

Community Workshop in North Highlands – January 22, 2019

1. Strengths

- a. WOW Produce – access to healthy food in the food desert that is North Highlands
- b. History – sense of community
- c. Diversity
- d. Black Child Legacy Campaign
- e. North Highlands parks
- f. Educational opportunities
 - i. 2 high schools
 - ii. American River College satellite campus
- g. DHS office
- h. Freedom Park
- i. Construction Businesses
- j. Air Force Base
- k. Open track (near meeting place)
- l. Faith communities
- m. Non-profits
- n. Community hope – did not exist before (after the base closure)
- o. Bus routes

2. Civic Engagement

- a. Better engagement (2 votes)
- b. Increased social media presence.
- c. Centralized community information/updates
- d. Placemaking – community centers – other (1 vote)
- e. Opportunities for folks to gather – town square (2 votes)
- f. Beautification (1 vote)
- g. Identify areas that could be ready for activation.
- h. Public pools, libraries, parks, etc. Bring back.
- i. Identify the priorities of our youth to engage or be engaged.
Additional resources/activities.
- j. Pop-ups to activate historic spaces
- k. Community pride through activations
 - i. Concert in the park
 - ii. Farmers market (one vote)
- l. Making community meetings more accessible
 - i. Culturally appropriate
 - ii. Easier access – transportation
 - iii. Face to face meetings – relationship building
 - iv. Using schools as community brokers
 - v. Easy dialog: de-wonk the conversation and social media.
 - vi. Go where the people are.
- m. Social media – post the meetings
- n. Engaging and partnering with local CBOs, non-profits, local churches and business improvement districts. (one vote)

- o. Flyers and materials: PDF, flyers, etc to share updates and upcoming events or meetings.
- p. Public meetings
 - i. Reduce jargon/use common terms
- q. Public meeting spaces for businesses to use
- r. Neighbor associations and watch groups
- s. Build better relationships with community members
- t. Child care for public meetings

3. Public Facilities

- a. Healthcare/mental care facilities (2 votes)
- b. Birthing centers/prenatal care
- c. Health and Human Services in neighborhoods
- d. Cleaner parks
- e. Community gardens
- f. Clean up vacant lands
 - i. More community hubs/nodes (i.e. gardens, etc)
- g. School connections/places for kids to go
 - i. More employment
- h. Indoor sports facility
- i. All night safe space/recreation center for youth
 - i. Boys and Girls Club
- j. Crises nursery (First5 Program)
- k. Small business incubator
 - i. Resume building
 - ii. Urban League

4. Physical Activity (1 vote)

- a. Access to parks (Freedom Park, etc.)
- b. Promoting community programs (2 votes. 1 vote – non-NH)
- c. Railroad and freeway can create barriers.
- d. Smart ride
- e. Park facilities could be more relevant to needs of users. (1 vote)
- f. Make pools more accessible, Foothill High School.
 - i. Study these, publicize
- g. High speed, high capacity roads are barriers.
- h. Trees are in parks but not necessarily elsewhere (1 vote – non-NH)
- i. Equip folks with tools to be active.
- j. Bicycling on roads is not safe
 - i. Do have trails
 - ii. Lighting
 - iii. Can we access destinations from Dry Creek Trail (1 vote – non-NH)
- k. Leash laws - enforce
- l. Carcentric design is a barrier to physical activity
- m. Need bike lanes
 - i. More separation from cars
 - ii. Prioritized raised, separated bike facilities (1 vote)

- n. Prioritize physical (walk/bike access) to transit.
- o. Tree canopy
 - i. Become County of trees.
- p. Activation
 - i. Pop-up parks – activate underutilized areas/land
 - ii. Support CBOs having events/activity spaces throughout the community.
- q. Change the perception of people who walk/bike
 - i. Programs to encourage, celebrate
- r. Prioritize RT access to parks/centers
- s. Neighborhood circulation shuttle
- t. Neighborhood beautification
- u. Roseville Road – lack of lighting, dumping etc.
- v. Access to gardens (6 votes)
- w. Community co-op farming
- x. Need sidewalks now. Don't wait for development
- y. Lighting (1 vote)
- z. Bathrooms at parks.
- aa. Need more trails and bike paths along arterials.
- bb. Address physical and personal safety.
- cc. Support gardens and multigenerational parks.
 - i. Educational workshops on personal gardens.
- dd. Bike parking standards
 - i. Adopt the city's

