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Vision Rating and Comments

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1	3	
2	5	
3	3	
4	5	
5	5	Love the idea of the "small city character" vibe.,
6	4	
7	5	Like the statement that we are still wanting a small City character!
8	4	
9		I see 5 dots ... is 1 strongly disagree and 5 strongly agree? Or, the reverse? You (the Planning consultant) didn't explain.. Too bad that on this first interaction there is a "glitch".
10	5	We really need bigger companies like Target, Burlington, Marshall's, Home Goods and Ross for example, with these stores here in our city we can have job growth and we don't have to be traveling to other cities to spend our money.
11	1	
12	1	This vision statement emphasizes growing the community while also maintaining "small city character" but totally disregards the existing community or maintaining the newcomers. There's more focus on "staying true to our values and small city character" than on the community itself. It feels unnecessarily politically charged. There's some charm in "small city character" but ultimately, that's not a marketable quality as it relates to growth since "small city character" also lacks many of the "big city character's" that equate to convenience and higher quality of life.
13	3	
14	5	The area of seating at the Cube ball fields have sections with cutout area by rails. All ballparks have these areas which are usually set apart for handicap with wheelchairs. My wife and I enjoy going to all the ballgames. There are usually people with folding chairs in those areas. This leaves no place for wheelchairs. They also park their wagons with all their gear in them in these spots. We need a place for wheelchair victims to watch the games.
15	3	
16	1	<p>The vision is crap. Findlay is treating the south end residents like crap. I a referring to Carriage Walks. Without Carriage Walks in the southside, Findlay is telling the differently-abled residents, 'You are not welcome in Findlay anymore'.</p> <p>This is NOT 'best-in-class'! This is ableism and it is deeply disgusting!</p> <p>If a visitor has to walk through wet grass or snow, this is not welcoming.</p> <p>If this is true to Findlay's values, I am moving out of your Ableist town.</p>

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17	1	<p>"The City of Findlay aspires to be A best-in-class city that leads in opportunities and innovation by welcoming new people, businesses and ideas while staying true to our values and small-city character."</p> <p>What a joke! You can't do that without Carriage Walks.</p>
18	5	
19	3	
20		<p>How do I know if 1 or 5 is the highest? The ranking does not indicate the system of ranking.</p>
21	5	
22	4	<p>I like the vision. I was only trying to think how you can tweak it to include welcome new people (and be inclusive to all our current residents/citizens)</p>
23	4	<p>Agree with this in spirit but don't care for the "best-in-class" buzzword or use of "small-city character." Would like to see this more clearly defined by the group.</p>
24	3	<p>1.5d Establish a rental property registration program to identify property owners for communication for issues such as code violations. 1.5e Adopt the State of Ohio Residential Housing Code.</p> <p>I like most of what I read in the document. I have a lot of faith in seeing this plan over all improve the community but have a few concerns with the passages above.</p> <p>My opinion: Having also worked in other cities, I've seen building code and property registries get hijacked and blown way out of proportion and make it slow, difficult to do work (especially as an owner who is handy) , costly (especially since licensed contractors, and home builders are extremely limited our community hurting competition) and frankly inadvertently promote the decline of certain neighborhoods. What I mean by that is the cost of extreme maintenance codes hinder the ability of home owners to put money into some projects, this is fixable by the low income assistance programs but puts small landlords in a position where rent has to rise, sometimes substantially to keep up.</p> <p>Findlay has a lack of housing with hardly any interest in spec building neighborhoods with houses in the 200K range, (at least that I can see) currently builders seem to have a better market in high end homes for new subdivisions as they are being "ordered" by individuals with construction loans.</p> <p>without dramatically increasing the housing stock of starter and 200K homes for families (houses, not apartments) I see enforcing Ohio building codes on pre existing single unit dwellings as a way to price out blue collar and low to middle class members of our community.</p>

A personal testimony from a local small land lord, I have a few units rented in Findlay. Currently priced \$600-\$950. Between the last 4 tenants over 2 years the turn over cost has been over \$10,000 in repairs. I would like to upgrade to central air, re-side the house, and replace all windows / roofs to help the curb appeal, but I have not been able to save for that and afford the cost of turnovers at my price point, which I want to keep reasonable in a times like this. Spreading the cost of tenant turnover into the units along with providing some utilities and mowing lead to me having me charge over double the mortgage and still and barley make ends meet. Admittedly the value to me in these homes is selling in 20 years, but to cover cost I have to raise rents above what I'd even be willing to pay and I fear the building code & registry will only make that worse.

Below are 3 of my actual and estimated rental experiences for my Findlay properties that I took pride in being clean, high quality,, and affordable. (Rough numbers)

2 bedroom; 900SqFt
Purchased for 60K (put 20K in work, mostly myself)
Min Mortgage \$450
Owner paid cost \$70
Cap ex \$100
Turn over reserves \$100
Rent \$950

2 bed / 1 bed Duplex
Purchased \$115K (5K invested in each unit, with one being from tenant damages)
Min Mortgage \$700

		<p>with mortgage \$700 owner paid cost \$250 Turn over reserves \$200 Cap ex \$200 Rent \$600 / \$900. (\$1500 total)</p> <p>2 bed mobile home Purchased \$3000 (invested \$3000) Rent to own payments \$250 untill apx \$8,000 paid Lot rent \$400 This unit cost the resident about \$650 / month to live in, but after 5 months they took all appliances, ruined the floors, smoked in side, and damaged the home before skipping town. This was a 2 bedroom home that was affordable but was destroyed, ultimately costing me about \$4000 in losses.</p> <p>I'm afraid if I need to dedicate thousands of dollars more to the turn over, city decided maintenance, and repairs a year with the threat of legal repercussions that rents will climb \$300-\$800, for 1 & 2 bed room units. If I am faced with that, I'm sure enough other will also have to make that choice driving marker rents up higher, ultimately pricing a large number of our workforce out of our community.</p> <p>At the end of the day, It won't hurt me to raise rents and use the money to cover any forced repairs or obtain building permits for normal repairs with licensed contractors. However, I am genuinely afraid if not handled correct it will hurt my tenants and our community, I don't want to see this take away from the other great initiatives outlined in this vision statement.</p>
25	4	<p>Hello, There are some really great ideas here. Good work. I do a few suggestions.</p> <p>Focus on bringing rental property up to standard is very important, bringing back the NEAT program would help. Prohibiting bike use around Main St. is counter to what is written here. Allowing restaurants to block so much of the sidewalks makes it very hard to navigate with strollers and wheelchairs.</p>
26	5	
27	4	<p>My only concern is related to the "small-city character" I would be concerned this could be interrupted as not willing to change, evolve, or be open minded.</p>
28	3	<p>Many of the "values" I have seen held by individuals in the Findlay community are concerning. I fear some of these values are discouraging growth and acceptance in the community. If there are particular values we are trying to promote, I would make that more clear.</p>
29	4	Diversity & Family Feel?
30	4	
31	5	

