ASSETS

*What do you like most about the Joplin area?*

- Walking park with coffee shop/ice cream store, park next to it, maybe a water feature.
- Enforcement of codes to upkeep property and enforce safety.
- Stricter property codes on rental property to prevent slum lords. [x2]
- Rebuild the bars first.
- Get rid of slum lords. [x2] [x6]
- Easy walking or short drive to businesses.
- Allow clotheslines.
- Music, dancing, learning, singing entertainment.
- People caring about each other. [x2] Trolley, shopping, good mechanics, good medical care, things the meets the community's needs.
- Neighborhoods w/ small retail bookstores/coffee shops, cleaners/grocers. Ex: Brookside in Kansas City. [Yes] [x2]
- Continue mixed zoning (commercial residential) in the 20th and Conn. Area. [x2]
- Let's organize a volunteer search and rescue group for Joplin. The night of we needed hands-on help more than anything.
- Remember Housing is about families not the bottom line!
- Everything w/in 20 minutes. Large town features in a small town. How can we get our identity back?
- The old Main Street area. Lots of neat old buildings with unique features. [x3]
- Encourage sidewalks, alleys, etc to promote foot traffic in neighborhoods rather than cars.
- I like the downtown coffee shops with Wi-Fi.
- Residential neighborhood with accent on family and outdoor park lifestyle.
- Community Access. No large "city" features. Keep Joplin small, but w/ Business Access. No High RISE.
- No Businesses in Residential areas.
- The dedication of the city staff and employees in dealing with the events following 5/22/11.
- Joplin's Trees!
- The improved parks, trails, streets and sports centers. Beautification of main streets! Lets keep going forward!
- Establish Business groups to encourage Business owners who were damaged or destroyed in small meetings. Give the lots of support and "ATTA Boy's". Make relationships with them.
- Help those without Insurance rebuild strong, safe Homes.
- Putting victims names along route. [x2]
- Commenter provided a map showing proposed new trail. This map shows a starting point on the southeast corner of S Central City Road/JJ Highway and Newton Road/W 32nd Street and an ending point near the intersection of Interstate 44 and Hwy 71/Hwy249. Highlighted junctions along this route were Lakes, St John's, St Mary's, Hope High, Home Depot. The following comments were posted on the map:
  - *Walkway/bikeway w/Parks + 160 Trees along route.*
  - *13 miles... 1/2 marathon! Annual marathon run on May 22n along new trail! [x7]*
  - *Will discuss with Race Director of Boomtown and Joplin Road Runners. The Plan is*



*for Boomtown 1.2 to Become a Memorial Run – Road Runner Member*

- *(indicating Hope High on map) – Keep the Name. Joplin Hope High School.*
- *Like the bike trail idea.*
- *Great idea—I second it.*
- Bury utility lines. More trees in neighborhood.
- Build with eco-“green” technology. To check out how Greensburg, KS did it.
- Swimming Pool with lanes for competitive swimming.
- Neighborhoods parks with walking paths.
- Stop signs at intersections. To many unmarked. Street lights at intersections.
- Maintain the “small town” friendliness and helpfulness. I love Joplin and we can be better while we stay the same.
- Thanks to public officials.
- City lighting for parks at night. Walking Trails around water features.
- People new to the area don’t understand the hop-scotch way housing has developed. Homes should be homogenous in an area.
- Small parks/green areas. [x3]
- More Bike Friendly Streets.
- Need a walking path in 30th and Conn. area
- Sidewalk in all neighborhoods. Bike accessibility.
- If City plans to widen 26th Street from Main St EAST. Now is the time to do it. Does make a difference to those of us that could lose homes to widening.

## OPPORTUNITIES

*What would make the Joplin area a more vibrant, enjoyable and successful community?*

- Fiber Optic Internet.
- Multiple Green areas to Attract new businesses.
- Sewer lines use to run down the street—is this being changed? Are power lines being moved un.
- Find an organization or philanthropist who will provide ultra-low interest loans to people who want to build, rebuild or renovate property to be sustainable.
- Form a nonprofit to acquire and assemble lots in older neighborhoods.
- Require trees of substantial size be planted with each new home. Based on square footage of lot. [Suggest, not “require”.]
- Bike rental slots/stations like in Europe through city.
- Ensure potential builders/rebuilders that uninhabitable homes will not be patched and rented, devaluing the neighborhood.
- Community shopping mixed with residential walk to the store on nice sidewalks.
- I live in an established neighborhood—I don’t want rental, etc. adjacent to me!
- Easements keep changing. Setbacks keep being adjusted.
- I live near the high school... I live on Kentucky and don’t want the school in my yard. How big is the campus going to be?
- Bike Lanes to ride across town and to parks.
- Not for profit organization to accumulate the properties that people aren’t building on so that new weather resistant, energy efficient homes can be built for people with low incomes.
- Dog Parks!! [At off 15<sup>th</sup> street Campbell Parking!] [ Bad]
- Cleanliness.
- When are we going to know something about our neighborhood? [Ditto]
- City employees need consistent answers. [x2]
- Is re-zoning going to take place? When? Where? Communicate. [x10]
- Mixed use neighborhoods. Coffee shops, etc. w/in walking/bik.
- Power lines underground. [x2] [x3]
- Build safe, well constructed affordable housing.
- Re-zoning questions are keeping people from rebuilding on 18<sup>th</sup> between Del. And Conn. We do not want Multi Family Residents. We would like to keep it as close to like it was before 5-22-11. My family is a 60 years plus resident of this area. We simply want to go home and it feels like home.
- Develop a community POD are for those age 50+. The development would have lawn service, snow removal, a physical fitness area. It would be promoted as an area of neighbor helping neighbor. Example – someone would cook while another drives people to appointments.
- Build more neighborhood centered, for example, neighborhood groceries, with park. Develop specific feel to each neighborhood.
- Bike Trails That Connect More of Joplin.
- Multi use neighborhoods.
- Shopping, parks and public transportation within walking distance. [yes!]
- Don’t make quick/cheap Houses that will look bad 10 years from now. [x20] [yes!] [x2]
- E-W development of thru street-26<sup>th</sup>?
- Neighborhood village concept.

- No cottonwood Trees!!!!
- Embed pocket parks in blighted of abandoned lots w/public art.
- Small “pocket” parks with an art feature—sculpture, perhaps, included.
- Use Tax incentives to rebuilt/upgrade depleted neighborhoods. Dallas, TX did this 20 yr ago to bring new life to older, run down areas.
- An 8.5x11 printed paper was attached to the board with the following text: [Yes!]:

***Rebuilding Considerations***

*I first visited downtown Joplin about 13 years ago. In my opinion it was UGLY. Old, dilapidated or abandoned buildings, fast food businesses, filling stations and general wear and tear. I was not impressed.*

*Over the last several years much progress has been made particularly between Spiva Park and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. In my view we have an opportunity to accelerate that progress as we rebuild.*

*The same thoughts apply to the 20<sup>th</sup> Street corridor and about 10 blocks on Range Line. Do “it” all or only tackle one “corridor” seems to be a choice now. OR we can simple rebuild as before with little innovation of change. Just imagine “what if” Main Street was a walking Mall with a trolley car (that cost about a quarter to ride) connecting one end at Spiva Park to 32<sup>nd</sup> street on the other end. Maybe it would even be a clean energy trolley car or one that could be quickly modified to such new energy when the technology catches up.*

*Just imagine a “green boulevard” on 20<sup>th</sup> Street connecting Main Street and Range Line.*

*Just imagine a “magnet area” on Range line centered on 20<sup>th</sup> street*

*Really dream and consider all three areas connected only be cheap public transportation a “Street Car of Imagination” with ample parking on both Range Line and Main Street from which all people can drive and then be connected to various “magnets”. And of course bike paths for those able to use them would be included in all three corridors. And those bike paths would connect to outlying areas as well as is already being achieved.*

*But NO cars in any of those new corridors. Only CHEAP public transportation, like a quarter a ride.*

*Such a vision does NOT exclude anyone. A well build and maintained homeless shelter and treatment center for addiction can be included. Some of those areas could easily accommodate low cost apartments as wells as high cost “lofts”. Put in a centrally located public housing center, again safe and well maintained and with cheap public transportation for residents to go shopping or eating wherever they so choose to go.*

*“Mom and Pop” grocery stores, clean and attractive “Pharmacy’s” which are really more diverse businesses could be included as would restaurants ranging for the very cheap to upscale could be accommodated. How about a “downtown” move theater and continued encouragement of a privately owned and operated “cultural center” complete with concert hall and live theater with ticket prices that almost all could afford.*

*What we do NOT need is more filling stations, bars for the poor and downtrodden, pawn shops or other "dives" that "feed off" of the poor and downtrodden. Such folks like to walk and live in clean and safe places just as everyone else walks and lives. And there is still ample space for those other businesses to flourish where people will continue drive to. But let's keep our "anchors" for public transportation, walkers and bikers and the type of businesses that everyone can use and enjoy.*

