City Commission Goals

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Goal Statement: Promoting the economic development of Lawrence to provide varied work and business opportunities.

Areas for future development:

Heritage initiative Vocational Training

Horizon 2020 update Planning

Farmland property Supporting schools

Industrial Park Airport development

Business ombudsman - business development "one stop"

Partnering with KU (incubator opportunities); K-10 Corridor; KC metro; regional planning

PLANNED GROWTH

Goal Statement: Encouraging growth that protects our environment, neighborhoods, and cultural features while benefiting all of our citizens.

Areas for future development:

Development codes work - update, application, regulations, laws

Bigger visioning process - community process

Horizon 2020 updating

Annexation policy- pros/cons of aggressive approach

Adequate Public Facilities- how to approach

City-wide bike network

Get behind neighborhood plans

Downtown development - consider it as part of overall planned growth

Integration of stormwater plans

North Lawrence - stormwater study RFP Include all master plans - integration

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Goal Statement: Creating social capital and celebrating our heritage.

Areas for future development:

Community 4th of July celebration

Carnegie Library usage

Provide opportunity for community to come together socially/to play

Adopt-a-park - signage large scale

City services - disaster response; recognize those that contribute to community building

Planning and zoning codes that encourage community building

Homeless task force - services

Connection to Kansas River

Supporting schools - recognition, meetings

Clinton Lake Master Plan

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NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

Goal Statement: Improving the livability of all Lawrence neighborhoods.

Areas for future development:

Institutionalize neighborhood association involvement in new development

Explore parking regulations in neighborhoods

ENVIRONMENT

Goal Statement: Integrating the environment into our decisions as we work towards a sustainable city.

Areas for future development:

Moratorium on lift stations

Incentives for use of permeable pavement surfaces

Integrate environmental issues with development codes

Regulations that foster transit use

TRANSPORTATION

Goal Statement: Improving access for all citizens

Areas for future development:

Adequate Public Facilities

Incorporate school routes & T - integrate

Development codes

Bike trail network - finish rail trail

"Old areas" - modernization of current code

Explore commuter bus service KC/Topeka

South Lawrence Trafficway

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Goal Statement: Protecting the integrity of downtown while maintaining it as a unique community resource.

Areas for future development:

DOWNTOWN 2000 (D2000)

Carnegie Library

Explore rent caps

Farmer's Market location

Parking - Northwest area

Library expansion

Preserve character of downtown

CITY SERVICES

Goal Statement: Provide excellent City services consistent with resources

Areas for future development:

Continuous systematic improvement - employees fully empowered

Long-range sustained organizational plan