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32	3	
33	4	
34	5	
35	4	
36	4	
37	2	
38	5	
39	5	
40	5	Very general/bland
41	4	I would prefer to see more emphasis on improving quality of life and expanding resources for existing residents who are already committed to this community.
42	5	
43	3	
44	4	I would insert "and integrating" after welcoming and before new people.
45	5	
46	5	
47	3	
48	4	Not sure I like "Best-in-Class". Kind of cliché. Maybe something like "a highly sought-after destination city"
49	4	
50	5	I really like the idea of utilizing the areas along the river. going through Tiffin they have a very beautiful amphitheater in downtown. something along that way along the north side of the river for festivals & events would be great I believe.
51	2	Goal 4 A safe community should include plans for Fire Based EMS as the current EMS Needs of the community are less than adequate. The Current EMS Services lack enough manpower and equipment to maintain services for city and county. The City of Findlay needs Emergency Medical Services that has adequate staffing with trained and experienced professionals and with equipment that is maintained and in good working order when needed.
52	4	Which values and what is meant by small city character?
53	2	
54	1	You can't welcome new ideas, businesses, and people when the majority of the citizenry and all of the elected officials are ride or die with an increasingly and openly racist, homophobic, and insurrectionist political party.
55	4	
56	3	
57	4	
58	58	The Community Vision Statement does a great job at setting the framework for an inclusive project in which community leaders, entrepreneurs, and citizens are encouraged to contribute to the development of our community.

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59	1	<p>This plan is very socialist or communistic. For example: Where will all the money come to accomplish all of the things in the plan? It has to be the tax payer since the government has no money it does not confiscate from the tax payer in one form or another. This means higher taxes for all which lowers our standard of living. Why do we need landscaping in intersections etc. All the landscaping requires water and plenty of weeding and maintenance which requires tax dollars. Don't we need to control the drug problem before anything else? Why are we trying to attract low income people to our community? Should we not be figuring out how to attract higher wage jobs? My rental homes and housing already take into consideration the lower income people in Findlay. Landbanks are a very bad idea for a community our size. They work better in large cities with acres of blighted properties. Sandusky County has one and I personally know of a lady who had half of her lot taken by a land bank and had to sell the other half at a cheap rate because she could do nothing with it. The land bank did not even try to locate her. Guess they do not know how to use Facebook or the many methods they could have used to find her first. Landbanks are a scam to make those in power rich and sell land cheap to their friends. It is not an even playing field. At least at a sheriffs sale individuals have a chance to buy too. Landbanks do not require payment of back taxes, water etc. as do sheriffs auctions. It seems when government tries to make things better, it becomes worse for its residents because our current elected officials barring a few do not listen to the people.</p>
60	5	Being welcoming DOES bring innovation, ideas, and strength to our community!
61	3	
62	1	<p>Thank you for allowing a personal comment. I STRONGLY disagree with this plan. Its sending a broad clear message that the FF Planning Committee and its affiliate associations is doing nothing more than buying and forcing citizens and landlords into socialism. This plan is oppressive being presented as a plan to bring forth a " brighter heathier future for the city of Findlay" we see this agenda for what it is, and see how this has become a popular managing system with an agenda to control. This is nothing "new" as this is history rearing its ugly head of how citizens and people were managed and controlled. This is draconian and takes us backwards not forward. This is stealing off the backs of the laborer's, workers , entrepreneurs and giving it to the non workers who we have enabled with "handouts" We have become an enabling society and this MUST STOP. There are many other points I could make but I feel this is the crux of what seems to be the "new vision and way forward"</p>
63	2	There are a lot of hip buzzwords in this vision, but not a lot of detail to back it up.
64	2	Not true to small-city character; remain a large town, small city. Not growth just to grow

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65	2	The vision statement is great, but the dirt is in the details. The details that are not being given to the general public, just an overview is. YOu can say alot of thinsg, but if your details do not hold it up. it is useless.
66	2	
67	5	
68	2	<p>Riverfront and downtown need a more specific plan/overview to address the homeless issues. There are homeless in front of the municipal building and courthouse daily as well as laying on the benches near the river on Main Street. Not only are they homeless, but the drug use/abuse issues throughout the city and neighboring communities need to be address for treatment, housing and eventual job placement. Identify and investment in your people.</p> <p>The City of Findlay does have a diversity issue. African American population and Hispanic/Latino are far different than its neighboring Interstate 75 cities; Lima, Bowling Green and Toledo. The small city character should also include more of a strategic plan to address job opportunities, block/housing opportunities and more attractive downtown shopping/entertainment to diversify the city.</p> <p>Lastly, business oppourtunities outside of fast food and lower end retail jobs need to be available. Local zoning changes in the business district to residential have been making larger manufacturing plants unlikely to have proper space to invest. Warehousing facilities do not bring in enough employment opportunities for the local working class, nor do they use enough utilities to bring in the income to the City. The City has plenty of growth oppourtunities moving outward towards Tiffin, but are not addressed. The shopping plaza that was built for a Target store and Fire Station were made available for growth that haven't been expanded upon.</p>
69	4	
70	4	I like what has been written