*What a wonderful opportunity to "clean up" Joplin for EVERYONE. And we have now a blank canvas to start to build our dreams.*

- Create an education program to inform residents and contractors about sustainable and energy efficient construction options.
- An 8.5x11 printed paper was attached to the board with the following text:
  - *Make residents and businesses aware of Erosion and Sediment Control during construction projects*
  - *Green Space for Retention or Detention and Walking Trails or Community Space*
  - *Pervious Pavements for cul-de-sacs, parking lots, driveways, alleys, etc.*
  - *NO curbs and gutters*
  - *Tree Trenches along street helps manage runoff*
  - *Native Plants, especially trees*
  - *Trees in parkways for esthetics and cooling effects (micro-climates)*
  - *Parking Lots drain to green space, not the storm sewers*
  - *Streambank Setbacks or Buffer Area between Developed Area and Streams, Creeks, Ditches; plus use Appropriate Plantings*
- Help low income families with grant programs to rebuild housing (CDBG, Federal Home Loan Bank, HOME). [x2]
- Limit access to neighborhoods from main roads.
- Require surveys before putting up fences of new build.
- Develop Community Pods in which housing (single, duplex, and nice multi structures) are located in an area with walking trails, old fashioned lighting, park, and shopping is included in the "Community Pod". If possible elementary school too. The shopping could contain a movie theater complex, restaurants, mom and pop stores, bank, etc.
- FB: A homeless shelter would be nice.
- Add left turn lanes to intersections near schools.
- Pocket neighborhoods (search on internet for information. [Yes!])
- Arts and Entertainment Facilities. [x2]
- More open space and trails in the tornado path.
- Diversity in home Construction. Hope Homeowners build custom Homes and that neighborhoods don't turn into track home/crackerjack looking buildings. [Ditto]
- Clustering of housing where possible to extend open space and limit storm water runoff.
- Community planning to allow for affordable green (energy efficient, low impact) housing for moderate to low-income. Small houses on the small city lots.
- More family oriented areas with walking trails in the city and lighting for them!
- Planned neighborhoods—possible rezoning of some housing areas to commercial property. [NO!]
- Include homes of various income levels in each neighborhood. Avoid large clusters of sub-\$100,000 homes. Make a shift toward 75 foot wide lots for houses instead of 50 feet. Include nice sidewalks.

- Walking and bike paths. Environmental building street lights. Native vegetation.
- Native trees. Pocket neighborhoods. Arts and entertainment facility-perhaps include museum too!
- FB: There's no reason the rebuilt apt complexes can't be made to look like the loft apartment buildings in our downtown area. That would be awesome to have a vibrant, mixed use development along 20<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Dog parks! Yes.
- Dog Park.
- I'd like to see a walking path and improvements at Schifferdecker. It's a great park and beautiful and seems wasted as it is.
- Hold all of Joplin to the same building code standards. There are too many slum lords or residences that should be condemned. Make them upgrade too—not just those required to rebuild.
- FB: Utilize abandon buildings... turn them into housing or something with a purpose.
- Plant Maple Trees across the city. [x2] Also native trees. [Not maples]
- Keep the Housing Lots as is. The older Houses may have smaller lots but that's the "in" thing again and it cuts down on wasted space. See Portland, OR – Seattle, etc.
- Make housing accessible for growing needs – baby boomers, people with disabilities, etc.
- I would like a copy of the Tornado path statistics sheet emailed to me.
- Need a memorial park/science and discover center. Replant Trees Responsibly. [x2]
- All funds should be spent in disaster area only and in proportion to damage.
- Housing for the low income.
- 24<sup>th</sup> and Penns. area. Don't allow multi-family homes. Please only keep our single family community.
- Attorney General involved in insur. Issues that bank holding \$ from home owners. Yes-dog park.
- More green space/walking trails. No cookie-cutter housing developments. Keep aesthetics in mind.
- Rebuilding low/moderate income Housing.
- Please rebuilt park by McDonald's on Main. like it was.
- Trim dich exercising station on a walking trail.

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- Between 20th and 15th and Delaware and Texas was sparse to begin with and a Chesterfield style self-contained community seems plausible & possible.
- Lots of green|multi-use; walking tracks; bike lanes.
- Housing in sections of people that are compatible-giving knowledge to those in need of it.
- Replanting along city drainage.
- Bike paths.
- More use of ground pumps, green roofs & eco-friendly buildings, bury wires.
- More sidewalks & green spaces in neighborhood.
- Low income housing & housing for those who have low-moderate income.
- Implement strict building codes to make buildings safer & stronger.
- Different neighborhoods would be nice - senior communities with one level home where people could walk to shopping and transportation. Young neighborhoods for young families with parks & close to schools. Zoning might facilitate some control with rebuilding.
- Obviously we need lots of rental properties for our young (and old) residents.
- Take the lead from Greensburg, KS. No need to re-invent the wheel.
- Many newer neighborhoods were built without sidewalks (such as around Cecil Floyd Elementary School). Require that sidewalks be built in these neighborhoods or, at the very least require sidewalks be installed at all new construction.
- If property is zoned single-family residential, do not allow it to be sub-divided into apartments.
- If land is zoned single-family residential do not allow it to be sub-divided into apartments.
- If land is zoned single-family residential and the owner wishes to build apartments, make them go through proper hearings and rezoning.
- Require all groups (secular and religious ) wanting to use zoned single family houses as group homes, half-way houses, abuse recovery homes etc., to notify all neighbors within three square blocks beforehand both in writing (delivered by the US Postal Service with delivery confirmation) and in person. Public hearings should be held and the property should be rezoned.
- Require all rental properties to pass a city inspection at least once a year.
- Finding out how large is Joplin allowed to grow.
- Owners of property should keep property in good, safe, condition kept clean.
- ?? Housing area with wheelchair entrance and exits already built. How many of these are allowed in City.
- Ground level entrance.
- What Is the tallest persons in community and a section for tall people housing?, cars offc, etc
- Obese housing section for obese people, offc, cars, etc.
- Short people housing section.
- Short people restaurants, offc, gas station, cars, etc.
- An eatery of every imaginable kind of normal people in safe mode. In not safe mode could be in prisons of imaginable people.

## SCHOOLS + COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### KEY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

*What would you most like to see improved in the Joplin area?*

- Rebuild Franklin Tech to offer more opportunities for further education.
- Keep new schools current on technology (build in for the future).
- Build bigger high school.
- Dome type school building. Monolithic Domes [monolithic.com](http://monolithic.com).
- Ask Mercy to donate land for memorial mark. Want 159 of something represent survivors.
- Tornado Memorial.
- Joplin needs a community center.
- More green space, trails in neighborhoods.
- More neighborhood parks.
- Get teenagers thinking their futures, career. At risk age group.
- 15-16 group. Where is their "hang out?" Careers, drop-out, comm. Center.
- Past – no room for extra facilities for teenagers for future career training, counseling, etc.
- 9th grade is a pivotal year...help them transition.
- Bring back a functional career ladder.
- 2 high schools. [+2]
- More opportunities for students. Scholarships.
- Geothermal HUAC for the school, Community Builds.
- Have a plan to get trees back in the landscape...
- Trees this fall! Faith-based volunteer groups will help. [+1]
- Absolutely critical to renew the Parks/Storm water Sales Tax.
- Trails and Greenways leading to schools.
- Distribute community facilities evenly through the city.
- Hospital in the North Section (near airport) I-3.
- Durable, storm resistant construction.
- LEED Platinum for all public buildings. [+1]
- More green spaces. [+1]
- Schools given money to rebuild and get the funding needed.
- Storm shelters. [+1]
- Please consider monolithic domes for schools especially as gyms or performing arts centers. Storm shelters, energy efficient, fire resistant and less expensive.
- Plazas vs. stand alone business everywhere w/ multiple entrances & exits.
- Parking lots w/ trees.
- Sidewalks for the kids!
- Keep community facilities for events. Don't Give Up Memorial Hall. We need a place for events.
- Rebuild schools as domes.
- General health and education.
- Storm centers (for everyone in community spread throughout Joplin).
- Some kind of Land Trust (run by City or non-profit) that people can sell their property to + then, as time goes by + the structure of the community takes hold, people can buy that property from the trust, without a profit taken by the Trust.

