



**City of Lee's Summit, MO  
City Council  
Planning Session Summary**

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# Two Productive Sessions

## **June 2, 2016**

Why You Serve

What You Envision For the City of Lee's Summit

Blind Spots

How Mindset Matters and Affects Perception

The Value of Diverse Opinions in Decision-Making

## **August 6, 2016**

Your Vision for the City of Lee's Summit in the areas of Safety, Education, Quality of Life, Local Government, Transportation, Health and Human Services, Economic Development and Culture/Arts.

# Why You Serve

- The feeling of making a difference.
- Being part of the decision-making process that will help grow this city.
- Continue to build with sound economic development.
- The part that we play in making this a great community! Being able to represent the residents of this City is very rewarding, and sometimes we are able to help with problems they or their neighborhood might encounter along the way.
- Contributing to the greater good of Lee's Summit, now and for the future.

# Why the City Council Exists

- The Council exists because the residents saw a need for **representation** to make informed decisions on their behalf.
- To guide the City with a short term and long term **vision** in order to keep the City viable, sustainable and thriving.
- Represent the **citizens**.
- Provide leadership and direction for the City of Lee's Summit which allows for strong economic growth and **sustainability** for our citizens.



## What You Envision (1 of 3)

I see our **gateways expanding** from our downtown core to the south, from the 291/50 interchange to the northeast with the expansion of our airport. Our **cultural arts is forging ahead** with the amphitheater and the future downtown performing arts venue.

To build an environment where we spend energy on what we can accomplish as a team. To do for the citizens what they cannot do for themselves.

I want enough housing and jobs that **our well-educated children will want to return and live and work here** when they finish college.

## What You Envision (2 of 3)

I think Lee's Summit could be the place **people come from around the metro to shop and for entertainment.**

**Sustainability and economic growth** at the same time promoting the great city with **strong presence and leadership .**

I want to keep Lee's Summit **safe, beautiful and amazing** for years to come.

I would like for the City to be an **inclusive community** where an individual can feel at home and that they are a **valued member of the community** where their thoughts and concerns are heard and respected.

## What You Envision (3 of 3)

Lee's Summit has **more jobs** than it does residents. The **technology, health care** and **entrepreneurial efforts** have all become successful. We have increased the density in our downtown w/out sacrificing the character that makes it the HEART of the community, and that density has helped strengthen and grow the retail and entertainment environment. The **Airport** runways are complete, the new tower and hangars are done, and we continue to be a general aviation hub. Our **Police** have the latest in radio equipment, and we have replaced older **fire stations** and laid out a long-term plan on how/when to upgrade facilities on a more regular basis. The **Parks Department** is able to have a community center in each 1/4 of the city and operate successfully with connectivity and their management of the KATY Trail connection, growing our **recreation/tourism industry**. The **Quality of Life** continues to improve, while we have wisely and prudently used our resources in very effective manner.