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2	2.1 Strengthen the partnership for the long-term planning and provision of amenities (parks, bike paths, greenways)., 3.1 Continue to improve street maintenance, traffic flow, and safety., 4.1 Ensure the City's long-term financial strength and stability.
3	3.1 Continue to improve street maintenance, traffic flow, and safety., 4.1 Ensure the City's long-term financial strength and stability., 4.4 Maintain and enhance a safe community through the continued support of emergency services.
4	1.2 Protect and enhance Findlay's downtown as the heartbeat of the community., 1.6 Support safe and diverse housing options for all., 3.2 Evaluate and identify opportunities to improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
5	1.1 Maintain Findlay's small city character as the community evolves., 1.2 Protect and enhance Findlay's downtown as the heartbeat of the community., 6.4 Support education and work force development.
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7	2.4 Provide amenities that support active lifestyles, health, and wellness., 3.2 Evaluate and identify opportunities to improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure., 4.1 Ensure the City's long-term financial strength and stability.
8	1.2 Protect and enhance Findlay's downtown as the heartbeat of the community., 1.3 Reimagine the Riverfront throughout the community., 2.4 Provide amenities that support active lifestyles, health, and wellness.
9	1.2 Protect and enhance Findlay's downtown as the heartbeat of the community., 3.1 Continue to improve street maintenance, traffic flow, and safety., 5.2 Model values of being open and friendly to all through city operations.
10	1.3 Reimagine the Riverfront throughout the community., 1.6 Support safe and diverse housing options for all., 6.3 Leverage broadband/fiber network infrastructure for businesses and residents.
11	1.3 Reimagine the Riverfront throughout the community., 1.6 Support safe and diverse housing options for all., 6.4 Support education and work force development.
12	1.5 Enhance the physical environment in the City's residential, commercial, and industrial sectors consistent with the character of the community., 1.6 Support safe and diverse housing options for all., 2.4 Provide amenities that support active lifestyles, health, and wellness.
13	1.3 Reimagine the Riverfront throughout the community., 1.6 Support safe and diverse housing options for all., 3.3 Evaluate and identify opportunities to support a variety of mobility options (transit, micromobility, rideshare, etc.)
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15	1.1 Maintain Findlay's small city character as the community evolves., 1.2 Protect and enhance Findlay's downtown as the heartbeat of the community., 2.3 Continually improve amenities and accessibility of existing parks and recreation.
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19	1.6 Support safe and diverse housing options for all., 5.1 Convene partners to support social services for the community (addiction, mental health, health care, and homelessness), 5.3 Support a culture of community belonging (intergenerational, diversity, equity, inclusion, tolerance, etc.)
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29	1.2 Protect and enhance Findlay's downtown as the heartbeat of the community., 6.2 Support businesses and entrepreneurs through programs offered by the City., 6.5 Build a Findlay, Ohio brand and partner with other stakeholders to promote it.
30	1.4 Care for the natural environment., 3.2 Evaluate and identify opportunities to improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure., 5.3 Support a culture of community belonging (intergenerational, diversity, equity, inclusion, tolerance, etc.)
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41	3.3 Evaluate and identify opportunities to support a variety of mobility options (transit, micromobility, rideshare, etc.), 4.2 Continue to lead in collaboration and operational efficiency with partners., 6.3 Leverage broadband/fiber network infrastructure for businesses and residents.
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Comments on Objectives (please indicate the objective number)

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1	Get back to basics. Make Findlay safe by supporting police and fire. Maintain the streets. Spend wisely. Stop with the fluffy woke buzzwords.
2	4.1: I would like to see the City capital budget process include provisions for financing ongoing maintenance for new infrastructure that is created. Or at least require a discussion of that with City Council before the budget is approved. This will ensure that we aren't building infrastructure that our tax base will not support long term.
3	4.1 is required to do almost any of these 3.2 pedestrian walk ways are such an important asset to any environment. You see this so often in the evaluation of cities 2.4 supporting the YMCA in all they do essential. 50 North has received so much, it's time to focus on a facility that can help EVERYONE!
4	1.2: The Plan must support a vibrant Downtown or it will be destroyed by too much peripheral commercial development. 3.1: Aggressively work with other agencies, the State, etc to get big trucks, especially Wide-loads off of Tiffin Av & W Main Cross. I have some ideas... 5.2: I discern there's an "in crowd" of Findlay higher-ups that ignore the little guy or general public in poliicy-setting that needs to be mitigated.
5	1) 6.4 2) 1.6 3) 1.3
6	Attractive & active - riverfront project - parks and rec - make the river an asset; thriving business environment - build the Findlay brand - support business, strengthen economic development, encourage young people to stay here; enhance/protect Findlay's downtown as the heartbeat
7	1.5 and 1.6 enhance trust between city govt and landlords
8	4.1 is a close objective between 2 and 3
9	6.1 - also create a city-wide land bank for problem properties
10	1.3 - leverage the riverfront throughout/within the community and downtown; 4.4 - maintain and enhance a safe community through the continued support of emergency services and community programs; 6.1 - continue to strengthen economic development through ongoing partnerships and programs offered by the city.
11	6.2 - Findlay needs to attract high paying jobs. Too many retail/warehouse
12	6.3 - country areas still need internet access; 3.1 - potholes in S River Rd; 6.4 - better education
13	Less focus on the regulations in 1.5. Appear as a way to control money and force sales to the local LLCs.
14	Carriage walks. Findlay took them out. Return them! I am tired of cleaning my floors because visitors can not get to my door without walking through the grass. In the winter, I suspect I will have have any visitors, or deliveries. What a fabulously crappy environment you have created.
15	Objective #1 - Put the carriage walks back in.

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16	<p>So I'm a new resident and I believe Findlay needs some infrastructure improvements. The entry to Downtown is very dark and empty. One thing is you need to have external and internal visionary people on a team collaborating together to move a vision. I have found that the city has a lot of character and that in itself can be capitalized on. I was involved with infrastructure projects prior to moving to Ohio from Illinois.</p>
17	<p>5.3- if we fail to be inclusive and check/ publicly decry the wrongness of those bad actors who see it oppositely (e.g. the white lives matter protestors with Atomwaffen ties to a particularly violent arm of neo-Nazis) we will continue to bleed young people who must remain here to handle the flux of retirees and pick up work to replace them. But many flee because they feel some in our community are backwards and bigoted. Even the unfortunate reality that some people's religious beliefs sometimes can be bigoted towards LGBTQ.</p> <p>1.6 I feel if we monetize/prioritize our city budget corresponding to inclusion principles we won't be as fully reliant on grants, altruistic donors, and local non-profits doing this work. I would expect that our city be actively checking for who's falling through the cracks and how it happened (houseless, those without means of transportation, elderly, minority communities, etc.) and look to provide services in our budget to prevent others and help those falling through them in partnership with (though not completely reliant on) the non-profits in our community. Example: who will house the LGBTQ or unmarried houseless families if City Mission, with their religious exemptions, will not and is it fair to lean hard upon the altruism of donors and non-profits that may not get funding to serve the community members already fallen in those cracks? How does the city budget reflect services focused on preventing people from becoming houseless? How are landlords / landladies restricted from gouging renters when their mortgage payments are unchanged but housing market rises? Renter protection: how do renters gain assurance that safety issues (mold, fall hazards, etc) are addressed and not overlooked? How do newly built homeowners have assurance that new homes weren't built while cutting corners? What building codes exist and who inspects the code is met beyond Home Inspectors that may/may not be in the pocket of realtors/home builders?</p> <p>6.4 - our children are our future. I can't explain why community members fail to pass FCS or other school levies! perhaps more public outreach on behalf of the city to outline the operating expenses? An appointee or consultant to help check the operating budgets of the school are on par with other communities and communicate that to the community or help fix things? We had our kids in Findlay city schools but withdrew them after the levy failed this last time. I'd much rather have the opportunities a bigger and more diverse school like Findlay would provide but at some point the resources get leached and kids' education suffer.</p>
18	<p>I see 1.2 as a part of 1.1. Not sure what is meant by "the heartbeat" of the community. I do see the downtown, particularly the Main St. corridor, as the key feature of our history and culture. I see keeping this area vital and attractive while honoring our heritage as part of Findlay's distinctive brand.</p>

