

City Supplemental Comment Sheet - Submission #4656

Date Submitted: 8/5/2014

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Which listening session did you attend?

Natural resources and environmental considerat ▾

Name

Vicki Watson

1. What do you like best about Missoula as a whole?

The emerging culture of sustainability and resilience

2. Think about other cities around the nation where you may have worked, visited, or considered as a place of employment. What characteristics of those cities would you like to see in Missoula?

I have lived on a small farm in Texas, in Houston and in Madison WI.
Missoula is the best place of those.
There is not anything about Houston that I want to see in Missoula (well maybe tropical plants but that's silly).
As for Madison WI -- a well supported university would be nice, but I don't think Madison has that anymore.

As for the small farm -- well, we do have the PEAS farm and some other small farms around Missoula -- more of those would be nice.

3. All things considered, if you could change one thing in Missoula, what would it be?

Growth -- I would like to see Missoula stop growing -- but have no idea how to accomplish that.
A greater emphasis on infill would help.

But the only things that would really help would be for the US & world populations to stop growing and for other places to be just as attractive as Missoula.

4. What ideas, resources, innovations, etc., are you aware of that would help the Missoula community become more successful and address our assets and challenges?

For the emerging culture of sustainability & resilience to become the dominant culture – not just in Missoula but everywhere.

Thanks again for your participation! Is there anything else?

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Which listening session did you attend?

Housing ▼

Name

Greg Oliver

1. What do you like best about Missoula as a whole?

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4) Below market rate housing requires some manner of public investment. Identify all the tools for that.

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- 1) I will continue thoughts in this space. Possible flexibility with form based codes, feather out density as we are doing with Sawmill district. Possible shared green space instead of tiny individual apartment allotments
- 2) 10% goal of all new housing units are affordable with clarification about how that will be handled
- 3) let's try to identify some characteristics associated with Missoula character of buildings that we aim towards.

Thanks again for your participation! Is there anything else?

Some additional thoughts not necessarily tied to housing:
1) identify nodes in city in which we want to build greater density. These are already emerging: Russell & Broadway, Mount & Russell, Third & Russell, consider some overlay with incentives to developers. Consider areas within at least 1/4 mile radius as a whole- how to approach parking, access to parks, proximity to transit,

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Plan for housing for those in the workforce, earning 80-120% of the median income.

Thanks again for your participation! Is there anything else?

There was a lot of discussion about affordability, and it wasn't until I left that I realized we may have been talking about two different things. I do think affordable/subsidized housing is an important part of our community, but I'm more interested in having policies that promote and support Workforce Housing. Housing that is intended for those earning 80%-120% of the median income. Thanks!

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Which listening session did you attend?

-- Select One --

Name

Frances L Gates

1. What do you like best about Missoula as a whole?

I enjoy the ease with which I can cycle around town, access food bank services when I need to, and the beautiful river.

2. Think about other cities around the nation where you may have worked, visited, or considered as a place of employment. What characteristics of those cities would you like to see in Missoula?

I would like to see more ethnic diversity, increased work opportunities for persons ages 40-50 yrs. old who are skilled in their fields, and an increase in working/minimum wages. I would like to see increased hours of operation for public transportation such as later in the evenings, especially during inclement weather conditions, until midnight. This would greatly assist students who study late.

3. All things considered, if you could change one thing in Missoula, what would it be?

Increase bus/public transport hours of operation until midnight 7 days/week, especially in inclement weather.

4. What ideas, resources, innovations, etc., are you aware of that would help the Missoula community become more successful and address our assets and challenges?

Missoula would greatly benefit from monthly coalition meetings that would integrate social services, the medical community, and education community to educate people who work with aging and disabled persons. Meetings would provide networking opportunities for professionals free of charge and varied speakers/trainings can be offered. Perhaps something like this would assist in establishing greater quality environments/community interaction for aging/disabled persons.

Thanks again for your participation! Is there anything else?

Thank you for including me as a community member. This listening session was informative and interesting to attend.

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Which listening session did you attend?

Community wellness ▼

Name

Frances L Gates

1. What do you like best about Missoula as a whole?

I appreciate the presence of the Montana State University College of Nursing on the Missoula campus. I also enjoy that Missoula has a relatively low crime rate.

2. Think about other cities around the nation where you may have worked, visited, or considered as a place of employment. What characteristics of those cities would you like to see in Missoula?