- Storm Centers (for everyone in Community) spread throughout Joplin.
- Can you build storm proof schools?
- Schools Utilizing Outdoor Classrooms.
- After school programs.
- Community storm shelters throughout town.
- Pre-school.
- FB: A storm shelter would be nice.
- FB: Need more public shelters. [+1]
- Municipal buildings built strong and energy efficient. Safety + money savings.
- Keep the name Hope High School. [No!]
- Accessibility for Community Building.
- LEED certified rebuilding.
- Glad you are addressing transportation issues for students.
- ? Aug 17 start date wow! Good luck and prayers.
- Library not ADA compliant.
- For kids + families to feel safe @ school when a storm hits. Ryter S.
- Everyone have safe rooms in every house.
- Outdoor classrooms (environmental learning labs) at schools [+1] and/with community gardens\_\_ Look @ spfd's Grant Beach Garden.
- Not rebuild school in flood plain.
- FEMA funding includes reinforced concrete construction (ICF) but not safe rooms.
- Durable construction – Indoor air quality important especially for schools.
- Franklin Tech agriculture related offerings.
- Keep technical school in town.
- Farm to market a la Webb City's farmer's market → a Joplin facility for fairs.
- MSSU.
- Franklin Tech.
- Variety of entertainment.
- Access to medical care on the north side of town.
- Strengthen Franklin Tech offerings, Vocational, esp Health Car. [+1] Even more important now. LPN, CMT, C.N.A.
- Offered by Public School System.
- Choice of schools voucher system.
- More technology 21st Century Buildings.
- Cutting edge accessibility features for students & faculty with disabilities.
- Create a larger "Memorial Hall" for concerts, talent, & entertainment for masses indoors.
- No more giant parking lots. [+1]
- We definitely need school houses that are safer, energy efficient, non toxic that could double as public shelters.
- Better Planning & Zoning.



## COMMUNITY ASSETS

*What do you like most about the Joplin area?*

- Multi-Purpose Arena that seats 7-10,000 for quality entertainment, conventions, events.
- More community centers.
- LEED Platinum standards for all public buildings, but, especially schools. From a future educator.
- Aquatic Center is needed. Could be combined with a Community Center.
- At least some areas where residence above businesses.
- More sidewalks + bike trails connecting all of North Joplin thru South Joplin – maybe to Wildcat Park?
- Go back to 2 High Schools. [+1]
- Green building where possible.
- Foster cooperation between secondary and post-secondary . Invite Southern's Environmental Health group + educators to help design “green” ideas for school.
- Community Garden Project. [+1]
- More proactive approach to the Homeless. [+1]
- We (Joplin) need our own convention center – not associated with a hotel!
- Home town feel. Neighbors knowing neighbors.
- 1 High School w/ F.. Tech, Fields for Sports + as a Community as much as possible.
- New Buildings.
- “Green Beltway”.
- Year-round Aquatics Center.
- Location in relation to travel opportunities and not a tourist trap.
- #3 Schools + Community Facilities. Joplin was already in the planning stages of creating an Arts + Entertainment Center with a town green and including the museum complex (SPARK PLAN) Continue planning but do a reevaluation to make sure the A+E Center meets the needs of a changed Joplin. It can be a bright, positive effort to recreate Joplin and attract new businesses + citizens. The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) disaster relief is supportive of this effort.
- One high school! [+3]
- Local, neighborhood street corner gathering places to promote sense of community . Other towns have set examples of affordable cob construction benches, etc. Very organic looking. Places for neighbors and/or kid to congregate in community mindedness.
- Make all elementary school playgrounds double as neighborhood parks w/ benches. [YES]
- Anson B. Put the schools where they are needed. BOE can make that decision make the schools amendable to teaching the basics. We cannot afford to xxxx everything.
- Great health care facilities and technology.
- More neighborhood parks – not large, just a place for mothers to walk children – a respite!
- Small town feel yet large enough for business to bring other communities in.
- Churches.
- Try to keep the schools in residential areas so kids can walk to school [+2] Good idea and needed.

- Keep schools in neighborhoods. Keep as many parks as possible. More pools + rec for citizens. → #3 →.
- One more high school. Keep neighborhood elementaries. → #4 .
- Neighborhood schools (elementary) benefit all, not just those with children in property values, maintaining vitality of neighborhoods.
- More green space and play space.
- Water park that includes ability to be used for competitive swimming.
- Everyone being so nice and loyal to everyone. And all the volunteers.
- All schools need sidewalks leading to them. I had seen kids walking in the street to the new East Middle School – not safe!
- FB: Two high schools again....Parkwood and Memorial.
- 2 High Schools.
- Two smaller high schools.
- Two smaller high schools.
- 2 High school across town w/ room for growth + storm shelters in all schools. #2.
- Design new high school to have some of the updated features that our new middle schools do. Try to put football stadium, soccer fields & bll fields at H.S. verses across town. Move Frankling Tech to old football field, if needed.
- One high school is sufficient if the floorplan allows good traffic flow.
- Keep one high school! (too damaging to relationships with 2 high schools).
- High school should not expand adding to loss by neighbors.
- Schools that are built stronger, more energy efficient. LEED certified schools & public buildings would be great.
- Glad "Bright Futures" was in progress.
- Like "adopt a classroom" + "adopt a student – tho hos do I get info to contribute?
- We have opportunity to make schools State of the Art – let's do it.
- The High School should expand the facilities. Perhaps purchase some of the damaged homes + spread out the facilities. Continue to have most sports at the HS. Add more classrooms, Add hall space, cafe space, etc.
- 50 Meter Pool to Replace Shiffendeck [+where some people can swim laps).

## OPPORTUNITIES

*What would make the Joplin area a more vibrant, enjoyable and successful community?*

- The old St John's property on McClelland would make a fantastic place for a history museum + memorial park (artifacts from the storm).
- Rebuild Franklin Tech close to the High School again. Some students don't have transportation.
- More bike trails. More sidewalks.
- ADA compliant.
- More afterschool safe places for children.
- Community tornado shelters.
- MORE SIRENS.
- With community tornado shelters – who decides when they're full Who closes the door? [+1]
- For Lowe Elem students a Hands on Science Center.
- Are the community shelters going to be stocked with supplies? Who will maintain them? Cost? [+1]
- Dog Parks. [Bad]
- Keep 1 high school so that the town remains united and enough upper level specialty classes can be offered economically.
- Sidewalks.
- Universal easy access for everyone.
- Neighborhood libraries. JPL?
- Use new construction techniques to weather harden schools. Different from East Middle School
- More events at Memorial Hall. Don't give to Joplin RVIII.
- 9th grade center is great idea!
- We need a 9th grade center. It will increase retention + career development.
- "Smart" green vs green.
- Facilitate empty buildings downtown + elsewhere. Build green, while, beautifying the historical buildings we still have.
- Keep Garvin Park! [+1]
- Tornado shelters for schools as rebuild occurs.
- Rename the High School "Hope High" so when other communities ask why we are named "Hope" we can tell of what we have overcome.
- 21st century schools for 21st century learning + skills. Visit website.
- Sirens to warn if one is destroyed enough to hear others.
- Storm shelters for schools.
- Put benches on school playgrounds so parents can watch kids play.
- Walkability – sidewalks.
- Youth Leadership Program. Joplin High School Intervention Liaison.
- Build new facilities with basements that can be used as storm shelters for students and staff.
- FB: Dog park. [+3 ] [bad]
- Fuller longer bus schedules
- High school with fitness facility (including pool) for area residents to use!
- Retirement options.

- Neighborhood xxxgages.
- Walkability.
- Neighborhood, communities.
- Green space + outdoor education areas for youth. Explore nature. Outdoor classroom. Discover nature. Native plantings.
- The destroyed schools are getting new equipment while some of the poorest elementary schools are left out, again.
- Teach our kids.
- Do not put a fence around the high school!
- More access to storm shelters. How do you know what to do when they are full?
- Better transportation.
- Build Green!
- Sell the bricks of the schools. Everyone that went to school here wants to own a piece of its history.
- Rename "Hope High School".
- More opportunities for families like a botanical gardens or event center.
- Have the Eagles stay at the High School.
- FB: I would like to see a discover center – just some kind of science center for kids. [+4]
- 1 Joplin, 1 JHS. [+1]
- Ferociously Attack Illiteracy! (mentor children and focus on books).
- A sense of safety @ schools for kids + familys while kids are @ school.
- Move St Johns to another area of town. Snowball.
- More industry + job opportunities.
- Collect + retain examples of debris. Build a weather museum for study of weather issues/safety. Could be built near Public safety training center.
- How about a monolithic dome for a new gym @ East middle school? Both gym + storm shelter + FEMA approved + hopefully \$ savings. (work ur magic).
- A playground with a splash pool.
- Science center for students/kids similar to Discovery in Springfield. [+3]
- Take advantage of opportunity to beautiful our city with zoning, ordinances & green space.
- Call it Joplin Hope High School.
- Call us the Phoenixs.
- FB: I want an amusement park!!! How about Disneyland over mid-America!!!
- Arts & Entertainment for all ages.
- Making sure that all needs are met. Provide storms shelters at all schools.
- Open schools for more community events besides polling places.
- Do NOT return to the old ways of educating our kids.
- Regional, larger elementary schools (better facilities) instead of so many smaller schools in each neighborhood.
- Keep schools in residential areas so kids can walk to schools.
- FB: Maybe a small aquarium downtown I would just love to see this become more of a family friendly town. Even a small scale rainforest cafe would be A LOT of fun!!!!
- FB: I would love to see an old school park. My kids were actually a bit scared of the teeter totter at the drive in! That's just not right.
- Cunningham could expand the aquatic center.
- Keep JHS named Joplin High School! Jeez!!!
- After St. John's comes down, use that site for a memorial.