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<p>19</p>	<p>1.2. I hope to see more night life, bars, and family activities down town Findlay. Offices and employers are great, but centrally located entertainment that can be accessed by a single form of transportation (ride share, bus, friend) is a big value add to me. I would like to see a walking police presence similar to BG on main/ Crawford on weekends or holidays.</p> <p>3.3. High density developments and mixed use store front (downtown) are great, but not easily accessible without a car. This is a problem faced by many in our community in apartment complexes, homeless shelters near commercial areas, and those living downtown. Better access to transit is vital to city growth and helping prevent homeless population from growing in commercial areas(not bike paths, but transit to apartments using major through fares that connect tall Timbers, tiffin/Trenton Ave, and apartments). I also see value in some form of transit going to outside communities such as bluffton, McComb, Arcadia, vanlue, or others if a demand can support bringing workforce into our factories, restaurants, and retail, many already use HATS, but I see an opportunity to work with employers on defining shifts hours and offering transit to bring workers in at that time who may not have access to vehicles.</p> <p>6.1. Our town has an amazing position in the nation, close to rail, water, major populations (between Chicago and NY). I would like to see a more diverse economy. This is limited by our workforce and initiative to maintain a small town feel, but I would like to see more white collar jobs attracted, more logistics companies, major factories that can afford better wages (auto manufacturers for example) and a better incentives to bring a bigger leisure segment to our economy. Too many of our current factory wages can't support the cost in Findlay like they did in the past. Currently, I fear the loss of copper HQ is a risk many plants face, and hedging too much value on Marathon (who is a great asset to our city, without a doubt) is too much of a risk that board members can vote to sell out. It would be nice to see some major attraction built that brings in outsiders to the community, not to discount our many hotels but they seem like more a a service to sports and professionals, not accommodations for vacationing families.</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>1.2 - Findlay's downtown falls woefully short when compared to other towns our size. Lack of interesting retail, diverse restaurants, and general foot traffic is concerning. Right down the road, Tiffin has become a model for downtown engagement (closing down streets, festivals, food trucks, etc.).</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>I haven't been in favor of a building code in the past but think it is now time to adopt and move forward.</p> <p>Very much in favor of improving existing parks and recreation as well as assisting other community partners who provide services. YMCA, Findlay City Schools.</p>

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22	<p>1.3 Utilize idle property along the riverfront to provide additional recreational opportunities for residents including building another Marathon Diamonds type of complex.</p> <p>4.4 Promote the small town values that makes Findlay a great place to live and raise a family.</p> <p>5.2 Expand services provided to citizens by improving EMS capability of the fire department. Create or promote programs that lead to better relations between the FPD and citizens.</p>
23	<p>Transportation is essential for those who work in Findlay. Currently the city provides no support for local public transit unlike other communities.</p>

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24	2.4 - must include various activities for all ages.
25	<p>5.1 I believe health care is a national issue not just a local issue. Locally I feel like resources for mental health especially those for children/preteen is limited. Since the pandemic mental health has been brought more so the forefront and I feel like we need to continue to improve. Homelessness I believe should be it's own objective. While there is an issue of homelessness I feel we have some great things for that with the city mission. The only problem with it is I don't want to see Findlay becoming a destination for homeless to come to but rather taking care of our own citizens that are struggling.</p>
26	<p>Picking top three is difficult. Force ranking of all the objectives might have provided a different picture.</p>
27	<p>A Vibrant Downtown is key to our future. With the riverbank, Argyle and YMCA projects in the pipeline we have an opportunity to change the landscape of downtown for many years to come. We need all 3 of these projects to happen!!</p>
28	<p>1.6 - Specifically, how does the city intend to support safe and diverse housing when there's an existing moratorium on building housing for lower income populations? It's hard to believe that any talk of diverse housing is sincere when we're ripping down whole neighborhoods to build the third Starbucks.</p>
29	<p>Public transit is a must</p>
30	<p>1.1e. I heard that the proposal is to build many apartments for rent in the area north of the river. In most towns and cities, a concentrated cluster of relatively low-income housing leads to many problems. I think that would be counter to maintaining our small city character.</p> <p>1.3c. Expanded bike trails is a great idea.</p> <p>1.5d. Why a registry for just rentals? Resident-owned houses can also have code violations as well. As far as communications on code violations, tenants are responsible, and if need be, they know would know how to contact their property manager or landlord.</p> <p>1.6f. This implies that a higher proportion of student housing is unsatisfactory when compared to other housing in Findlay. Not sure where this assumption is coming from. It is not a good idea to involve an organization that whose strengths have nothing to do with housing, unless university-owned the intention is to involve UF in university-owned housing.</p> <p>2. I fully agree with this whole section.</p> <p>3.1e. Pedestrian safety would improve if City police officers would monitor speeding in school zones. There is also an absence of officer monitoring traffic during early morning and late afternoon rush hour traffic. I know it's more convenient for officers to work normal day-shift hours, but they're needed more during early morning and late afternoon hours.</p> <p>4.2 I totally agree that all stakeholders should be involved early in the process regarding potential plans that the City is considering or exploring. I hear from many people that there are many civic groups that feel left out of these conversations. That leads to mistrust of City officials.</p> <p>4.5 As stated above, the majority of patrolling by police should be done early in the morning and late afternoon and evening. A study of the times of day when most traffic violations occur vs when patrol officers are on duty.</p>

Now I find most of these objectives to be quite important to the future and well-being of our city. However, my top 3 priority objectives focus on the building blocks of what will attract newcomers to Findlay and also enhance the living standards of current citizens.

