

MADRID TOWN HALL MEETING NOTES

March 23, 2010

Meeting Purpose: Perkins County Planning & Zoning Commission seeking public input on update of Comprehensive Plan.

Comprehensive Plan Components & Purpose:

Attendees: (See attached spreadsheet)

Current Attributes of Perkins County & Communities in Perkins County – (Strengths)

- Feels Safe
- Quiet, Peaceful
- Clean Air
- Clean Communities & Landscape
- Attractive Farmsteads & Homes
- Clean Water
- Heritage “Home”
- Good Quality of Life
- Good School, Fire Department, Dr.s
- Climate
- Personal Freedoms
- Rural Lifestyle
- Available Ag Land
- Community Events
- Good People, Honest

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Vision (Desired Future - What We Want to See in 10-15 Years)

Priority Score	Projects/Goals/Objectives
20	Keep rural lifestyle, quality of life
12	Retain K-12 schools in Perkins County
10	Prevent regulations that hinder development
9	Protect, clean air, water, safety and landscape
7	Maintain roads to allow ease of access to town
7	Retain current jobs & businesses
6	Create more job opportunities
4	Increase population of all ages to with needs and wants within a 30 minute drive to sustain services
2	More commercial development
1	Continuity of existing services
1	Young people are more involved, take more responsibility
1	Expand hospital
0	Keep land privately owned
0	Tourist designation area – national historic landmarks

Assets (What We Bring to the Table)

Community

- Space for Development
- Water Supply
- Banks for Financial Needs
- Schools
- Health Care
- Railroad
- Volunteer Fire Department
- Churches
- Roads
- Hotel
- Rural Lifestyle
- Quality of Life Comforts
- Good People
- Close Relationships
- School is Small
- Plenty of Room for People, Jobs and Land Use
- Feeling of Community Closeness
- Available Help for Those in Need
- Senior Center
- Animal Shelter (no kill)
- Community Foundation (Hunt Great Plains \$ Raised)
- Agencies
- NRCS (Tree Planting)
- Community Yards Sales
- Supporting & Working Together
- Rural Environment
- Fund Raisers for Needy People
- Harvest Bee's to Help Families
- Hospital
- Volunteers
- Conservative Values
- Recycling
- Safe Environment
- Small Businesses
- Friendly People

Individual

- Neighborly
- Hard Working
- Self Motivated
- Conservative
- Run for School Board

- Talk to Political Leadership State & Local
- Business Consulting
- Daughters
- Concerned Individuals
- Knowledgeable
- Friendly
- Honest
- Leader
- Handyman
- Variety of Skills

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Challenges & Opportunities

- Cost of living may be lower
- Texas trail history
- Create unique entrepreneurial opportunities
- Business succession
- Inaction
- Economy
- Attitude
- Government regulations
- Promote local natural gas (develop and compress into fuel for irrigation)
- Nitrate level in water (from fertilizer)
- Future of landfill – how to develop energy from waste
- Broadband and/or internet access in order to create, retain or attract young people
- Diversify economy
- Expand businesses
- Lack of labor pool
- Wage competition (people can earn more in other places)
- Attract people in skilled labor & trades
- Growing own food and livestock

Trends – (What we Need to Be Aware of)

- ü Government policy e.g., Environmental Protection Agency, farming, health care, regulations, clean air & water
- ü Water is a valuable resource that is being threatened
- ü Balance between growth and progress vs. keeping area clean, safe etc.
- ü Zoning can inhibit progress