- St. John's or Cunningham Park as a memorial/botanical garden and discovery center. [+1]
- Take bus route to airport area to accommodate temp housing. Extend bus hours.
- After school activities for disadvantaged families (transportation consideration.
- Goals + bright future. Parental involvement in planning.
- Have the "Hope High School" sign as it stands!
- Dog park!!!
- Sell the individual bricks from Joplin High as commemative bricks. Great fundraiser.
- Change Joplin High to Hope High.
- A memorial wall for those who lost their lives.
- Memorial for victims at Cunningham Park.
- Sell individual bricks from H.S. As commorative.
- Could the schools also be Storm Shelters?

#### **WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING ON OPTIONAL COMMENT FORM**

- What are R8s plans for the Irving campus of the Old South Middle School campus? If they do not plan to rebuild, turn the land into neighborhood parks. Plant trees, put in playground equipment and walking trails. Turning one into a dog park would be a wonderful thing to do.
- Rebuild the pavilion at Cunningham Park. Design it to replace the destroyed pavilion.
- Smaller neighborhood elementary schools in the city limits for K-8 make the most sense. A conversation about returning to 2 high schools needs to be investigated.
- Possibly move public library to central part of City, including a neighborhood "safe room". Current library out of space. Move Joplin Museum Complex to current library location.
- Need a good modern all purpose public space with large meeting rooms, private (rentable) space – like the one in West Plains, MO.
- Rebuild in some places – neighborhoods. It is time to have 2 or 3 high schools. Small independent living facilities in local neighborhoods (assisted living). Community parks with walking paths. The public school system was the only one damaged.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTOR GROUP

### KEY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

*What would you most like to see improved in the Joplin area?*

- Rebuilding with planned neighborhoods, range line traffic, planned green space.
- Key issues is getting everyone on the same page: Who need what- who has it- connect ASAP.
- I think a building expo would be a great way to have residences meet with potential builders so they can plan ahead.
- Popsicle Test can a child by a popsicle and walk home from the store before it melts. [yep]
- Having a commitment from smaller business would be reassuring. [yes]
- Improvement/development of Main Street south of 7<sup>th</sup> will never happen as long as homeless are walking and loitering and begging for money. [yes]
- Park or Green areas. [2]
- Arts & entertainment opportunities.
- Need to rebuild low-mod housing FAST!
- Access where we have gaps in our local offerings and create plans to plug those gaps (why do people leave Joplin to source a service).
- Walk-ability to commercial Locations. [yes +2]
- Better Construction b/w Rangeline & Main (planned).
- We need planned development. Community pods with multi single housing. Incorporated would be sidewalks, tree lined streets with interesting street lights, mom & pop stores, restaurants, bank, post office, elementary school.
- NO MORE GIANT PARKING LOTS. [x2]
- More jobs for person with developmental disabilities.
- Need shorter response time on abandoned/rundown commercial buildings in former South Main mess. [ditto]
- By rebuilding stronger, smarter, and energy efficient. You will create an environment that becomes attractive to future businesses.
- New Economic Corridor on 20<sup>th</sup> with Mixed Use Residential.
- Rent subsidy until long tern Recovery is established? My church was approached by individual single mom with small child (age 1 + 2) with heart condition? FEMA \$ was taken by roommate back unity church.
- Serious liability issues with buildings left standing.
- Priority: 1. Housing, 2. Jobs, 3. New industry.
- Expands Business Area to include access like 249.
- Encourage new mixed use districts where people can live, work & play. [ditto] [x2] [Yea Yes!]
- Attitude towards education. [+2]
- Business owners need help with clean up too.
- More commercial arterlies through town w/ Retail, ect. Besides Rangeline (i.e. South main West 7<sup>th</sup>).
- Expand Trolley. [+2] [DITTO]
- Centralization of businesses (.i.e., Plazas): - easier to find, - less entrances and exits means less traffic issues, - aesthetically [pleasing vs sporadic businesses even in subdivisions.

- Access to affordable decent housing.
- Support small businesses.
- Transportation is the key. Invest in to airport.
- Hard to get around Joplin. Roads are a problem.
- Encourage more & residential development in Downtown.[yes] [yes] [yes and the damaged area]
- Capitalize on assets we already have. Recently built paved trails in Wildcat Park are great example. Do more things that invite use such as this.
- Continue downtown; expand the renovation beyond the current 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> street limit. [Yes]
- Better traffic flow/coordination.
- Not having to choose between 1 hospital or another for care.
- More environmentally friendly housing.
- I-49!
- Third Thursday Rocks – Just Bring ore retail downtown like it was when I was a kid! [agree Main Street]
- Get more TJx corp stores i.e Marshalls Homegoods.
- “NO” strip Malls on Main Street local business. [+2] [x3] [ditto][DITTO] [Amen]
- Downtown hotel development – boutique hotels.
- Some kind of traffic loop (Westside?) like James River Xway in Springfield.
- Long term City plan –can’t do today so.....Identify zone Commercial “hubs”: 1. Food, 2. Movie, 3. Bars & clubs, 4. Clothing etc. for today & 10 yr areas identified as demand dictates.

## COMMUNITY ASSETS

*What do you like most about the Joplin area?*

- Chamber + Arts community.
- Downtown development Plans.
- Maintain Joplin's Jobs and small town friendliness.
- Keep taxes down so elderly can stay here.
- Keep insurance premiums down from storm disasters.
- Being in a small or medium industry for higher paying jobs with medical insurance.  
Get established business leaders to work with damaged businesses to give all types of support to these people. "Give them a lot of at-a-boys".
- Regional commercial draw.
- Affordable housing kept us here.
- Friendly people with good values.
- Inexpensive city for retirees.
- Encourage creative businesses to locate in Joplin, they are green businesses too.
- The Frisco Trail.
- The involvement the Chamber has in the surrounding areas to try and bring more business traffic and ideas to Joplin.
- Cost of living, the size, the people, /community Frisco Trail, running community, family businesses. [x2]
- Mixture of business opportunity and housing variety.
- The caring-ness in the community, as evidenced by the storm.
- Keep more family owned businesses alive and bring more in. [yes]
- Parks facilities for handicapped as in gym equipment, gardens for the blind.
- Apply for Google internet service (like Kansas City was awarded).
- Support for small businesses – Mom & Pop type businesses, those for example 6 or less employees. [yes!]
- Small business struggle because there aren't any ideal "walk & shop" areas to encourage browsing and window shopping, develop more areas to support small to medium "boutique" & "junk" shops.
- Give tax incentives to local businesses, don't give these incentives to Big Box stores that take revenue out of town. [x2, x3]
- Build new municipal auditorium we can be proud of. Use Memorial Hall for rented venues, clubs, groups, etc. – new auditorium will attract business to areas if Joplin is first class and friendly.



## OPPORTUNITIES

*What would make the Joplin area a more vibrant, enjoyable and successful community?*

- FB: I would love to see that ugly mint green building on Main Street fixed up and turned into an ice skating rink!
- White castles & Chili's!! [x2] [x2]
- Continue to promote medical spin-offs.
- FB: Build a white castle please!!!
- Compact development – open space – walkability - neighborhood markets.
- Zoning commercial – making it attractive for new ppl to come – proper urban planning is critical. [x2]
- Look at intra modal possibilities with railroad & interstate as assets.
- Keep St. John's downtown => anchor --- need hotel/motels ( family friendly) near hospitals (closest are Rangeline).
- FB: White Castle Academy Sports Ikea and Cabela's.
- Need a 2<sup>nd</sup> Bank of America on the other side of town. [yes!] [yes]
- Create a master economic development plan & a land use plan.
- Companies with their employees family & health in mind – decent living wage.
- Incorporate previous planning – limit storm water problems!
- Make Main St. attractive place full of all the old shops similar to what was there that got damaged.
- It doesn't have to be filled with old shops.....in fact young hip shops, a grocery store etc. They just have to be designed in a quaint, architecturally appealing way. [yes] [yes] [yes]. Keep the younger people here, our future.
- Get business leaders to work with damaged businesses to give all types of support to these people. Give them lots of "atta-boys".
- Planned commercial areas that assure re-growth of Rangeline & downtown. Secondary commercial areas to serve re-built neighborhoods.
- White castle! (sliders are great!!!).
- If we rebuild a strong clean, energy efficient Joplin, it will become attractive to future business.
- Rethink performing arts & museum complex – use FEMA money to build performing arts & museum bldg (Dome?). Building would be multi-use & possibly tied to school district use. [great idea x2]
- Bring the Carnavil back or do something to the effect of Worlds of Fun or Silver \$ City.
- Keep neighborhoods & businesses separate. Revitalize Main St to bring more businesses & so that community wants to shop and live there. Bring in more businesses to empty our citizens.
- We need town homes (zero lot lines homes) available to purchase. Nice condos too!
- Bring are museum, theatre complex for live shows. Outdoor water fountains in parks. [yes!]
- Walking trail thru tornado hit area west to east, paved trees, flowers ponds, park benches, perhaps play area for children – a beautiful sight for all to enjoy. Lampposts are also a nice touch.
- Tout attractiveness as a great place to rehire.
- Medical research Center w/ high tech semi-prof/prof jobs. [yes!]
- Redevelop St John's property into specialty medical offices.