Objective 1.2- Downtown Findlay has had its ups and downs over the years. Recently, there's been a few improvements that's made Downtown more attractive to people and businesses alike. I believe that we can continue to enhance Downtown by focusing on mixed retail and residential developments. Doing so will bring more business, and attract more people to spend time Downtown.

Objective 1.5- We all know that the floods caused major damage to many homes and businesses across the city. To this day, we can still see many vacant and empty lots where those homes and businesses once stood. With the benching of the Blanchard River and subsequent lower flood levels, I think it's time the city considers allowing new commercial and residential projects to be developed. The empty lots across the city are truly an eyesore, but new developments would surely revitalize our city make it more attractive to newcomers and home-towners alike.

Objective 1.6. It's no secret that our entire nation is facing a housing crisis, and Findlay is also affected. There continues to be less and less housing available with increasing demand, rents, and housing prices. If we focus on the two objectives above and put an emphasis on developing more housing options, for all income levels, then we can start to tackle this issue. However, if it continues to be neglected, I don't see how this city will be able to continue on its current trajectory. If you want to continue to grow, you need to give us room to grow.

Findlay has strong foundations to build on, such as our growing industry, great schools, and an over all safe and friendly community. If we focus on the above Objectives, we can build

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32	<p>1.3c Expand River Walk, greenways, and trails along Blanchard River. Not only expand...but link together the River Walk and trails along the river.</p> <p>1.6 Support safe and diverse housing options for all. I am not familiar with all of the specific options for action under this heading, but it's very clear that good housing options for all has not been a priority of all, only the highest \$ projects have been the priority. I have seen innovative housing projects from Kansas City to Florida. There are so many models out there that have succeeded, we just need to take action and move forward.</p> <p>5.3 Support a culture of community belonging (intergenerational, diversity, equity, inclusion, tolerance, etc.) The AARP Age-Friendly Community program looks very comprehensive. I have seen some excellent programs come from this when living in other cities. There were all-age-appropriate bike rides that were promoted very well and well attended as one example. We need to view all of our residents as assets that can enrich the community and have the youngest and most senior, and all between working together.</p>
33	<p>3.1 How about a turn lane on Tiffin Ave going to the mall.</p> <p>3.2 Seems like bike paths on major streets (Blanchard) are unnecessary and not utilized.</p>
34	<p>I believe the people who "run" any city are the employees of the people and so in holding these employees accountable . Initiatives and recall come to mind</p>
35	<p>1.1 - Many of the initiatives stated in this plan seem to want us to become more like big cities and "woke" communities, not stay the way we are.</p> <p>6.4 - We should focus more on education, job training, and workforce development much more than anything "green." Our city is desperate for good workers.</p> <p>4.1 - I am highly concerned about the lack of information for funding these initiatives. Where is the money coming from? Is any of the spending legislated, or just done on the whim of city officials? What increases in tax revenue will these plans cost the average resident?</p>
36	<p>Government needs to do its job and stay out of our personal lives, and private sector:</p> <p>Please remove: 1.2; 1.4; 1.5; 1.6; 2.4; 3.3; 4.4; 5.1; 5.2;5 .3; 6.5</p> <p>They do not belong in this document</p>
37	<p>All this is a politically correct overview of the goals. You can say all you want, but if your details are not there, what can I say? Who are the "partners" you want to deal with and how is all this going to be paid for? Some of these indicate government will be subsidizing private sector business. The Alliance is only a small group of businessmen who will profit from a land bank, etc. This is all political babble. It depends on the moral character of who is in public office at the time. These overviews can be stretched many ways.</p>
38	<p>This is very wishy washy for \$200,000 the city should be getting something better</p>

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39	1.5b Land banks are land grabs. 1.5d We already have building and maintenance codes and you don't enforce what's on the books already.
40	6.1 is a close fourth priority
41	1.5 Vacuum leaf pick up in residential areas once a week during the fall. 3.2 Address deteriorated sidewalks. They are an eyesore and a safety issue.

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1	<p>For 1.6 it could be handy to look at South Bend Indiana and their pre-approved house plans. Something like this for accessory dwelling units could be very beneficial to help expand housing options in mature neighborhoods.</p> <p>For 1.1e and 1.5: I would like to see a discussion of changing our tax system to tax land (limited asset) at a higher rate than the improvements (virtually unlimited supply [skyscrapers]). This can be structured to keep taxes the same overall, but have higher taxes on land than improvements. This will help encourage improvements to vacant land without the city having to have individual interventions in the process.</p>
2	<p>Additional walking/running/biking trails. Specifically one that would go for miles.to the reservoir and beyond.</p> <p>Support of the YMCA.</p> <p>Improving the look of Tiffin Ave. The signage is not a good look.</p>
3	<p>OK, I did the "top three" Let's leave it at that for now... I'd have to back up on your site to find that list again...</p>
4	<p>Set a limit on how many apartments, habitat houses can be built in one area.</p>
5	<p>We really need to have more jobs options and job growth for sure, a lot of us work in other cities. If you bring bigger companies like I said before Target, Burlington, Marshall's, Home Goods and Ross for example I guarantee you we have a huge job growth in this community. I just moved from New York and this is a nice city but this is what is missing, more places to work.</p>
6	<p>6.4b - collaborate is a great strategy</p>
7	<p>1.2e: include lighting in downtown facades; 4.5 g: hold focus groups by police with vulnerable populations; 5.3g: create senior housing downtown</p>
8	<p>1.5b, 1.5d, and 1.5e impact tenants since landlords will up the rates. More codes = more money spent by landlords = higher rents.</p>
9	<p>1.5b and 1.5d will raise rent impacting tenants, more problems for landlords</p>
10	<p>I would like to see a single web page that shows all activity schedules for schools and intramural games. This includes college activities also.</p>
11	<p>THINGS FOR THE KIDS PUTT PUTT GOLF, GO KARTS, TOP GOLF MORE STUFF TO DO</p>
12	<p>Put Carriage walks back in - Not a single community has been sued for having them. Taking them away, is by far, the most asinine idea, I have ever heard.</p>
13	<p>Objective #1 - Carriage walks. Put them back in.</p>
14	<p>2.1 There needs to be places for teens to be active. Examples: Convert the mall to- Climbing walls, laser tag, arcades, trampoline rooms, etc. There are many places like that in Westerville where my grandkids live. How about roller rinks and indoor soccer or basketball? Besides bowling and movies, there are no indoor activities for teens</p>
15	<p>As a business owner, I want the City to be as supportive for me as it is for large corporations. I want the small businesses in our community to not be penalized for pursuing growth while large corportations are given passes on taxes and regulation.</p>
16	<p>I appreciate the feedback portion. For the input portion, my facilitator felt he needed to argue with me when I shared perspectives and he maybe wrote down 15% of what I lifted up (though I think he meant well)</p>