# Themes in What You Envision

**Vibrant** City

**Dynamic** community

Destination

Inclusive

Dynamic **spirit** of cooperation

Diverse

Growth

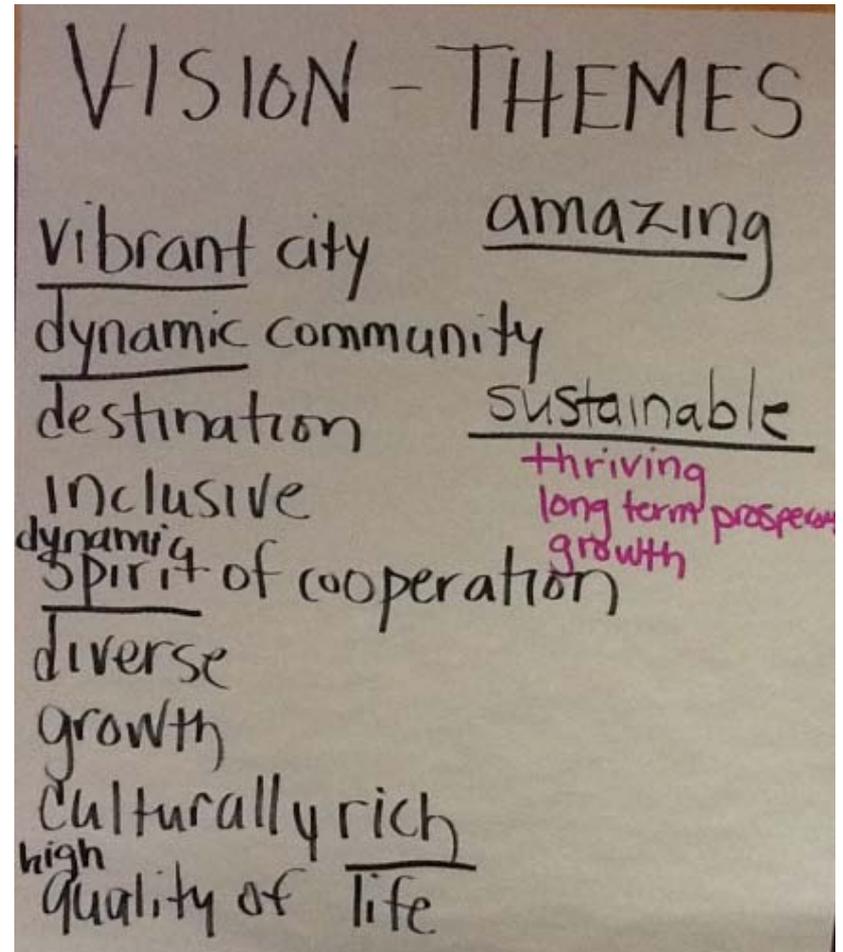
**Culturally rich**

High quality of life

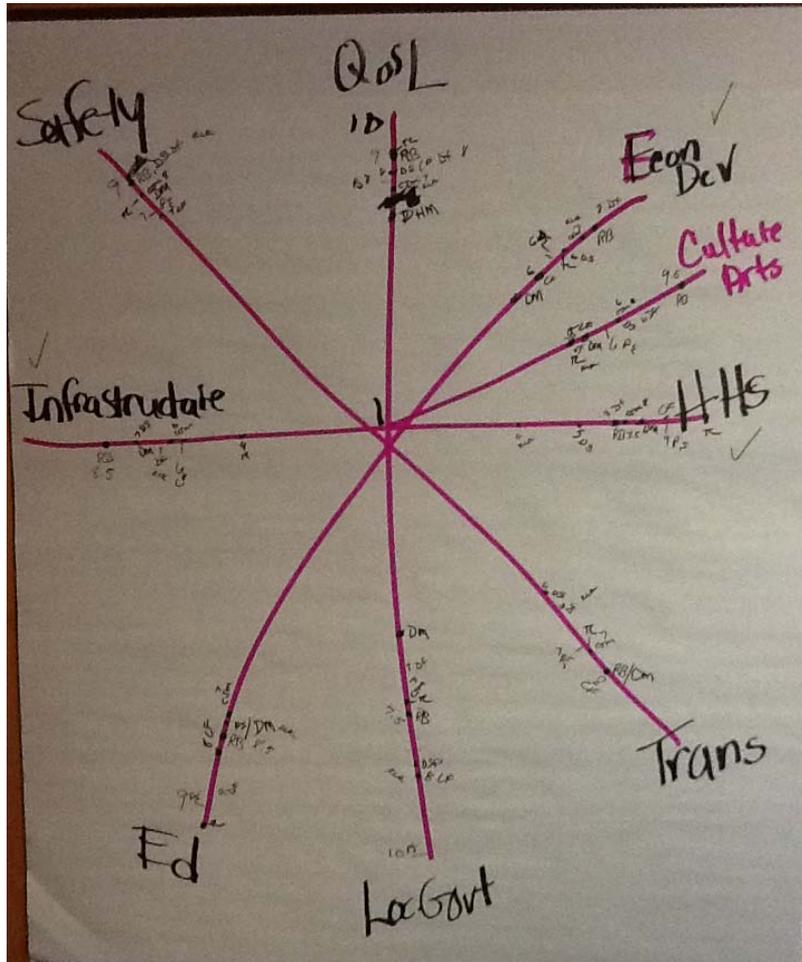
**Amazing**

**Sustainable**

- Thriving
- Long-term prosperous
- Growth



# Current Reality



Category	Average
Safety	8.22
Education	8.22
Quality of Life	7.78
Local Government	7
Transportation	6.89
Health & Human Svs	6.61
Infrastructure	6.5
Economic Dev	6.5
Culture / Arts	5.27

# Safety

To create an environment where the perception of safety is supported by reality of safety.