- No more half empty cheap strip malls ugly plague all over the city.
- Expand the airport service without price gouging.
- Lure retirees – they'll create jobs at restaurants, retail, recreation etc.
- Let's try to develop more of a 'walking community" neighborhood shops – food etc.
- More choices for grocery stores. [Hy-Vee? x2]
- Don't fear taxes as taxes go down, unemployment rises. As taxes go up ( it is spent on people) unemployment declines & quality of life increases. [What???
- Before the tornado there was nothing to do. The problem remains.
- More community events! Concerts, gatherings, theater, etc.
- Continue the growth of our jogging and biking trails. – develop communities bordered by side walls for the safety of our families that enjoy walks and rides and keep them off the streets where they can get hit. Continue to support our 5-star Chamber.
- More Airport service (airline). [x2][ x3] [x4]
- Set space aside [ & tax incentives] for micro-businesses.
- Attracting more jobs for college graduates and people with advanced degrees.
- Very well planned neighborhoods w/ green spaces – small neighborhood parks – sidewalks. Less strip malls but small attractive retail centers in areas that might include cleaners, small deli-groceries etc. that can be walk to from home rather than get in car & drive all the way to the Wal-mart etc. Green spaces in business areas where workers can go outside & enjoy bag lunch & maybe but their feet in a fountain not like park at 4<sup>TH</sup> & Nain but something away from are fumes etc. New Neighborhood houses w/ walk & cable underground. I can go and on Just call me.
- Neighborhood villages –walkability!
- Which means small businesses all over?!
- Areas accessible to seniors etc. Hospital in North section of town.
- More options for high speed internet. Fiber optic. [x2]
- Convince the Spaghetti Factory to open a restaurant in Joplin – and Trader Joe's.
- Financial counseling for low income.
- At least some areas that allow residences over businesses.
- Easier ways to start up home biz.
- Consider developing an "artist relocation" program similar to Paducah KY ED efforts to enable artists to rehab & occupy housing close to city center for studios and galleries.
- Joplin needs to support local owner businesses. [Ditto] [“ ” ]
- Require businesses to have adequate Parking. Entrance s and exits should be designed to not impede traffic or encourage less vehicle traffic and ore bike/foot traffic. Business should be involved in how their customers get to their door.
- Sidewalks and bike paths!
- Zones for businesses only – not businesses all over town.
- NO SMOKING! [yes]
- More entertainment – make the city more attractive for young professionals – youth leader ship program.
- The airport could be a better economic "draw" for the community if there were more GA services (e.g., hangers, cheaper gas, avionics shop, etc).
- \* Mixed usage development \* infill NOT continue sprawl.
- Principle: The less preposterous have just as much right to continue to live in Joplin as those who can rebuild homes. They should not be displaced.

- Preferential treatment for new & old (rebuilt or undamaged) businesses that are local. Don't give big tax incentives to big box stores. Give them to local businesses so the money stays in the city.
- More places for seniors (remember – there are a lot of us baby boomers around). Venues for teens. More retail downtown & on main west side of town.
- Keep businesses in districts not residential neighborhoods.
- MSSU is here – why don't we have banners everywhere that say "Lion Pride" !!
- A Joplin currency to be spent in local businesses (its being done in other US cities.)
- Hospitals at opposite ends of town.
- Continue progress – recognizing the role the arts can play in economic development. Long-term continuous work toward an arts & entertainment center/town green/museum/amphitheater complex.
- Less corporate presence. More local presence. [+2]

#### **WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING ON OPTIONAL COMMENT FORM**

- Community awareness of the kinds of people they may be compatible with according to studies. In the Bible in Acts it tells of interesting things.
- What are the plans for the St John's old campus (when they relocate of course)? It would be a great expansion of Cunningham Park. Turn it into a green space with lots of trees and trails. I could be connected to McClellan Park by trails.
- The post office at 1<sup>st</sup> and Main needs to be relocated. It blocks the view of the Union Depot and its parking is inadequate.
- We need jobs that pay living wage (not minimum wage) and comes w/ benefits (esp. health)
- With our "older citizens" it would be appropriate to build retirement villages ranging from cottages for independent living graduating to assisted living to full nursing.
- Encourage small businesses to rebuild. Offer 1 on 1 help through the SBA. Some are overwhelmed & choose to do nothing.
- Better use of downtown - perfect timing – need more parking & green space there as well – medical offices – gathered around medical facilities – more low income housing near grocery stores etc.
- To add retail manufacturing & service industries to the area which add tax base & value added jobs to this community.

## SUSTAINABILITY

### SUSTAINABILITY

*What does sustainability mean to you?*

*What ideas do you have for community sustainability?*

- Services of support for individuals—spiritual, churches, Help community move forward.
- Shaded Area/park are to relax, rest different place in the city. Build bike paths more walking areas—eco-planting native vegetations.
- Recycling bins on other side of city or curbside recycling. [ditto]
- Put out more info to those who are rebuilding on solar energy.
- Energy efficient public buildings saves taxpayers money on building upkeep. [2/3]
- Sustainability = planned infill including neighborhoods and services to neighborhoods. Pedestrian friendly. Rebuilt hosp.
- Create businesses to offer more jobs. Keep citizens involved.
- Manicured sidewalks and roads.
- Low-impact rebuilding. Use of local resources for meeting energy needs (mines as possibility). Water conservation and storm water diversion through city-wide rain gardens. Durable, energy efficient construction. "Green" is cost competitive if people are resourceful.
- Adopt a block "looking out for each other" make resources available—training.
- Sustainability = locally-grown businesses, hiring local people, using local materials to keep as much of our resident's money in the area. [ditto]
- We need to encourage as much small business development. INCLUDES: strong education, local success stories.
- Training coalition—post traumatic stress disorder. Preventative Healthcare Salvation Army.
- Human aspect—neighborhood organizations. Someone to work with children. Set up grief trauma groups.
- From my standpoint—Sustainability = our community supporting itself = a need to rebuild our preschools so that parents can go to work. Without good child care, people can't work which leads to high unemployment.
- Want green spaces. Subsidy for "green building" or tax rebate or tax.
- Good to see people concerned about "trees". Joplin was a Tree USA city. Is it still?
- Continue Trolley Service. [And Improve, expand!]
- Greater assistance for the poor, with easier access to services; help with properties, needs etc. Jobs are needed.
- Community Pods with neighborhoods consisting of multi and single family Housing. Parks with swimming pools, walking paths/bike paths. Fountains that work to music for people to enjoy. Small business and communities with parks. Businesses.
- Don't go overboard on green/sustainability!! Greensburg KS want green to the max and has spend all the money and has a lot of vacant space after all these years. We have 10x the damage, could waste 10x the money on "green". [great—be reasonable about green] [Being/building green doesn't have to result in lots of empty lots. Unused land could be used for parks or subsidized for microbusinesses.
- Create so as not to drain taxpayers! Preventative is the word!
- Neighborhood gardens.
- Smartly-designed commercial districts where businesses benefit from other businesses.
- (1) Want "neighborhood" development—perhaps establish "7" (or set #) of areas that

neighborhoods—small and with walking areas that are multi-generational “neighborhood” (2] and perhaps multi-story (no more than 3 ½ stories) with convenient shopping. Planned “infill” certain areas using arts and business.

- Make use of “Greensburg KS knowledge on regrowth with green technology.
- Materials recycling → curbside recycling. Light pollution → downward facing yellow lights. Water waste and pollution → grey water policy.
- City division/team that solely focuses on rebuilding. Make it a specialized task for a small group to be responsible for in the long term.
- Continue “theme” started by downtown show casing our roots and history.
- Providing early Pre-K type child care for working families at a price they can afford thereby creating jobs.