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17	<p>1.5e- There has long been resistance to establishing a building code in Findlay. Would like to hear why the change in attitude toward this.</p> <p>4.3c- Does there need to be a separate program or could this be included under the Hancock Leadership umbrella? Perhaps investing in, revitalizing and promoting this existing program would be better than trying to develop a separate one.</p> <p>5 3e- Agree that many do not seem to practice or understand the value of civil discourse. Should commence by being taught, modeled and reinforced at the leadership level in our community. Advocacy, inquiry and respectful dialogue are key to effective leadership.</p> <p>6 1e- While I am not much of a shopper, I have developed a sense of how important this is through my role as a recruiter of professionals. If we want to be able to attract and retain professionals and have them desire to live as well as work here (and not commute from Perrysburg) we need to address this.</p>
18	<p>I love the idea of more areas of biking walking etc but with witnessing the number of homeless or mentally unstable people wandering downtown I feel that has to be a priority. It can be a real nuisance at time.</p>
19	<p>Great to see a diverse group of items effecting many areas of our lives. Excited that housing is on the list and specifically a land bank which I think is a great tool that is missing in the county.</p>
20	<p>3.2 - It is so important to offer safe ways for pedestrians and bikers to get around Findlay and to get out into nature.</p> <p>5.2b - The speed of the Civil Service Testing process is drastically different. I do not think that is what is slowing down the process anymore. The old employee used to tell people it would take 3 months to grade an exam. I know when I took a test in the past the whole process (from turning in application to getting my test score) was a 4-5 month process. I took one this year and the whole process only took 1 month (from start to finish) and I turned my application in the first day and got my test score the day I took the exam and an email the next day letting me know I was eligible for an interview. It took a few weeks longer to hear from the person who scheduled my interview, but the civil service employee told us that might be the case. I don't want her to get in trouble for something that she is clearly changing. That is the kind of person the City should give resources to.</p>
21	<p>5.3 - we have a lot of work to get there</p>
22	<p>I think this is very positive but would like to see specific timelines, the area north of the river & riverfront particularly. It would make a huge impact immediately on each one of the goals.</p>
23	<p>1. Work with local businesses on easy accessible parking to support downtown businesses.</p>
24	<p>Action number 5.3. By using the language of equity and tolerance, you are advancing the cause and ideology of Critical Theory, and demonizing a large portion of your voting stakeholders, suggesting that we are not currently a community that values equality.</p>
25	<p>Continue to revitalize downtown, however empty storefronts do not do anyone any good. We need to do something with the empty land in the flood zone. Be creative.</p>

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26	<p>Expanding recreational activities for kids through improvement and additional sports facilities such as an additional Marathon Diamonds facility and perhaps an indoor sporting arena.</p> <p>Expanding EMS services to citizens that includes providing ALS services with or without transport. Increase FFD manpower to accommodate a reserve engine concept such as what existed prior to the layoffs. The current manning commits the entire FFD workforce to the first fire leaving the city at risk.</p> <p>Continue to promote industrial and business partnerships to improve job opportunities for citizens. Promote the development of affordable housing in the Findlay area.</p>
27	6.4b - need to stress life skills education, especially in high school.
28	<p>Keep working on a vibrant downtown.</p> <p>all of the housing around downtown will continue to improve and attract our new young workforce to live there.</p>
29	4.4 Fire Based EMS needs to be considered.
30	<p>I don't want to live in a city with a housing code. Our community does not need one. I support much of this plan, but I will work hard to prevent enactment of 1.5d and 1.5e. Please remove them from the plan.</p>
31	<p>1.5 - I get the impression from this document that it is thought that rental housing needs oversight and improvement. There may be rentals that need it, but it is wrong to categorize and punish rental housing owners with registries, inspections, etc. These cost money which undoubtedly will be passed on to the owners. Owners will have no choice but to raise rents to compensate for the added costs, and most of the tenants who rent are the most vulnerable and can't afford to pay more. Instead, there should be a mechanism for tenant complaints to be investigated and acted upon with fines for violations. This way, the bad landlords are held accountable without hurting those good property owners.</p>
32	Do not get involved with Landbanks, please

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<p>33</p>	<p>As a landlord with nearly \$1M of property investments in Findlay, it looks like there's an intentional assault on landlords. Such as:</p> <p>1.5b Establish a land bank; No, No, No. Unnecessary and open for abuse to confiscate property and "sell" to friends without any public auction and the land owner doesn't receive any compensation.</p> <p>1.5d Absolutely not! And how does the registration program get funded? With an annual fee that the landlord pays? Which will get passed to the tenant. Will there be an inspection process to determine "code violations"? How often? How fast to comply? If you cannot/will not comply, then what? This smell bad and looks like a power grab for the City.</p> <p>1.5e This has already been done. Not needed.</p> <p>1.5g Who is going to administer the code compliance and how will it be paid? Assess the landlords or increase property taxes? which will get passes on to the tenants.</p> <p>1.6a Why? Will the enforcement of the "housing improvements" create hardships for the owners and cause people to not buy in findlay?</p> <p>1.6b How is this going to get funded? Sounds great but who and how will get get paid? People cannot afford rent or to purchase a house, and you're going to make it more costly?! Seems counter productive.</p> <p>1.6e Does this force landlords to accept Metro and HCV clients regardless of past rental behaviors?</p> <p>1.6f You've got to be kidding!! UF is now going to be the judge & jury on rental houses to meet whatever standard they desire. And if not met, the Land Bank will confiscate the house and "sell" it to the University? A lot of potential for code abuse. Again, students who cannot afford on-campus dorm fees, this makes them not afford off-campus housing cost either! I think a student can determine if a rental house meets their "basic livability" standard. End result, you're driving up the cost of housing.</p> <p>6.1f "proactive method... for annexation and infrastructure investment". Does not sound good for the property owner. So if I have property the City wants, but I don't want to sell, then the City will find a way to take my property? Lots of room for abuse.</p>
<p>34</p>	<p>I believe that aligning with affiliates need to be created by the citizens of the community , not associations or agencies that are government funded. Less government is establishing "FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE" Corporations should be involved from a standpoint of servant ship and wanting the best for its community and its people not based on kickbacks</p>
<p>35</p>	<p>I would like for the mayor and city council members to invite local home owners and landlords to discuss the issues related to registration and building and maintenance codes. These seem to have no specifics or limits, and should not be implemented without detailing that information. How can the city determine they want to tackle the housing affordability issue without discussing these plans with the people who provide housing?</p>

