



Hillsboro Community Trust Project

August 31, 2021 Community Conversation

1) How would you define a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive community? Or what is your vision of a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive community?

- A place where everybody feels accepted, no matter their walk of life
- Fun things for everyone in the community
- Comes down to economics, business, and jobs
- Taken care of infrastructure
- Roads, broadband
- Sewers
- Commercial development
- Keep us a small community
- Love Hillsboro, it has a country feel. Has room for growth but do not want to lose the small country feel
- Ac community that collaborates and works to better the community
- Definitely think essential services (doctors, prenatal care) are needed. Basic essential services. Recreational and entertainment is needed also- especially for youth
- If kids don't have something to do, then they'll find something to do. If we have opportunities for our youth, we could possibly refrain from drug/substance abuse
- Having a place where all ages can come together for social events, play sports, walk, an inside track for seniors, a band for the teens and seniors. Planned events for all ages
- Christmas in the park. Vendors, HHS choir, Movie in the park. Water balloon fight in the park. Perhaps a committee to put together these events
- Maybe a quarterly or a monthly event
- Outside events more often than parades. More friendliness and coming together as neighbors
- Involvement for everyone, come together to have everyone involved, more stuff for kids to do in school and in our town
- All-inclusive school district and individuals racial and ethnic
- The school district is strong and cohesive. The patrons are also supportive of the district even though we have differences of opinions and political views
- Agrees with each participant, anytime we can create come where (event, etc) to get to know each other would best benefit everyone that lives in this beautiful town
- Need more things and activities for community members to do. A community center is a long shot, maybe not feasible. Would love a community center but wants to be realistic. Working on a splash pad at our park and for our community. Want more things for families to enjoy for free.
- Cornhole competition. Friendly competitions. There is a cornhole association in Jefferson County. Maybe that could be held at the community center
- Makes sure that every member of the community is cared for in some way- grocery stores, parks recreation, commerce, all the things that we need to live a healthy and prosperous life

2) What is one thing we could do in this community that would make our community a more vibrant, resilient, and inclusive community?

- For the health of community, sewers
- Huge problem with clean water
- Water park, for community and kids (If you build a water park for children, based on the school district boundaries, how is it maintained? Who is maintaining it)
- Storm water, run off, sewers all a concern for greater community
- Sanitary sewers for homes and businesses
- Add things for the kids to do, especially with the pandemic to keep them off video games and stuff
- Talked about a splash pad at Hillsboro park. Think it is something that is not maintained as far as employees, etc. It has motion detector system and different things like that.
- Something for the community and kids outside
- Place to include all from young to seniors. Walking track, inside meeting rooms, gym.
- A place for all to go that is open every day and that will meet the needs of everyone
- Creating activities within existing structures like the civic center for people to come together and get engaged
- Focus on more program's vs the buildings
- Raise funds to build the civic center
- Community accomplishing the vision to get things done and acting on the vision moving forward
- In order for the community to create a vision we need to find a way to include the vision of the community as one to make a better community
- To be involved is the way we have to do it
 - What are the vision issues in the school broadband for students within the school district?
- To make it better we are hoping that the farm will make it better. Hoping to incorporate it into our curriculum and classrooms.
- A community center would make it better to attract all sorts of community members- seniors, toddler, etc. and see beautiful relationships come from that. It would be a beautiful place for growth
- clarifying waterpark and or rec center
- Something for everyone to do

3) How do we, together, engage more people in our community to help create a more vibrant, resilient, and inclusive community?

- Each one of us need to know our neighbors
- Speak up and invite each other
- Comes down to personal responsibility
- Take pride and ownership in where they live
- Want to make their community a good place to live
- Maybe reach out through social media or Leader paper
- Community center with ball courts, walking tracks for elderly and would be inclusive of large groups of people and would create a place for others to come together

- Communication is the key to a successful economic development
- Central location for all to come together and not travel to the city
- It would be nice to have social media page whereby events could be shared, and it would combine the city page to the Chamber page etc. in one place for everyone to go and look and see what's going on
- Very difficult to get volunteers to help with activities and people overlapping at many different events. How do we get people to want to get involved? Businesses are getting nicked and dimed to death from many different causes and events
- Appeal with the kids to reel in the parents
- Getting some high schoolers to get involved with the older adults who don't know about technology
- The number one question! When kids get involved and get their hands on the project, they are more enthusiastic about that project. Have people some talk about the importance of getting involved in their community to children.
- It always gets started with the kids
- Depending on what we are speaking about, kids are the key. Ultimately, we need more things for kids. Our town is lacking activities OUTSIDE of the school

4) Are you aware of any initiatives occurring in other communities that might work in our community to make our community a more vibrant, resilient, and inclusive community?

- St. Gen has a rec center/water park
- One family did the majority of the creation of St Gen rec center/water park
- (tremendous amount of upkeep and maintenance required with pools)
- (kids want and need something to do. Kids would set up large gaming situation)
- (more important to keep the small country feel, than to build it up)
- (Keep it feeling like a small community)
- (college is such a wonderful resource, help it do what it does best)
- (there are not many services to make it easy to be picked up or taken anywhere)
- First Fridays – all the small business have special things on Fridays. Also, live music
- Maybe have a monthly event to grow the community as a whole
- Hillsboro Homecoming is an example of an event. Hillsboro does have a community center. Food trucks. Maybe the community center could be used as focal point to gather.
- Something as simple as food trucks and a bounce house attached to different holidays— Halloween for example. If it was tied to a central location (Civic Center) people would remember and would come to the event.
- The parks in other communities have more to offer- splash pads, bodies of water, areas to hold events
- Christmas tree lighting and make it bigger and more activities on the farm like kids singing Christmas carols
- Some miss out on things in rural areas
- Communication is important others have different ways to involve their residents (meals on wheels)

- Technology plays a role with communication
- Giving back and volunteering in the community setting an example for others to step it up a notch
- Physical fitness
- The library initiative that has been brought up and failed several times but would offer a good way to bring people together (offering books and a place for others to go in the summer)
- DeSoto has a lawn beautification and a light display contest
- Anyone could come to community related places (library)
- The number one thing for kids to do is a splash pad in the park. Others have asked for it as a way for families to be together. Popular among conservations.
- Freshen up the park to rid sketchy activity
- Spruce up the park
- Working with conservation to stock the pond for fishing to involve more families
- Create activities like a bike run or tug of war games for kids, everything fun and silly to raise awareness, teamwork exercises- to be fun and interesting for kids. Raising awareness on climate change and at the end they could learn to do team building exercises and years later they are still talking about the activities.
- Inclusiveness should be worked on, not enough of it

Share time:

- Participants has back door agenda because the4y have been working on getting a splash pad in the area. Doing grant writing, taking bids, looking to help with the pavilion and restrooms
- Live concerts and bringing local artists. Bands in the park
- A lot of emphasis on basic needs and infrastructure and inclusion
- Having a physical place for all ages to gather for events- local community centers like Arnold or Farmington to meet the needs of everyone. Making Space
- Communication with residents of Hillsboro regarding activities in the community so we know what's going on
- Communication and involvement this meeting is a good start
- Economic development
- Rural parts of Hillsboro are hard to reach more options for communication besides social media
- Activities at the Civic Center, Hillsboro Days, concerts in the park, more activities for our people
- Benches for the grandparents for the splash pad
- No one at the meeting needing to have others come speak up

The big wrap up ideas for the group:

1. Something for the kids to do (i.e., splash pad.)
2. A building for the activities.
3. Would like to see the park be expanded.
4. Put any effort into the park or school and you can't go wrong.