## COMMUNITY VISION

### COMMUNITY VISION (POST-DISASTER)

*What do you want the Joplin area to look like in 5 years? 10 years? 25 years?*

- I want the trees to be replanted.
- Fenced doggie parks.
- Storm shelters. [+1]
- To create a Joplin that works for everyone.
- Lots of vegetation!
- More business along 249.
- Less traffic on Rangline Rd.
- More plazas mean less entrances and exits which elicits less fender benders in theory.
- Side Walks, Side Walks, Side Walks elicits active kids, families, and less obesity.
- Nice small neighborhoods to stay the same as they were.
- Vibrant downtown.
- Good traffic flow.
- Major sports/multi-purpose arena as redevelopment of central city.
- Performing Arts center Town Green.
- Keep Main Street with individual businesses, not strip malls.
- Small parks around the city. Not a few large parks.
- Coffee shops more attractions for young professionals.
- Dog parks.
- Recycling Pick up/curbside.
- Curbside trash pick up with curbside recycling instead of alley pick up.
- Cleaner lower pollution.
- Larger but keep small town feel.
- Dog Parks.
- Water Park (like Salina KS for example).
- Bike lanes. [+2]
- Recycling Pickup curbside. [+2]
- Pedestrian Friendly. [+2]
- Trees. [+2]
- Local Businesses. [+2]
- Quality Homes. [+2]
- A place where people see beautiful homes and business thriving. A place where you can move, get a job, good paying, and be proud to raise their family.
- Big businesses like Walmart + Home Depot to have storm shelters.
- Keep more family owned businesses in town.
- Integrated planning of commercial + residential so places are walkable to.
- Before the storm we had too many empty buildings. I would like the city to be more active in filling them.
- Locally owned coffee shops like old Dicko on Main Street.
- Beautiful public garden with native plants & xeriscaping & opportunities to learn from master gardeners.
- Active.
- Friendly.
- Health aware.

- Running/Biking.
- Curbside recycling plastics [1+2], metals, fiber, glass.
- Fun community gatherings Saturday nites in summer a Paducah Kentucky does this every Saturday nite all summer. Block of 5-6 blocks on Main. 3 different bands donating time (self promotion for bands) antique cars, food vendors, stores stay open late, all near the river downtown.
- Like a real college town.
- Joplin was pretty darn good the way it was. [+1]
- Rezone 20<sup>th</sup> to commercial to 300-400 ft deep.
- Collect large amounts of prop into a subdivision w/ limited access and enhancements like clubhouse & pools Different dollar amounts for houses in same subdivision. [Bad :(]
- Bike trails/walking connecting places + parks across the city.
- Sidewalks.
- Flexible zoning to have small restaurants and local retail stores within neighborhoods. Neighborhood shops not strip malls. Less grid layout.
- Less grid layout.
- Community parks.
- Community gardens. [+1]
- More small neighborhood parks and sidewalks to encourage a sense of community. Albert Lee, Minnesota is a good example. More bike/walking trails to encourage exercise to improve health.
- Activities for kids. – Functions.
- Consider model of Grand Forks, N.P. that incorporated sculpture parks after the flooding & fine – Also created a farmer's market (someone at FEMA named Barbara has the whole story)
- How do we get a federal rebate for storm shelters like Arkansas?
- Devote 2 square blocks to a new public library.
- A community that attracts creative workers + maintains those who want to live + thrive in a creative community.
- Water Park.
- Have a checklist for what to do right after a disaster.
- Consideration for the neighborhoods before closing/opening streets.
- Move forward on projects already asked for by the community – arts center + space for concerts, new museum, skateboard park, natatorium (indoor swimming) Possibly in a central location as a city center.
- MSSU involved in the community, serving, working w/ already established businesses and orgs
- Hope that outsiders see Joplin as a great place to live + buy up the lots that people don't want
- Areas that invite gardening lots of flowers flowers flowers.
- An 8.5x11 printed paper was attached to the board with the following text (sourced from the Help Joplin Facebook page):
  - *Embrace Change!!! The thing that has always held Joplin back is it's inability to embrace change. It has kept this city from wooing industry and culture. Now the eyes of the world are still watching, and we have an opportunity to do differently . I dont want to restore Joplin, I want to make it better than it was.*
  - *I think they have to go after new business that has never been to Joplin boefre*
  - *LEED Construction. Must be optional!*

- *Form a focus group around marketing Joplin to industry. Enhance strengths and work to eliminate weaknesses as it relates to this.*
  - *Trails improve property values and increase opportunities for multi-modal transportation choices.*
  - *Develop a more comprehensive recycling program for the whole city. Increase the annual budget allocation for cultural purposes. Study what successful cities have done in the wake of tragedy...*
  - *Mixed-use development that respects the city block. Sidwalks. Trolley routes that loop in two directions instead of just one (and trash cans at the trolley stops). Buried electric (we bury water and natural gas, but can't bury electric?) Discouragement of "stripmalls" on Main Street that don't respect the city block. Splash pads. And did I mention mixed-use development like we currently have downtown?*
  - *GREEN!!! like greensburg Kansas did in thier rebuilding after thier tornado devastation!*
  - *I am all for continued downtown development. I applaud the city for that. So many cities have a rangeline, but a vibrant downtown makes a city stand out and attracts young executives and families. Cultural d3velopment can transofrm cities—look at Paducah Ky and Portland Oregon and cincinnati OH*
  - *When they replant trees in the parks, make sure they are native to the region. That way we have stronger trees that have adapted to big wind, and that nurture local wildlife.*
  - *I am also in favor of and backing the movement for 2 high schools*
  - *A program that encourages sustainable additions and don't pull away so much of our valueable non sustaining resources such as wind an solar energy and agricultural safety high efficiency building and a city tax on businesses and townships t...*
  - *Bring in green manufacturing. i.e. Solar manufacturing to provide good jobs in an industry on the verge of an economic explosion. If we have the manufacturers here it will begin to seep into the public consciousness starting at the top an...*
  - *Additional resources implemented in Ozark Center – New Directions treatment modalities*
- FB: I want it to look like joplin again...nothing else....JUST JOPLIN before the tornado.
  - More Bike-way and Walking Trails.
  - FB: through restructuring and reorganizing SOMETHINGS that Joplin could grow and be better and more wonderful.
  - This is Joplin's opportunity to look to the future & not to the past. Be careful not to draw too much from past influences & look outside for help + guidance. A corrective action to some of our old mistakes is not a bad thing.
  - In 5 years, Joplin will: -improve graduation rates – increase literacy – mentor the children – SHATTER POVERTY!
  - A good mix of large businesses + thriving small business in a friendly pedestrian-friendly community.
  - High Achieving Schools.
  - active community members who reach out and help those less fortunate.
  - A better community that resembles the strength + spirit we have shown.
  - Buildings that are stronger, low maintenance + nice looking.
  - Keep communities involved in decisionmaking.
  - User friendly Main St.



- Housing in Main St area.
- Rebuilding of planned neighborhoods. Take note of existing architecture when suggesting building designs in fringe areas.
- Forward thinking.
- Green.
- Wireless.
- Artistic.
- Model community in terms of culture, commerce, education environment + technology.
- Listen to the youth.
- I want improved building codes. Poor construction is evident in the storm zone. Example – Hunan Chinese Restaurant and building next door.
- I would like Joplin to look like it was rebuilt by citizens who cared about the environment + and the future of their children.
- I would like someone to drive into Joplin + see it as some place they would like to put down roots.
- Get outside, progressive people here to set up future Development & Layout for our city. Outside vision is part of what we need to be a great city. "Don't Mess Up"
- small parks all over the cities.
- Hope that Joplin is more beautiful than ever.
- People need to embrace the change + make it a positive thing.
- FB: I would love to keep the small home town feeling Joplin is known for. I come from a big city, and love the small town everyone knows their neighbor feeling Joplin has come to show me since moving here.
- Building design conformity. No more hodge podge buildings. [+1]
- collect art and images for a museum/memorial to remember what happened (*specific suggestions below*).
- Make buildings Stronger than before So that they can with hold to bad weather.....maybe all brick.
- FB: the teenagers and the kids are the future..why make it something big and special. Make it look like when the adults were kids....a good place for kids to grow up at.
- Underground Utilites.
- More Main St development.
- Maintain our friendly town attitude. CK.
- Small community feel w/ little track home development.
- Continue to be youth oriented with organizations such as the Bridge. Focus on education from pre-K through Masters Level.
- Couple new golf courses.
- Continue to be leaders in the Healthcare field.
- Become a very urban city, with pedestrian, bicycle, handicap friendly access throughout. A place people want to come live because of what we have to offer. [+1]
- Overcome the drug problems!
- I would like to see more green ways.
- I would like to see an emphasis on green technology.
- I would like to see emphasis put on conservation + recycling.
- Fully recovered.
- Strong regional pull for jobs.
- Busy airport.

