

MAYOR MARK HOLLAND



**LISTENING
TOUR**

District 1 Listening Tour

SURVEY RESULTS AND FEEDBACK

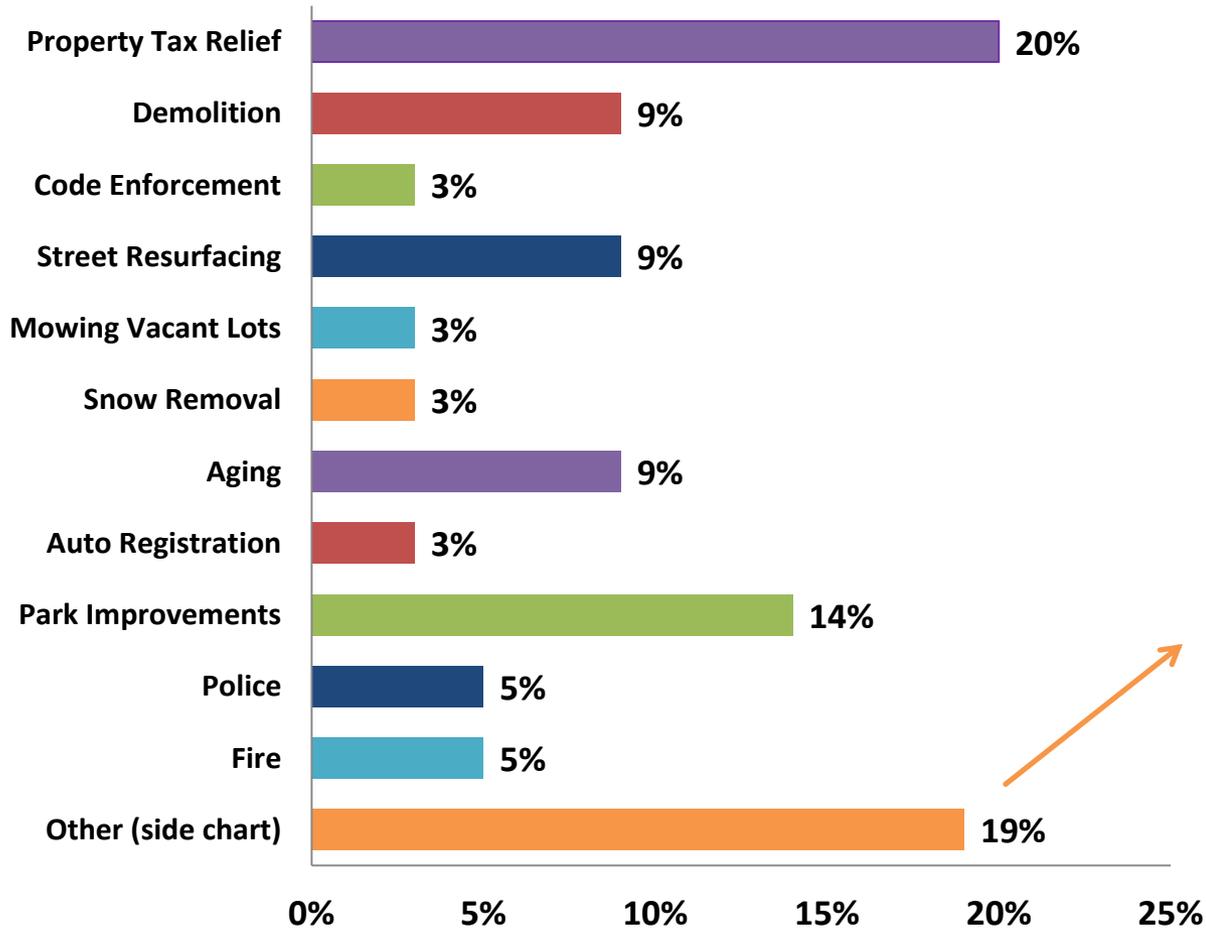
Meeting Date: May 26, 2015

Northwest Middle School

113 attendees signed in at the District 1 Listening Tour.
71 people turned in an individual budget survey and then broke in
to small groups of ten to discuss their survey responses.

How would you spend \$12 million dollars?!

The average percentage per service allocated by District 1 Listening Tour attendees



| Breakdown of the priorities* attendees listed under "Other" | # of times mentioned |
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| Youth & Education | 15 |
| Grocery Stores & Food Access | 11 |
| Transportation ie: buses, bike lanes & trails | 7 |
| Curbs, Sidewalks & Sewers | 4 |
| Housing | 4 |
| Community Centers | 3 |
| Trash Removal & Street Cleaning | 2 |
| Land Bank & Vacant Lot | 2 |
| Job Training | 2 |
| Animal Control | 2 |

Meeting Notes

All bullet points are direct quotations taken from attendee surveys and notes

Aging

- Money for seniors above the poverty level who still need assistance.
- Determine a way to help rehab senior housing.
- Florida model of self-sufficient housing.
- Have a place for seniors to gather.