5. Pollution Exposure (1 vote)

- a. Group 1
 - i. Concerns
 1. Congestion on Elkhorn
 2. Trains
 3. Trash in waterways
 4. Water quality – polluted runoff
 5. Homeless – trash dumping
 6. Illegal dumping – Roseville Road
 7. Deficient landscaping
 8. Toxic soil (nuclear waste) at McClellan Base
 - ii. Solutions
 1. More County-installed trees
 2. Enforce landscape requirements
 3. Community placemaking
 - a. Walkable communities (1 vote)
 - b. Mixed-use
 - c. Neighborhood destinations (such as market)
 4. More green space
 5. Traffic light optimization
 6. Community car share – all electric
 7. Improved pedestrian bike paths
- b. Group 2

- i. Concerns
 - 1. Polluted waterways
 - 2. Watt Avenue traffic/congestion
 - 3. Illegal dumping (1 vote)
 - 4. Wild fire smoke
 - ii. Solutions
 - 1. Education – oil dumping
 - 2. Portable air filter (room size)
 - 3. HOV lane on Watt Avenue
 - 4. Fasttrak
 - 5. More public transportation
 - 6. Connect Card (Transit Card)
 - a. Universal transit card
 - b. Coordinated transfers
 - c. Group 3
 - i. Concerns
 - 1. Auto pollution/train
 - 2. Construction business equipment
 - 3. Water pollution – drinking water quality
 - 4. Need more trees (1 vote)
 - 5. Trash dumping from homeless
 - ii. Solutions
 - 1. Hyperloop/Light Rail to Roseville
 - 2. EV charging stations
 - 3. Enforce landscaping zoning standards
- 6. Crime Reduction (2 votes, 1 vote – non-NH)
 - a. Lack of mental health care – require with new development (2 votes)
 - b. Increase in shelter services – require with new development (2 votes)
 - c. Sex trafficking awareness (3 votes)
 - i. Educational services
 - d. Illegal dumping, outdoor drug use
 - i. CPTED design
 - e. Vape shops
 - i. Zoning
 - f. Homelessness, Porch Pirates, Home Invasion
 - i. Neighborhood Watch/Awareness (4 votes)
 - g. Prostitution
 - h. Homeless
 - i. Improved street lighting
 - j. Neighborhood /Business Watch (2 votes)
- 7. Safe and Sanitary Homes
 - a. Homeless problem/drugs
 - i. Promote mental health services, provide information for homeless at Mercy Housing (4 votes)

- b. Mold (1 vote)
- c. Bad Tenants (1 vote)
 - i. Neighborhood Watch
- d. Abandoned Homes – too many empty homes (1 vote)
 - i. Neighborhood Watch
 - ii. Urban homesteading (1 vote)
 - iii. Limit bank's time to hold onto homes. Have County DA go after banks that hold homes for too long. (1 vote non-NH)
- e. Dark streets in residential areas – no lights (1 vote non-NH)
- f. Hot homes during summer – threat to seniors (2 votes)
 - i. Monitors to check on people
- g. Apartments – more than one family – a problem. House – not a problem.
- h. Community policing

8. Healthy Food Access

- a. Community garden efforts in North Highlands/Foothill Farms
 - i. Overgrow Sacramento
 - ii. North Highlands Community Garden
- b. Issue: Lack of funding and education
- c. Solution: Better publicity for urban agriculture ordinance
- d. Issue: Difficult to find space to sell food products (for small farmers)
- e. Issue: Safeway is expensive and Winco is far away.
- f. Issue: Food served at schools is unhealthy (1 vote)
- g. Solution: Turn vacant lots into gardens (2 votes, 1 vote non-NH)
- h. Issue: Difficult to gain access to lots for community garden use.
- i. Issue: lack of security for gardens. Expensive to install fence and exterior restroom (1 vote)
- j. Solution: Grant funds from healthy food funds (1 vote)
- k. Solution: Farmers markets in underutilized parking lots. (2 votes – non-NH).
- l. Solution: WIC participant cooking classes.
- m. Solution: Grant-writing classes for urban farmers. (1 vote)
- n. Issue: Poor health related to food.
- o. Solution: Nutrition classes/support food programs for pregnant women/young families (2 votes)
- p. Solution: Navigators for seniors or people with disabilities.
- q. Issue: Lack of awareness of existing food programs. (1 vote)
- r. Issue: Carcinogens in food.
- s. Issue: Lack of safe sidewalks/bike lanes to stores.
- t. Issue: Busses do not run frequently enough and they do not connect well. (1 vote non-NH)
- u. Issue: The last mile between the bus stop and your destination.
- v. Issue: Food deserts
- w. Solution: Fruit/veggie truck instead of ice cream trucks
- x. Solution: Use fruit trees as landscaping along streets or in subdivisions (1 vote)
- y. Issue: Food waste/overproduction (1 vote)

z. Solution: Connect donors to churches/food banks.