



**Initial Hillsboro Community Trust Meeting**  
**June 17, 2021**  
**Community Input Results**

During the “Brainstorming Process” of the meeting, each participant had the opportunity to respond to questions focused around:

- A. How would you define a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive community?
- B. Or, what is your vision of a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive community?

Below are there responses.

1) How would you finish this sentence- “A vibrant, resilient and inclusive community in one [where/that/in which] ... ”?

- People working greater good
- Includes all
- Needs of community as whole before self
- Cohesive, work together well
- Work together
- People want to be part of
- Provides resources to community
- Mentally, physically, socially, emotionally
- Place where people want to come
- {we want to be town they are}
- Community participation
- Opportunity, family oriented, health
- Communication, recreation
- Safe and Security(crime) and support
- Identity:
  - Embracing who we are
  - Residential- to be the best
  - Move here to stay here
- Inclusive
  - Across age groups
  - Transportation
- {Too small to do any one thing but we can work together to accomplish}
- Where everyone works together
- Where everyone comes together
- Sharing, needs to know everyone’s vision
- One that collaborates

- {mentioned that everyone was wondering what would go in, in the large field where the marijuana shop that went in}
- Wondered how the marijuana shop would affect the kids in the community
- Hoped that a skating rink or something for kids to do would go in
- Wants a safe place for kids to have something to do
- We lack a place for kids to go and parents may be struggling to get them there

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

- Participants agreed with conversation that having more interactive things to do is what she is looking for
- Having a community center to have things for kids to do- a free arcade, a tutor or open gym night
- Get involved
- Incentive, something to draw people in
  - Worth the time
- Showcase the city
  - Be able to sell it
- Working on a grant for a “splash pad” at the park
- Flowers. Plants in pots
- More interest/Participation in clubs
  - Lions clubs, civic center, etc.
- Fourth of July
  - No money for fireworks
  - Going door to door at businesses to Get donation
- Getting young people involved in the issue
- History- local museum/historical society
- {school is center} The form is a symbol/focal point
- Community center x 2 healthcare, exercise, generation gap bridge
- {health and fitness program} sidewalks for 2 miles, need to connect it
- Southern entrance to town at Hwy B and Hwy 21
- Legacy/history/crossing with generation gaps/senior care
- Better city park
- Get people to participate{educators}
- Community
- Volunteers
- Can't move forward until people come forward and participate
- Community participation

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

- Hold in park so people can stay distanced
- Hold a community day once a month for people to go
- {bribery, lol}
- Communication
- Younger- more participation
- Early childhood center
- Students on good start
- School is the center
- Splash pad, things for kids
- Community center
- Place to gather
- Barriers/ideas – but people will come
- Engage the college – but needs to belong to the community
- Engage more people by social media- more awareness of what is in community
- Disconnect from low-income, poor environments
- {Get Healthy DeSoto}
- Get more positive news out- communication, text, Facebook, but misses out older people, send mail
- Communication of resources is a need
- {Festus} host events/marketing
- Advertising and marketing, flyers
- Partnering
- Media- Facebook/Instagram
- Make everyone knows when someone young does something good
  - Recognition- acknowledge the kids
- {Taking care of the cemetery} lead by example, school kids, the mayor mows, city hall, fire, maintenance staff and school

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

- DeSoto has the Melba move theater and the main street to walk
- Drive in
- Form committees
- Get people here to learn
- Hear both sides

- Reach out to other cities, see how they are doing it
- ASK people to speak
- Get along, show respect – thank everyone for being involved
- Get down on everyone’s level- Ask these questions to kids, get them involved, be someone for them to talk to
- Find a way to connect with kids, so they are brought up with it
- Be a part of the process- understand it, grow it
- Part of the pay is being with people
- Herculeaneum- fundraiser splash pad
- Kade playground
- {we are residential}
- {try to find grants}
- Family involvement- events- kid oriented
- Movie nights
- Hillsboro events- adults {benefits school great}
- Residential- they have a place to do it
- Spread out
- Teens new places to go
- Stay out of trouble
- Dog park
- Community Participation
- Place to gather
- Family involvement
- Kid oriented
- Community center
- Outside/inside activities
- Civic center does not open to go to daily
- Welcome everybody
- Inside track