I would like to see integration and awareness of ethnic communities to increase Missoula's diversity as well as to increase people's understanding of ethnic identity and racial equity concerns in work and education environments.

3. All things considered, if you could change one thing in Missoula, what would it be?

I would like to see the University of Montana and the Missoula community encourage responsible use of alcohol, and discourage use of substances such as marijuana and/or other damaging/illegal drugs. It would be helpful if people in Missoula, especially students, understood how abuse of alcohol and other drugs does impeded their ability to develop long-term relationships with students from other nations and subsequently may damage future business relations within Missoula.

4. What ideas, resources, innovations, etc., are you aware of that would help the Missoula community become more successful and address our assets and challenges?

It would be helpful to hold forums on the University of Montana campus addressing the issue of creating and maintaining relationships with students from other countries as well as addressing how substance use/abuse can impede the global image of the university.

Thanks again for your participation! Is there anything else?

Thank you for including me as a community member. I appreciate the Missoula Mayor's office for hosting this listening session. It provided an opportunity for me to network as a professional.

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Which listening session did you attend?

Economic development ▼

Name

Frances L Gates

1. What do you like best about Missoula as a whole?

I appreciate the river and surrounding beauty.

2. Think about other cities around the nation where you may have worked, visited, or considered as a place of employment. What characteristics of those cities would you like to see in Missoula?

Characteristics that I have enjoyed about other cities I have lived in include: ethnic diversity, many employment opportunities, and interfaith collaboration with social services.

3. All things considered, if you could change one thing in Missoula, what would it be?

I would like to see an increase in wages.

4. What ideas, resources, innovations, etc., are you aware of that would help the Missoula community become more successful and address our assets and challenges?

The "Reconnecting America" website presents federal grant information to help cities such as for infrastructure investments. One such program titled, "Strong Cities, Strong Communities Visioning Challenge (SC2) may be helpful.

Thanks again for your participation! Is there anything else?

Thank you for including me as a community member. I hope to learn more about Missoula's economic outlook and funding concerns in the future.

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Which listening session did you attend?

Transportation ▼

Name

Bob Giordano

1. What do you like best about Missoula as a whole?

getting better for walking biking and transit. there are real places here.

2. Think about other cities around the nation where you may have worked, visited, or considered as a place of employment. What characteristics of those cities would you like to see in Missoula?

more walkable, bikable and transit friendly. we need more public plazas and places in the heart of the city. less pollution, noise and crashes.

3. All things considered, if you could change one thing in Missoula, what would it be?

change from auto oriented to pedestrian oriented.

4. What ideas, resources, innovations, etc., are you aware of that would help the Missoula community become more successful and address our assets and challenges?

change all stop lights in the city to modern, human-scale, single lane roundabout. do 'road diets' on all 4 and 5 lane roads down to a 3-lane road (one travel lane in each direction, with a center turn lane, along with bike lanes or cycle tracks. implement a complete n'hood greenway system. finish the bike lanes, sidewalks and urban trails, and have the urban trails connect to more regional trails. start bike share and car share. bring back passenger rail to downtown. increase transit too.

Thanks again for your participation! Is there anything else?

Thanks

City Supplemental Comment Sheet - Submission #5003

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Which listening session did you attend?

Planning/surveying/engineering ▼

Name

Cameron Best

1. What do you like best about Missoula as a whole?

I love the community in Missoula, and the beauty that we are surrounded by in all directions.

2. Think about other cities around the nation where you may have worked, visited, or considered as a place of employment. What characteristics of those cities would you like to see in Missoula?

Bicycling is a key component to any city I will ever live in, as well as density the two go hand in hand for the most part. Sprawling cities are horrific to bike in, and I am happy Our Missoula is focussing inward.

3. All things considered, if you could change one thing in Missoula, what would it be?

I would improve Missoula's intersections, all the good bike infrastructure Missoula has implemented fails at intersections. I would love to see protected intersections and roundabouts.

4. What ideas, resources, innovations, etc., are you aware of that would help the Missoula community become more successful and address our assets and challenges?

I believe an urban growth boundary would be very beneficial to prevent the development of the open space around the community, and prevent subdivisions on the edges of town, i. e. Linda Vista. As mentioned above protected intersections for cyclists and pedestrians would be a huge safety feature for both pedestrians and cyclists.

Thanks again for your participation! Is there anything else?

Thanks