

A. Themes and Draft Goals

Citizen Topic Group: Community Pride and Human Relationships

As part of Imagine Columbia's Future, Citizen Topic Groups reviewed the ideas for the future generated by the public, identified subtopics for organizing these ideas, formed subtopic groups, identified themes emerging from the ideas, and generated draft subtopic goals that reflect that aspirations of the community. These draft goals will be presented to the public at the April 4th Exploring the Vision Workshop for feedback.

This document includes all of the output that has been received from your Citizen Topic Group (CTG) to this point. The first one to two pages list your agreed-upon subtopics, draft goals for each subtopic, and notes from the consultant that offer an overall assessment of the work of your CTG. The following pages provide a record of the work of each subtopic group, including identified themes, draft goal statements, and any preliminary strategies or notes that the subtopic group has submitted. (Minutes have not been included.) Any gaps in this information indicate that the consultant has not received all of your group's output.

The draft goals have been revised by ACP-Visioning and Planning, Ltd. for clarity and consistency, as necessary. The original goal and ACP's suggested revisions are clearly designated in the material provided for each subtopic. In cases where no draft goals were submitted, ACP prepared draft goals using the themes provided by the subtopic group as a guide. At the third CTG meeting, subtopic groups will review these draft goals, and will have the opportunity to accept, revise, or rewrite them.

Agreed Upon Subtopics

1. Diversity/Inclusion
2. Sense of Community
3. Youth

Draft Goals by Subtopic

The following draft goals were developed by the group and have been edited by the consultant for consistency and clarity, when necessary.

Diversity/Inclusion

Columbia will be an inclusive community where people from all walks of life hear, appreciate, understand, respect, and trust each other, and where positive relationships are fostered and human rights are advanced.

Sense of Community

In the future, connections between families, neighborhoods, and the community at large will be actively promoted through events, communication, and interactive community challenges.

Youth

Columbia will provide more places and a variety of activities, creating environments that will cultivate responsible citizenship and inclusive behavior among young people.

Notes/Assessment by ACP – Visioning and Planning, Ltd.

- All subtopics are doing very well and have their themes and summary statements.

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Sub-Topic: Diversity / Inclusion

Original List of Themes from Kick-off

1. Achieve cultural awareness
2. Equality of input—seeking input
3. Respect for Diversity
4. Build Positive Relationships
5. Individualism
6. Value Diversity
7. Justice
8. Creating
9. Giving voice to diversity
10. Leadership
11. Valuing diverse input
12. Human rights
13. Empowering those without power

Draft Goal Statements

Columbia will be an inclusive community where people from all walks of life hear, appreciate, understand, respect, and trust each other, and where positive relationships are fostered and human rights are advanced.

Suggested Revision from ACP – Visioning and Planning, Ltd.

No revision suggested. This is excellent.

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Sub-Topic: Sense of Community

Original List of Themes from Kick-off

1. Neighbor / neighborhoods
2. Larger Communities
3. Participation
4. Families
5. Value
6. Participation

Revised List of Themes from Citizen Topic Group Meeting #2

1. Neighbor / neighborhoods – bring together
2. Larger Communities - interconnected
3. Participation – increased communication
4. Families – value/reinforce
5. Value - appreciation
6. Family – Neighborhood – Community

Draft Goal Statement

To proactively promote interconnectivity between families, neighborhoods, and the community at large.
Event – Process - Challenge

Suggested Revision from ACP – Visioning and Planning, Ltd.

In the future, connections between families, neighborhoods, and the community at large will be actively promoted through events, communication, and interactive community challenges.

Preliminary Strategies

[Are the following items preliminary strategies or personal notes?]

1. Celebrate Columbia (Event). [Pick a big event....Twilight Fest? Fall Fest? Etc.]
2. Calendar Community (Process). [What are other community calendars; what are we already doing]
3. Invitation / Challenge (Challenge). [“Trading Places”, Incentive? Personality. Group exchange]
4. Day of Caring....caring for Columbia.

Other notes

- Barriers. Why not now? a) misperceptions, b) communication (narrow vs. broad) – events / activities targeted to specific groups, c) busy, d) is it fun?, e) too much activity (watered –down of everything), f) community calendar – news..www..Tribune...neighborhood calendars.
- To proactively promote interconnectivity, families, neighborhoods, and community at large.
- Activities, Relationships, Resources, Facilities
- Interconnectedness, “Warmth”, Proactivity, Perceptions

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Sub-Topic: Youth

Original List of Themes from Kick-off

1. Organized Activities (free or affordable)
2. Place for Youth (building)
3. Responsible Citizenship

Revised List of Themes from Citizen Topic Group Meeting #2

1. Organized Activities (free or affordable)
2. Place for Youth (building)
3. Responsible Citizenship
4. Cultivate inclusive behavior

Draft Goal Statement

Original: To provide a place with organized activities to cultivate responsible citizenship amongst Columbia youth.

Revised: Columbia will provide more places and a variety of activities, creating environments that will cultivate responsible citizenship and inclusive behavior among young people.

Suggested Revision from ACP – Visioning and Planning, Ltd.

No revision suggested.

Next Steps / Group Assignments

- What has been tried? Why was it not successful? – Crystal, Glen
- Research other communities that have found success – Mark
- Identify with existing people/organizations already working in this area. – Michelle
- What skills/training are required or needed to lead youth groups. – Karissa
- What is the process for setting rules relating to youth centers or activities? – Karen
- Leverage study circle program to build consensus and vision amongst youth organization leadership.