

**MAYOR MARK HOLLAND**



**LISTENING  
TOUR**

## **District 3 Listening Tour**

**SURVEY RESULTS AND FEEDBACK**

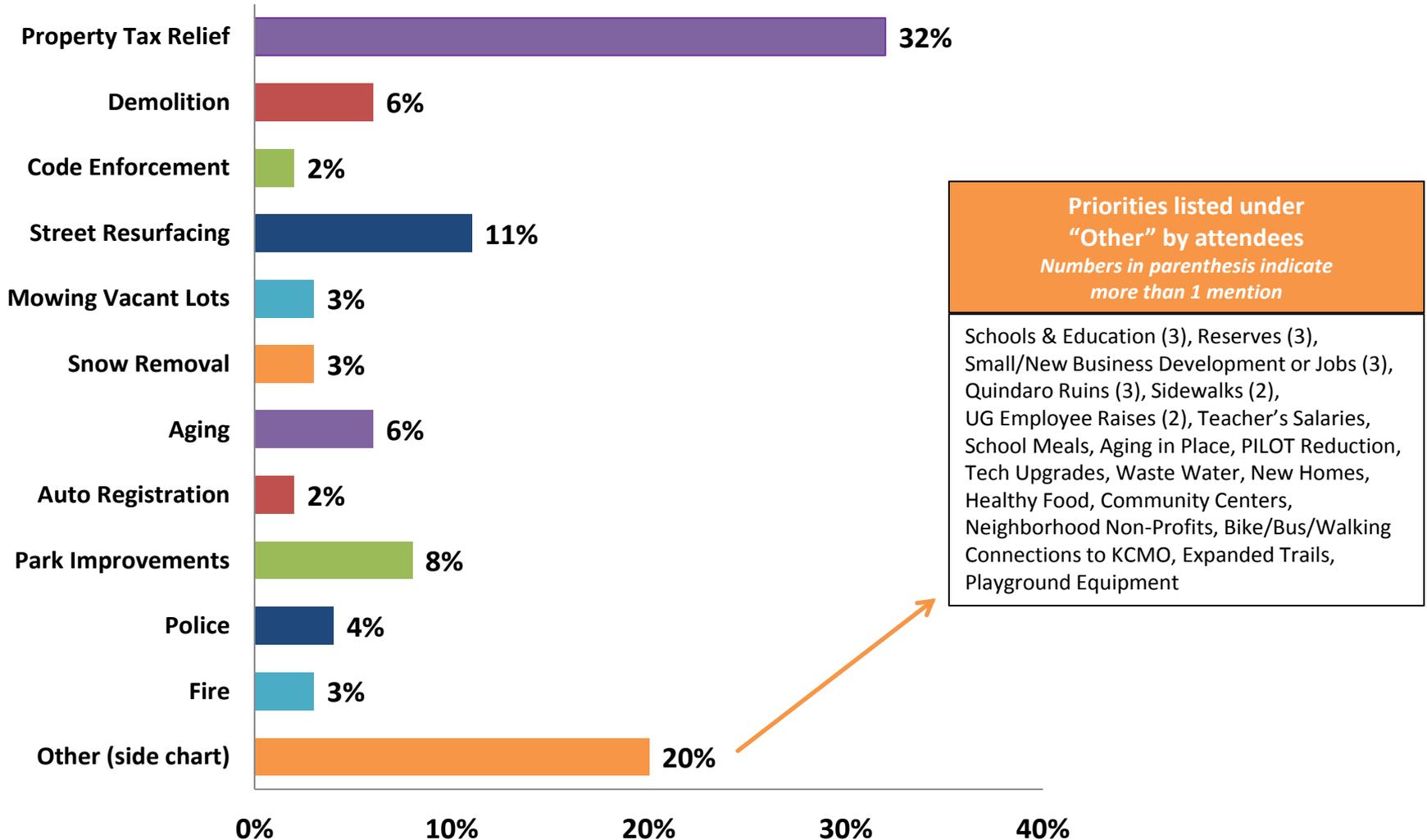
Meeting Date: July 7, 2015

Rosedale Middle School

79 people signed in at the District 3 Listening Tour. Attendees turned in an individual budget survey and then broke in to groups of ten to discuss their survey responses.

# How would you spend \$12 million dollars?!

The average percentage per service allocated by District 3 Listening Tour attendees



# Meeting Notes

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

## Aging

- Support aging in place through expanded transportation like Dial-a-Ride and bus access.
- We need wider availability for aging services. The income levels seem too restrictive.
- Aging services are important to keep “boomer” tax base.

## Code Enforcement

- Code enforcement = increase in look of neighborhoods.
- More support for seniors with code enforcement issues.
- Code enforcement should have more customer service training.
- More code enforcement would improve appearance in the whole city and would prevent crime and increase property value.

## Demolition

- Can we rehab homes before demolition is necessary?
- Can the city start flipping houses for money?

## Fire

- Fire expenses per capita greater than other area cities.

## Park Improvements

- Increase upkeep and upgrade the parks. This could potentially lead to new jobs.
- More parks would keep our families here.
- Recreational centers need more things for senior citizens.
- Community centers could include: co-ops, restaurant, meeting space, teaching kitchen, activities, education exercise, daycare.
- Parks give our kids a place to play, promote family values, allows for community gathering and improves public safety.

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## Property Taxes

- Reallocation of resources intended for increased property taxes.
- Money should go to property tax relief because that's why people voted for STAR Bonds.
- To be competitive we must have tax relief.
- Our senior citizen population needs tax relief.
- We were promised property tax relief with consolidation.

## Street Resurfacing

- Seeing benefit from improvement in streets, curbs, sidewalks and infrastructure.
- More curb and sidewalk infrastructure to reduce water waste.
- Proper repair of streets rather a band aid repair.

## General Comments

- Invest in historical landmarks, like the Quindaro Ruins.
- Combine all UG paper used and buy in bulk- make it high post-consumer waste (show by example).
- Involve youth with programs for employment ie: mowing, cleanup.
- We need competitive housing and rentals to attract residents.
- Could we do more to incent a reduction in energy use?
- To keep more local money in Wyandotte County use tax incentives, support and financial scholarships for disadvantaged.
- We need tangible and visible results.
- I came to thank Commissioner Murguia, Mayor Holland and the UG for improvement on Metropolitan, 24<sup>th</sup>- HWY 69! Just Great!!
- Street resurfacing- do it right!! We need more senior living options in District 3.
- Improve morale in the African American community.

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## General Comments continued . . .

- Fund nonprofits who help people get jobs and eat.
- Local small business support-encourage more small stores and family-owned business.
- Schools: if you want people to come here. Tutoring programs, after school summer programs, testing.
- I wish that education was discussed more and how we can improve our schools in WyCo.
- Create business incubators for all types of business programs.

## Comments about the Meeting Format

- Well done. I think we'll benefit.
- There should be adults only at these meetings.
- More expert info available would be helpful.
- In my group, I was told people can come to multiples listening sessions and participate in the survey process. This methodology makes this survey process flawed to the point no results are really valid.
- Felt meeting encouraged spending funds in many areas that were not previously discussed for these funds.
- There needs to be more education and info if you are serious about having an involved populace.
- I enjoyed the process and will continue to be involved.
- This was awesome! How do we get more millennials in the door to contribute?
- I thought it was great! I felt like the Mayor and our Commissioners care about what I want.
- The meeting was all good. I would like to see more of these group meetings. It is good for neighborhood groups to get together.
- I feel it brings the community and individuals together working toward a positive goal.

*Thank you!*