- Educating our citizens on high performance standards and how we are attaining those goals.
- A well staffed, well paid, well equipped public safety group, who represents and carries forward the community's values and is always oriented towards the future.
- Continue providing resources and facilities to maximize ability to protect citizens

# Education

Continue the environment for educational eco-system to thrive.

- Communication and collaboration of all sectors of educational institutions.
- Engage students in community to retain students in Lee's Summit after graduation.
- Upgrade online and communications technology that builds data to increase community education and engagement.

# Quality of Life

Invest in keeping Lee's Summit safe, beautiful and amazing through efficiency and responsible priorities.

- Recreating the unity, comradery and community building passion that LS360 brought to the table to address quality of life.
- Strengthen Lee's Summit as a destination city.

# Transportation

A multi-modal system that embraces livability and connectivity, including accessibility.

- Investigate and implement where appropriate different modes of transportation for all ages.
- Incorporate technology into transportation.
- Identify support for regional options: Leverage – Capitalize.
- Connect recreation to economic development projects, ex: bike share.
- Viable roadways in all parts of the city.

# Health and Human Services

Maximize accessibility and affordability...

- A wellness community
  - Education and outreach for HHS
  - Legislative advocacy for HHS
  - Protection of environmental resources
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- Fully capable facilities and entities.
  - A community that cares and supports all citizens who are not capable of self-reliance.
  - Max non-profit collaboration i.e. central housing.
  - Aid in free and reduced lunches which impact families.
  - Continue to assess housing for non-profits.
  - Encourage development of medical resources.
  - Encourage development growth, additions, expansion of non-profit programs and services.

# Infrastructure

Ability to address current infrastructure needs while expanding capacity for future opportunities.

- Be able to travel through Lee's Summit multiple ways – include all quadrants.
- Maximize roadway capacity.
- Improve storm water management system.
- Maintain curbs and sidewalks.
- Develop clear policies regarding public vs private needs.
- Long-term planning including maintenance schedules.
- Identify reliable and sufficient funding source to complete and support vision.
- Identify gaps & shortcomings and work to address (sidewalk/connectivity).

# Economic Development

Thriving yet affordable growth which generates unique and classy options for our community, and long term careers that support future growth.

- High quality and diverse economic development with bold and flexible decision making to encourage more innovative technology and high wage careers.
- Clear easily understandable processes allowing for high quality appropriate development with emphasis on problem solving.
- Spec buildings ready for occupancy.
- A local economy that provides a variety of employment opportunities to help keep the younger workforce here in the community.

# Culture/Arts

Create a supportive environment for artistic expression that is representative of the values of a welcoming community.

- Cultivate and foster the growth of an emerging and energetic arts environment.
- Public art visible in all areas of the City.
- Complete Cultural Arts Corridor.
- Encourage private investment.
- Differences are respected through community experiences for cultural exchange.
- Unique and fun options that builds culture and community, attracts others, and increases value.

# Decision Making Considerations

- Decision-Making Considerations
- is it realistic
  - Impact of decision <sub>immed + future</sub> |||
  - City, state or HOA level <sub>or other</sub>
  - What's current policy |
  - What <sup>should</sup> future policy be
  - What's fiscal note <sub>+ sustainability</sub> ||
  - Severity of issue
  - future of the city
  - What's best for the city
  - views of preponderance of the people

- Decision-Making Considerations
- do the facts align w/ <sub>my values & integrity</sub> <sup>|||</sup>
  - (the reasoning)
  - how will it be communicated back
  - Who has the facts <sub>(facts vs. opinion)</sub>
  - Views of spec interests <sub>other considerations</sub> <sup>|||</sup>
  - What are the facts
  - how many people impacted/magnitude
  - resources ~~available~~ required <sub>vs available</sub>
  - how will it impact business
  - how will it impact people <sub>pros & cons</sub> ||
  - opinion of fellow council members

# Decision Making Considerations

1. What's **best** for the city?
2. What are the **facts**?
3. **Impact** of decision?
  - Immediate and future;
  - Magnitude?
4. What **resources** are needed, available and necessary for sustainability?
5. Is it **realistic**?

**Thank you for serving the  
City of Lee's Summit!**