Code Enforcement

- Use funds to fix up houses. Development of program to assist those affected by code enforcement.
- Need renter laws and landlords to manage better.
- Will absentee landlords get tax relief? 1 - They don't keep up with their properties 2 - Code violations galore! 3 - They are living out of town. Crack down on them!
- Neighbors have outside junk which has not been addressed.

Demolition

- Develop a program to save houses and sell them back to families.
- Abandoned properties that are not closed off and secure are a hazard to kids and to a neighborhood.

Fire

- Money for internship programs
- Fire buildings are old

Mowing Vacant Lots

- There are snakes in vacant lots
- We have existing vacant lots in our neighborhood that have not been cut in ten or more years.

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Park Improvements

- Need better (park) bathrooms.
- Fix tennis nets and include basketball courts.
- Would like to see neighborhood playgrounds on vacant lots.
- Want more neighborhood parks and swimming pools.
- Money should include bike trails, city market, family green space.
- Add more bike trails!
- Contractors do a bad job on park maintenance.
- Our children need more parks to go to when school is out. There is no access to them.
- Youth sports activities require a fee to participate. A grant is needed.
- Youth recreation and more things for families. Training on parenting skills.
- More actively adopt development of MARC Metro Green by developing network of pedestrian/biking trails in WyCo. Developing along KS River from Kaw Point to Western WyCo would be a good place to start.

Police

- Reinstatement of the Weed and Seed program.
- Money for internship programs.
- Need more anti-gang units.

Property Taxes

- This is not enough money to make a difference. Who owns a \$100,000 home in the NE end?

Street Resurfacing

- Need more sidewalks and handicap accessibility.
- We need more sidewalks added to our rural neighborhoods to help us become more urbanized.
- There are problems with sewers backing up.

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General Budget Related Comments

- Literacy and chess. More African Americans trained in infrastructure jobs. I've traveled the city where new sidewalks are being completed and see no African Americans.
- If it has not been done by 2017, a Master Plan developed for façade improvement on Quindaro Blvd.
- Create youth jobs to build new housing. This helps teach responsibility, may provide skills, keeps them busy and will also increase income from property taxes.
- Money for youth programming, cultural events and conflict resolution training.
- Protective status for veterans and disabled Americans. Create jobs for vets at Quindaro Ruins/Underground Railroad (National Landmark). Jobs must have livable wages and meaningful salaries.
- Rebuilding infrastructure for current homeowners on Quindaro before new homes are built.
- Reduce pay for BPU Board/Staff. Beginning paid ins on first day.
- Store balance of the rest of the money in poor community.
- Need more youth training for entry level jobs.
- Make 3&2 Park on Parallel workable. New services for youth. Grocery store in the North end.
- Add more bus stops, routes and covered bus benches. Access to quality food is urgent!
- Sidewalks need handicap ramps.
- Need bus service on the weekend.
- Scientific think tank.
- E-Taxes for non-residents.
- Give bus riders a place to sit and wait for the bus at Midtown area.
- Work with school board for youth sports and arts programs. Take care of kids, it's simple.
- Codes not doing their job. Green stickers stay up for years. So many abandoned houses. Too many Dollar General Stores. More major streets are needed in District 4. Lots need to be mowed more than 2 times. Make 4th District more presentable like western KS areas. We also can be Legends.
- Inmate labor could be employed to mow grass, collect trash and perform similar tasks. This might help to scare of the low-life elements out of the community. Safety is one of the key elements that drives business away from KCK.
- Put money in the education system and invest in school resources!!! Financing for homes on Quindaro between the new homes.

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General Comments about the Meeting

- It was personable, impactful, agreeable. I liked the small group setting because UG meetings are too tedious and time consuming.
- Residents should have been given this information beforehand.
- Not sure I was asked about the original survey. It was wonderful to see so many people in KCK care about our community and being interested in working together. We have the best city in the world :)
- I hope that this format is used more often and the information gathered is actually used. Foster communication between community members and government
- We needed more time and more information. What are the needs?
- Would like for everybody to come back and see what works and how to build on what works.
- We want to know decisions before they are made. The BPU needs to be audited. They are charging urban area extreme utilities for minimal service. Banks need to be audited to see how many minorities, preferably blacks, are giving home loans. Both BPU and banks are over-charging blacks. We need our police department to stop racial profiling. We need crimes solved in KCK. What are we doing to prevent felons from committing crimes once they're out? What are we doing to combat illegal drug trade, gang crime and black on black crime?
- The citizens in this city don't trust our local officials. We're tired of our local officials building up western Wyandotte County.
- Should have provided current budget, ie: street should already have provision.
- It was a good experience interacting with other residents and sharing concerns about improving government services and improving our community. Group had a great facilitator. Great meeting, we were able to discuss our views
- I think animal control officers don't help the people.
- I think there was a strong collective voice to the government to provide services other than public safety and streets.
- I think people in WyCo should be able to house chickens and small fowl in the city limits without having an area of land.
- Hard to walk on 5th Street sidewalks with all the stray dogs.
- This is a great way to carry out the goal which was to get everyone to discuss and express their opinions.

Thank you!