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36	<p>Comment period needs expanded to at least six months to allow the community to understand this sweeping document.</p> <p>Councilperson Wobser is on record saying this is a Government Plan, that certainly is not the case when this is reviewed.</p>
37	More politically correct statements with no details.
38	This was promoted as a city government plan not a community plan. It completely misses the mark promised.
39	n/a
40	<p>1.5a It's draconian to target landlords as an industry.</p> <p>1.6a I will find other people to represent me in city government, and you will get recalled if you continue to move forward with this. Steal from the producers and give it to non-producers.</p>
41	1.1b: use native plants, stop use of Roundup
42	1.1b: second the native plants. Findlay could become a haven for the increasingly endangered Monarch butterfly
43	1.1c: investigate the Midwest Sculpture Initiative program
44	1.2a: Lima Ave entrance by Cooper is an eyesore. Also an entrance to our city
45	1.2b: a restroom for public use in the downtown plans?
46	1.2c: parking garage on East Crawford St looks ready to collapse
47	1.3a: ideal place for public restrooms
48	1.3c: connect trails along Lake Cascade to Blanchard St bike trails
49	1.4a: consider counteracting with one garbage service. Right now we have 17 communities all running heavy trucks on our city streets. Every day is garbage day.
50	1.4c: so many single use water bottles at every single meeting? City water bottles for employees?
51	1.4d: look at Columbus' recent initiatives and goals in this area.
52	1.5d: this action presupposes the following action, which should take priority
53	1.6b: we need more high income jobs, not more low income residents
54	2.4a: no McDonalds or fast food on S Main
55	3.1b: kudos to those folks. They do a great job already
56	3.1c: S River Rd please!
57	3.2c: new sidewalks are needed, especially on North Cort st between High and Frazer
58	3.2c: South Main St needs a safe crosswalk at Stadium Dr
59	3.2d: where can the 2014 multi-use trail master plan be found?
60	3.2e: consider a bike path from Emory Adams park along 6th st and lake cascades to connect to west park area path
61	4.5g: Yes. Should be a priority.
62	5.2b: screen backgrounds for possible racial issues/proud boy connections, check social media pages, etc.
63	6.1e: What are we going to do about the mall? Can we work on attracting major retailers back? And then shopping at the Findlay location instead of Toledo, Columbus, and Lima. Let's make Findlay a destination for shoppers!

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64	6.2a: More promotion of new businesses is needed - newspaper, perhaps tv stations in Toledo - not all of us like Facebook!
65	6.2c: make these no smoking/vaping events

Is there anything else you would like to share? Is there anything you think is missing?

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1	Responsible Policing 4.5: adding limitations on hiring officers that have been removed or resigned from other departments for improper/illegal actions or disciplinary issues.
2	Thank you for taking this task on.
3	Better traffic signalling cycles at major intersections is lacking. Has this community ever heard of right-turn lanes? That would help a lot but I know they are complicated... however, use some more traffic calming devices in Downtown to slow down speeders.
4	Hard to choose just 3 - other important objectives: 6.4 and 6.2
5	The YMCA capital project is a great strategy
6	Well done
7	I don't agree with the land bank, registration of both vacant property and residential property among other provisions. I think objective 1.5 and 1.6 need a total rewrite
8	Improve bike infrastructure and communicate about available recreation opportunities
9	Much of 1.5 and 1.6 should be considered as a piece - particularly 1.5d-g and 1.6e-f
10	A city brand is a good idea and would make it easier for businesses to decide whether or not they want to come here. Objective 1.3 capitalizes on the history and future of Findlay's most obvious landmark. Reimagining the riverfront might bring the community together and give us all something more to be proud of.
11	Thank you for making an opportunity to give our thoughts.
12	Ensure that this effort continues and is revisited quarterly, or even annually
13	The city needs to take a more active role in encouraging redevelopment downtown (Argyle) and in other high traffic areas (Tiffin Ave and mall area)
14	Please strive to make this a livable community for everyone, not simply the upper middle class. We are very excited to hear there might be more trees.
15	Can't trust land banks - they could be used to grab land from ordinary people and give property to friends of those in power. Rental registration will give landlords reason to up their rates as will any additional regulations or forced codes. Those might be better reserved for lower end cities like Fostoria or Lima.
16	We don't need more low income residents, we need high income jobs.
17	Better jobs, more people to represent Findlay
18	Glad to see there is an effort to put something like this together
19	Priorities should be affordable housing (no more luxury!), transportation, and keeping Findlay's charm. Good job with this initiative.
20	No bikes or roads used for bike paths. Not a good use of money, this is not Europe. Make all services in English. All must assimilate to USA. Support police to bolster or new initiatives and the workforce needed to support them. Objective 7: My grandparents had to assimilate to USA and speak English, not German. All should be encouraged to do the same.
21	Red lights in needed areas, rules for bikers, more higher paid businesses. Attract more restaurants and businesses in downtown area.

