

## Community Visioning Plan

11/19/13: Danville

Number in Attendance: 51

### Topics

- Agriculture
  - Community Gardens outside
    - Get people to collaborate with schools, community garden planters, and churches
  - Protect large blocks of farmland
  - Parks—trails
    - Former RR right of ways
  - Denser Residential development in town
  - Concentrated and measured promotion of the production and sale of industrial hemp
  - Indoor farmer's market/ craft center
  - Keep agriculture entries into Danville along 34 and 127
- Quality of Life
  - Beautification plan
    - Sidewalks
    - Flowers
    - Parks
  - Greater environmental awareness and green
    - Building, transportation, public green spaces in county
  - Trails
  - Sidewalk paths
    - Pedestrian friendly
  - Downtown condition of sidewalks
  - Natural areas
- Arts and Culture and Heritage
  - Public/outdoor art—sculpture, murals
  - Save the former Methodist Church
  - Amphitheater/ outdoor drama (in addition to P.P.)
  - Expand sister city culture exchange
  - Local art gallery
  - Historic Preservation
  - Change tag line to “Danville-Kentucky’s Centre Stage”
  - Assess, collect, digitize historic photo/documents
    - Make available (history is one of our calling cards)

- Story-core program
  - Downtown Theatre/ children's program
  - Cohesive Parks and Rec vision for development of all parks and trail system to connect them to improve parks and rec in general
    - Holistic approach citywide/ connect trails
    - Bicycle trails
  - Site parks within residential areas for playgrounds, community gathering spaces
  - Community calendar
    - We have this, but we need better awareness of communication because people don't tell us the date
  - Grant program/education on preservation
  - Expand our festivals
    - Maybe a storytelling incorporated
    - We have a problem with electricity downtown when we have festivals
- Economic Development
  - Location of businesses appropriate to the area it serves
  - Addition bypass Hotel
  - Downtown Hotel
  - Downtown grocery and west end
  - Future re-zoning plans
    - Eastern part of the city
    - The vote is Dec 4 and this will dramatically change the eastern part of the city
    - Rezoning for highway commercial
  - Make Danville/Boyle Co. a model for environmental issues
    - Green businesses
  - Loss of revenue for Danville/Boyle
    - We would like to move forward in our community, but we don't have the revenue to do it
    - The majority of this money used to come from the job tax, but with the economy we don't have as many jobs or new jobs building that revenue
  - More joint cities/county collaborations and cost sharing
  - Endowments for organizations in Boyle County
  - Public Transportation
  - FTH – Fiber to the Home
    - Fiber optics in the home
    - There are grants and loans we could get to have these in our towns so we would no longer have to upgrade our internet
  - Special taxation for development
    - This money can be earmarked for special projects

- The county/city would have to be voted on
  - Community deterioration and infrastructure housing
  - Look at merged government
  - Public housing
    - Always a need for section 8 housing
      - They just had their funding cut and had to take a lot of people off section 8 and will be struggling for public housing
  - Small business incubator programs
    - Business planning assistance
  - More business diversity in downtown
    - So we don't have to go to Lexington
  - "Clean industry"
  - Better engagement with Centre community
  - Workforce prep for youth entering the workforce
  - KSD Property
    - There are many vacant very historic buildings downtown
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- Education
  - Basic life skills and education
    - Finances of home/businesses
    - Health risks/ life styles
    - Budget/checking account
    - Financial literacy
  - Vocational tax for job placement
  - Increase partnership between BCTC/EKU (use 2+2 agreement)
  - Expand commercial education program
  - Expand adult education
    - GED education with different languages
  - Citizenship/civic education
  - Drugs
    - What are drugs doing to our society
  - Special interest classes
  - Merge two school systems
    - Is this economically advantageous or not? Has there been a study of this?
  - Increase availability of preschool academic programs
  - Increase access/participation of deaf population in educational opportunities
  - Youth prepared for college, career, and/or life
  - Children enter school ready to learn
  - Improved college guidance in public high schools
  - Skilled workforce to attract jobs

- \$\$—Sequestering can't coexist with improving education
  - Nickel-Tax
    - It is done locally, but it is matched by the state
    - In Boyle county schools, a nickel tax brings in \$9 million (after 20 years)
- Project based learning
  - Civic leaders opening experiences to high and middle school children
  - This would increase civic engagement
- Health
  - Residential substance abuse rehab facility
  - Henry Jackson Park
    - This is a blight to Danville
    - It is dead right now—it has been neglected for years
  - Domestic violence shelter
  - Aquatic center—new indoor/outdoor pools
  - More green space—Planned
    - Determine within planning and zoning guidelines
  - Food education in schools
    - Teach cooking classes and nutrition
  - Adult/Youth Obesity
  - Walking paths and bike paths—trail system
- Environment
  - Transform former rail routes to gravel trails
  - Another park on the north/east side of town—walking trails, nature, picnic, etc.
  - City /county initiatives on more green issues
    - Saving energy, air and water pollution, etc.
  - Storm water infrastructure
  - Make Boyle County in Drug free environment
- Safety
  - Lighting downtown
  - Pedestrian/Bicycle Friendly
  - Traffic light where US 127 meets new by-pass
  - Good sidewalks in poor neighborhoods
  - Planned walking trails/sidewalks
    - Finish sidewalks on Corridor Roads
  - Fire Protection (countywide)
  - Traffic calming for downtown business district
    - Help the businesses and for the cyclists and runners
  - More traffic lights for 34 going out of town
  - Raised intersections downtown

- Improve traffic patterns for downtown
- Better support for county fire department
- Fully staffed city and county law enforcement and better pay for them
- Pedestrian “bridge” at Centre/ Main crosswalk
- Traffic Light sensor pickup for bicycles
- If we promote ourselves as a retirement community, then we have to find somewhere to insert a plan for that
- Also, where are the young folks? That is the future of Boyle
  - We don’t have the jobs to provide for Centre grads to have for the young professional
  - Our government isn’t seeking young people for committees or projects—that is what we need to do
  - It costs \$120,000 to send a kid through our schools—so we need to keep that investment in Danville and not have it move
- Emergency safety
  - Continue to work to enhance this system

## Voting

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