- Let's not turn Main St in to another Rangeline or 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Keep the storefronts on the sidewalk and not turn it into a bunch of strip malls.
- Establish a FIRM LIMIT No more than 1 year 2 at most all land either: being built or is rebuilt or: Grassed green empty park-like cared for.
- FB: Make all of Main look like Downtown Main.
- Large community events such as Boomtown & July 4 regularly throughout year-round.
- Energy efficient.
- Safe.
- Green .
- Clustered house. [some] [+1]
- Don't abandon the planning that was done prior to the tornado.
- Coordinate a parks plan.
- N+S / E+W bike paths.
- Joplin should have small nieghhoods inside the cit with entrance to residential areas and some of the roads ending in cul d sac's.
- An 8.5x11 printed paper was attached to the board with the following text:

***Rebuilding Considerations***

*I first visited downtown Joplin about 13 years ago. In my opinion it was UGLY. Old, dilapidated or abandoned buildings, fast food businesses, filling stations and general wear and tear. I was not impressed.*

*Over the last several years much progress has been made particularly between Spiva Park and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. In my view we have an opportunity to accelerate that progress as we rebuild.*

*The same thoughts apply to the 20<sup>th</sup> Street corridor and about 10 blocks on Range Line. Do "it" all or only tackle one "corridor" seems to be a choice now. OR we can simple rebuild as before with little innovation of change. Just imagine "what if" Main Street was a walking Mall with a trolley car (that cost about a quarter to ride) connecting one end at Spiva Park to 32<sup>nd</sup> street on the other end. Maybe it would even be a clean energy trolley car or one that could be quickly modified to such new energy when the technology catches up.*

*Just imagine a "green boulevard" on 20<sup>th</sup> Street connecting Main Street and Range Line.*

*Just imagine a "magnet area" on Range line centered on 20<sup>th</sup> street*

*Really dream and consider all three areas connected only be cheap public transportation a "Street Car of Imagination" with ample parking on both Range Line and Main Street from which all people can drive and then be connected to various "magnets". And of course bike paths for those able to use them would be included in all three corridors. And those bike paths would connect to outlying areas as well as is already being achieved.*

*But NO cars in any of those new corridors. Only CHEAP public transportation, like a quarter a ride.*

*Such a vision does NOT exclude anyone. A well build and maintained homeless shelter and treatment center for addiction can be included. Some of those areas could easily accommodate low cost apartments as wells as high cost "lofts". Put in a centrally located public housing center, again safe and well maintained and with cheap public transportation for residents to go shopping or eating wherever they so choose to go.*

*"Mom and Pop" grocery stores, clean and attractive "Pharmacy's" which are really more diverse businesses could be included as would restaurants ranging for the very cheap to upscale could be accommodated. How about a "downtown" move theater and continued encouragement of a privately owned and operated "cultural center" complete with concert hall and live theater with ticket prices that almost all could afford.*

*What we do NOT need is more filling stations, bars for the poor and downtrodden, pawn shops or other "dives" that "feed off" of the poor and downtrodden. Such folks like to walk and live in clean and safe places just as everyone else walks and lives. And there is still ample space for those other businesses to flourish where people will continue drive to. But let's keep our "anchors" for public transportation, walkers and bikers and the type of businesses that everyone can use and enjoy.*

*What a wonderful opportunity to "clean up" Joplin for EVERYONE. And we have now a blank canvas to start to build our dreams.*

- An 8.5x11 printed paper was attached to the board with the following text:
  1. *Sidewalks, anywhere and everywhere – walkability – can't stress this enough. (side note, many property owners still haven't cleared loose debris from their sidewalks....thinking about some buildings on Main (the old Cougar, for example...we're two months out, and there are areas that shouldn't look this bad right now.*
  2. *Bury utilities where possible. This has both aesthetic and practical effects*
  3. *2 intersections could be straightened out and greatly improved. The intersection of 26<sup>th</sup> and Main, and the intersection(s) of 26<sup>th</sup> and Jackson. These two really aren't a could/should. They're more of a must. Now is the opportunity to do it without having to bulldoze anything.*
  4. *Kelly Maddy's Memorial Path of trees idea. Flowering dogwoods*
  5. *Improve transportation in the city – expand the trolley into a real, fully functional bus system*
  6. *I'm a proponent of going back to 2 high schools. I know that's a dead issue from the get go so I'll shut up about it.*
  7. *This is an opportunity to improve/connect the city's growing trail system.*
  8. *New library? Move library to south side closer to where more people live? Perhaps move museum complex to existing library facility downtown....*
  9. *Streets to be widened....26<sup>th</sup> b/n Maiden Lane and Schifferdecker.*
  10. *Streetlights....actual streetlights. Streetlights like they used to put up (Main, Rangelin, 7<sup>th</sup>) No more of this slapping lights on telephone polls business. (Sidenote again, let's get some lights up in the tornado zone sooner rather than later...everyone is getting tired of the black hole....there are no functioning streetlights on Main b/n 15<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> – that's ridiculous.*

11. Hire actual architectural and planning firms (preferably from outside of Joplin) to help the city create a master plan. Improve zoning. Beautify the parks. Make Cunningham, Parr Hill, Campbell Parkway signature parks. No generic construction. Encourage construction of high quality things the city can be proud of. When trees are planted, acquire the most mature trees possible.
  12. Curbs, sidewalks, and guttering on South Jackson b/n 6<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup>.
  13. Tax credits for restoration of homes in older and historic neighborhoods
  14. Encourage rebuilding to be sensitive to the context of the existing neighborhoods
  15. Encourage Green building where possible
  16. Discourage land consolidation ("My nextdoor neighbor's house got destroyed so we bought the lot to give us a bigger yard.") Joplin needs to be more dense, not less dense.
  17. Unique streetscaping on the destroyed part of Main b/c 26<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup>. Encourage new business to move back to South Main. Also encourage new business as well as old businesses that are rebuilding to construct their structures in accordance with the established sidewalk fronting building line (aka) not set back from the street behind a parking lot.
  18. Encourage mixed-use development where possible.
  19. Maintain our current state of walkable neighborhood schools
  20. Pocket parks
  21. Community gardens
  22. Foster a sense of unique neighborhood identities throughout Joplin, unique signage, lighting, etc.
  23. Encourage new businesses, new chains, etc to come to Joplin. Create tax credits, etc. Use TIFs and CIDs where appropriate. If 17<sup>th</sup> and Rangeline could be considered blighted 5 years ago, then there are certainly many areas of Joplin (Rangle included) that could be considered blighted now too.
- An 8.5x11 printed paper was attached to the board with the following text:  
*We Would Like to See in the Future.*  
July 12, 2011  
DON'T LET IT GET AWAY, May 22, 2011
    1. Inside the structure should be housed the materials of importance from the tornado. Some of those amazing vehicles....twisted and bent – should be SAVED. There should be a museum dedicated to this historic event.
    2. It could become an important economic boost to the community – a museum in this location – as well as offer a branch classroom for a new course in meteorology for college students...hooked with MSSU or up in Spfd at SMS or where-ever there are appropriate courses offered – this could be an extension classroom-on-site...
    3. (Even Clinton's Presidential Lib. Has a school attached to it!)
    4. There should be a zillion photos and artifacts...the oddities...like that chair stuck in the wall at St. Johns – that should NOT get away.
    5. There should be a memorial for the dead...and the heroes, etc..And the things that make a tornado so jaw-dropping.
    6. It could bring back some tourist traffic (STORM CHASTERS – Weather groupies, folks traveling Route 66, etc...) Folks wanting to learn about weather...and eventually the rebuilding, etc...
    7. I believe it is worthy of consideration...and there needs to be a mission to save the

*things NOW...even trips to Galena (where everything is being dumped) should be planned to search thro the debris later*

8. *Go to the link from the NY TIMES that tells of the savings of materials from the World Trade Center blgs. THIS IS A MUST*

*A small group of Architects and Preservationists toured the World Trade Center to select these items.*

- An 8.5x11 printed paper was attached to the board with the following text:  
*Vision from JALL's Young Professionals Network*
  - *Use economic development as a vision for Joplin*
  - *Recycling center(s) more accessible and convenient for people to have access to.*
  - *Start up a program in conjunction with trash pick-up or just have more sites for recyclable materials*
  - *Focus on what will draw young professionals to the area and how that can be incorporated in the vision for Joplin*
  - *Narrow focus of mission on one or two specific areas of re-development with regards to the disaster*
  - *Narrow focus of vision to volunteer opportunities for various organizations*
  - *Establish a YPN Visioning Task Force to take ideas and give them substance and present them to the proper group for discussion*
  - *If YPN hopes to have influence they should seek targeted communication with those organizations that have a lot of money and power.*
  - *Market Joplin*
  - *Narrow the focus then excel at the few areas they decide to focus on*
  - *Help the city in the NEW vision for Joplin: rebuilding, planning, growth, long-term goals.*
  - *Keep the community pride moving forward.*
  - *There are a large number of non profit's in the area and we should be hesitant to tie ourselves to just one group*
  - *Bring in an entertainment/sports complex to provide great potential for the community*
  - *Create a local Performing Arts Center so people will drive to Joplin for arts and culture instead of going to other locations*
  - *The first thing YPN should do is create a written plan for Joplin's future then decide what the focus is.*
  - *Make a tree planting effort YPN's own project. Symbolizes how Joplin will grow into something large and beautiful*
  - *Follow through with every goal*
  - *Be involved and make an impact in our community*
  - *Be the voice for our generation and for the community*
  - *Higher up YPN's adopt and lower YPN and collaborate to get new ideas with old.*
  - *YPN needs to have a presence on committees that encourage the growth of Joplin.*
  - *Number one priority of YPN is to attract more members and get the current members better connected and involved.*
  - *Is now the time for a renewed focus on what makes Joplin unique?*
  - *What cities, national organizations, and other groups can Joplin pair with long-*

term?

- *What do we want Joplin to be known for in 10 years?*
- *Make Joplin known for something other than the tornado*
- *Don't lose sight of Joplin's goals before the tornado just assess the situation and make those goals better form our current situation*
- *A regional planning organization that collaborates Joplin with surrounding cities to work, plan, and organize together.*
- *How do we get new people excited about Joplin and make them want to move here?*
- *Brag about success.*
- *Remember the private and religious schools as well as the public schools.*
- *Third Thursday is heavily marketed and would be a great way to get YPN as a household name. Can YPN "sponsor" a Third Thursday event?*
- *Have people bring their needs to us and then decide on them rather than trying to figure out what those needs are – maybe have them fill out an online application? This would make more a better/more efficient use of our resources*
- *Create a "laster like " focus on visoin and mission. Instead of spreading the Network thin across multiple worthy project, focus on a smaller number and perform well.*
- *Help the younger generation of leaders – our generation – understand their role and how they can make an impact*
- *YPN mentoring high schools tudents*
- *Find some group or mentors for YPN to access to promte entrepreneurship. New business is a big part of the future of Joplin*
- *Different types of housing layouts – townhouses*
- *Planned communities/neighborhoods*
- *Attract jobs that require higher levels of educatoin*
- *Create appealing retail and entertainment for recruitment to be easier for companies bringing in new professionals.*
- *What about arts, entertainment and culture? What do we want to see that develop in to?*
- *Support a sustainable and environmentally conscious plan for the rebuild of Joplin – construction methods, community planning*
- *To get more Lunch Pals have a group YPN event at a school around once every two or three months and let some members meet these kids and they may be more willing to make a commitment at that time*
- *Get YPN members to the discussion table when the city and the chamber discuss redevelopments.*
- *Continuation of downtown update with rebuild*
- *From a structural/rebuild point; bringing in new opportunities to grow not only the population and number of available jobs but also revenue from tourism: -outdoor outlet mall -water park - tornado memorial museum – dog or music parks*
- *Can YPN lead by example nationwide like Bright Futures has?*
- *Add a committee to YPN just for volunteering and with the rewards for "x" numbers of hours seved.*
- *Connect with the Bridge to allow weekly/monthly meetings with kids in need.*
- *Reinvent the existing commercial districts (i.e. South Main, West 7<sup>th</sup> etc.)*
- *Underground utilities!*
- *Bike lanes and sidewalks*
- *Better transportation options – extend beyond daytime hours.*

- *Incorporate more medical, pastoral, nutritionists, police/law enforcement officials, fire departments, and other individuals that lead in ways that are not only the business world.*
- *Promote recycling and "going green."*
- *Add to a focus to YPN director to Environmental issues in Joplin.*
- *Create a long-term new vision for Joplin.*
- *Think about the kids.*
- *Communication to all members especially new members. Insure all members are receiving communications*
- *Ability to affect local, state, and federal legislation*
- *Do the job right and to the fullest of YPN's potential, whatever it may be*
- *Incubator/seed fund*
- *Using public/private money*
- *Start-ups must keep operations in-town post launch*
- *Manufacturing and industrial involvement*
- *More intense leadership training*
- *Group that works toward a more sustainable Joplin*
- *Group that works for planning and reshaping tornado affected area*
- *Use kickstarter.com for leverage*
- *What should Joplin look/feel like in the year 2025?*
- *Mentor program with college students*
- *Spotlight children's non-profit organizations that specifically serve children and let the public know what's available and what they are doing to help.*
- *Put a board together of various YPN members that are made available to Joplin citizens to come and talk about short-term finance and health issues.*
- *Continue to give mack to community through this education and learning event as a long-term goal.*
- *Work with high school and college students and create mentor groups geared towards those students*
- *Can YPN's help other cities/states in disasters such as volunteers have helped Joplin in our time of need? Possibly form a group that can travel to help?*
- *Partnership with Joplin schools to put interns in young professionals' businesses*
- *Offer business expertise to the Joplin school district students and staff to help education process*
- *Creation of a YPN smartphone application*
- *Putting on school assemblies and promoting financial education in our schools*
- *Working to create and place more jobs in Joplin*
- *Form PTO focus groups to reach out to parents at every school*
- *Use social networking to increase communication and build a stronger community by sharing ideas*
- *5k race*
- *Develop leadership personally and investing in the future leaders of our community*
- *We need to be the constant reminders and connections to the outside world that can influence and impact on us.*
- *Ask where we want the YPN to be in 1, 5, or 10 years and then think of what activities would get us there*
- *Work with Joplin schools to educate the community on green-build methods and promote LEED certification for all new schools and government buildings*

- *Provide Happy Meals for the lunch buddies and the lunch buddy kids*
- *Create an online idea forum for people to submit their thoughts*
- *Create a walking path through the destruction as a memorial*
- An 8.5x11 printed paper was attached to the board with the following text:  
*Preference for:*
  - *houses + business building that are energy-efficient (inc passive solar, active solar, wind, heat pumps, super-insulated, green building materials, gray water (so can be LEED-certified), earth-bermed*
  - *lots of green space*
  - *bike trails/walking trails*
  - *residences over commercial spaces*
  - *easy walking or short drive to businesses*
  - *Local businesses (over big box stores, national chains, etc); No tax incentives should go to any business that won't keep its money here in town; tax credits should be given to local enterprises (which will keep its revenue in town)*
  - *allow clotheslines*
  - *trust (by city, state or non-profit) people can sell their lot(s) to now + then as people decide what they want to do + get the money together, they can buy the land from the Trust preference to 1] current residents 2] local business owners 3] people who have recently lived within 15 miles of city limits*
  - *park from 1 end of town to the other (like Portland)*
  - *Community centers that have free rooms for meetings*
  - *dog park*
  - *underground power lines to reduce blackouts*
  - *homeless shelter to move to the north end of Main + be expanded, to include services that will help them find jobs, get into rehab, etc*
  - *Seek out consultants who can set up offices in Joplin to give low-cost advice on building green*
  - *Set up a fund now to pay for reforesting Joplin'*
  - *allow spaces where electric car charging stations can be built (Joplin could put them in as a way to increase revenues)*
  - *Preference to local trees/bushes*
  - *Principal: The people of Joplin get to decide what happens in Joplin. Joplin becomes a city that works for everybody. The less prosperous have just as much right to continue to live in Joplin as those who can rebuild homes. They should not be displaced. Multi-family homes should be spread throughout the city and Habitat for Humanity should be supported in every way*
  - *As much as possible, resources should be reused*
  - *Places for several community gardens should be set aside*
  - *trolley should be expanded*
  - *Create an online idea forum for people to submit their thoughts*
  - *If we are talking about sustaining Joplin as a viable community to live, work and play then how we rebuild and the results of those choices will have longterm affect on what companies and individuals relocating to the area wil analyze carefully as a place they would want to be associated.*
  - *How do we use local talent, local resources and local materials whenever possible. How is debris affecting the ground water, air quality, health issues.*



## **WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING ON OPTIONAL COMMENT FORM**

- I often refer to Joplin as a suburb without a city attached. With the right plan this community could become a right sized city with its own suburb attached.
- I would like to see Joplin rebuild to be a modern community a small town atmosphere.
- Plan for a well-thought out community. Design spaces throughout the community for a variety of needs.
- We want a "green " city in the future. Possibly some tornado shelters built into neighborhoods.
- A family friendly/safe community.
- Community research – a study of all of us like today.

## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

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- We do about 2000 calories. death camp near Auswitz Germany only get 250 calories per day.
- Can Joplin be an ongoing movie scene of public research where all is important.
- The community on a weighing scale mode cardinal scales has a catalogue on Leah Suliev Facebook and ancestry.com.
- Putting the community in awareness of their bloodtype and how they should eat and drink accordingly.
- I believe in God and Jesus Christ. However or yet is it possible to research a community in their own perspectives such as the Zodiac signs Capricorn through Aquarius and on a scale basis-weighing?
- I believe I am a character in Gods story book and will be until my time expires. and so this whole universe He created. We are His storybook and everything happens for a reason – to get from point A to point B.