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22	Business environment needs to be number 1 - everything else is add-on niceties!! Create more high-paying businesses - all the warehousing jobs have brought/changed our community to be lower income. Can we ever recover?
23	Drug solutions missing.
24	Upon all objectives including intention and inclusion through art and design to be with priority.
25	Carriage Walks are missing in the city!
26	Carriage walks are missing!
27	Attract retail shopping entities Attract new businesses in addition to distribution centers
28	Thank you for doing this.
29	Seems that many of these actions already have departments and agencies whose chief mission and objectives would include executing on some of these plans. Others do not have clear stakeholders for execution. Lack of clear accountability can prove problematic for achievement and is often the reason why many plans are never operationalized. Once priorities are established, accountability must be quickly established and progress reported and monitored. In addition to priority projects, don't miss out on the momentum that can be gained through quick wins when addressing "low-hanging fruit." (Sorry for that buzzword. Couldn't think of a better one!) Thanks to all for your time and efforts on this!
30	This form was difficult to view / understand on iPhone and distinguish actions from the vision when I was first typing.
31	more emphasis on environmental stewardship
32	Fostering more small businesses throughout the downtown space and community should be a major priority. We tout our wins for the large commercial builds that ultimately do not feed the hometown feel of a town this size - distribution centers, warehousing, etc. - but there is rarely a noticeable effort as to how more support is being given to the entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs-to-be. More attention should be paid to surrounding towns and cities that are working hard, and succeeding, on these initiatives - Tiffin, Perrysburg, etc.
33	Good work, now go get them done!
34	Support local small businesses as the heartbeat of our community.
35	You're all ghouls who are building a soulless, hateful community that caters to the whims of corporations over the needs of people, and validates and elevates the voices of the loudest and dumbest among us.
36	I think there is too much emphasis in this report on the downtown area and not enough on the rest of the city. One example.... The report mentions bike paths from the university to downtown. Biking is easy and relatively safe in that area, whereas it's impossible to bike in a safe manner from the Hillcrest area to anywhere east of I75. No shoulders on Bigalow and 45 mph speed. Imagine kids who live in that area trying to go to the library. It's that way around most of the outskirts of the city.
37	Please stop trying to micro manage people's lives

Other Comments

38	Please reach out to the community to leverage expertise and experience to help provide input whenever possible, and quite possibly the chance to volunteer skills.
39	<p>Sounds like quite the Utopian master plan! How long do they think it will take to implement and what will it cost? How big will City gov't and staff need to be to implement and maintain the Plan? How is the Plan funded? A lot of this sounds good on paper, but the devil is in the details. Then it will probably be too late. When will the details be shared and who determines what gets implemented first and to what degree?</p> <p>Roger Domke</p>
40	<p>LANDBANKS ARE LANDGRABS BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE CODES ARE ALREADY IN THE BOOKS - USE THEM RENT CONTROL IS DRACONIAN AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE LOWERING RENT AND IMPOSING FEES TO LANDLORDS IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO STEAL RIGHTFULLY OWNED AND MANAGED PROPERTIES</p>
41	<p>As a small business owner, I am concerned about some of the initiatives discussed in this plan. I am also concerned that there are no details as to where money will come from or how much it will cost our community to implement these initiatives.</p> <p>Also, because I am a landlord - one who works often with people who are coming through organizations such as Hope House, the City Mission, Community Action Commission, etc - I have to be honest that the registration fees and additional building and maintenance codes discussed multiple times in this plan will force me to increase my rent amounts. No landlord will simply increase their costs at their own expense - those expenses will always be passed on to the tenants. There are a lot of people in this city who struggle to afford housing, and this plan says that you want to improve that. However, this plan seems to undermine whatever solutions you might provide. I provide clean, safe, comfortable housing for many people who cannot afford much increase in their rent costs, but any additional fees and costs forced on me by the city will ultimately equate to rent increases. Finally, I find it concerning that there is talk of more building and maintenance codes when we have already adopted many that are not followed or enforced (or only enforced for some people). We should be able to know, as a community - especially since this will apply to the average homeowner and not just landlords - exactly what those new codes and regulations will be before they are adopted.</p> <p>This strategic plan seems dangerously vague and is missing a lot of information that would help me to better understand it. I cannot support it without that information and more open discussion about the future plans of our city.</p>
42	<p>Why aren't issues of homelessness, pervasiveness of drugs, lack of responsiveness of our elected official from mayor to ward councilperson being addressed.</p> <p>All voices in the community should have a path to a conversation</p>
43	<p>If you ask the question: What should my Findlay city government do for me? The document does not answer the question in a simple easy to understand manner.</p> <p>Very disappointed in this if it is represents a final document</p>

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44	Truly identify issues; homeless, drug use/abuse, lack of development/upgrade to southern and east ends of the city, Cooper/Goodyear lessening of higher level employment opportunities.
45	It seems counterproductive that you're aiming for lower rent but you want to charge more fees to landlords (Registration fees for each landlord and/or property.
46	Vacuum leaf pick up at curb, vacuum truck to suck up leaves at curb, November & early December leaf pick up by vacuum at curb
47	Residential leaf pick-up with vacuum at curbside (no bagging). It would be appreciated if a truck or equipment was purchased to vacuum the leaves in the fall. Thank you!
48	Leaf clean up
49	Leaf clean up. We should not have to waste money on bags as we do. Pay a service to clean them up. Also improve retail businesses. Better quality Kroger, Meijer and even Walmart. The mall is a waste of valuable space. Could add a Costco and Whole Foods.
50	Loose leaf pickup. Findlay needs to take care of its citizens like other cities and townships do by restoring loose leaf pickup. Too many residents have too many leaves to bag them!
51	Loose leaf pickup. It is terrible for the environment to use plastic bags to collect leaves! The city needs to restore loose leaf pickup.
52	Leaf pickup. It is getting tougher to do my leaves as I get older; and very expensive to have them done. City used to do it, why not start back up again?
53	Leaf pickup. We live in an area that has many trees and leaf pickup would be very beneficial.
54	Leaf pickup. I noticed that in surrounding areas there is curbside loose leaf pickup and in other areas there is not. Bagging leaves can be consuming. Picking up your leaves can be just as important as picking up trash. I'm sure there are retired and elderly citizens that can use the curbside loose leaf pickup.
55	Leaf pickup. I lived in other part of Ohio like South Euclid, the city picked up leaves curbside. I noticed since I moved to Findlay in the area of the city I'm in the city doesn't pick up your leaves. We need help with this service.
56	Loose leaf pickup. Part of maintaining shade trees is loose leaf collection. The city needs to provide loose leaf pick up to encourage residents to plant trees.
57	Loose leaf curbside pickup
58	Leaf pickup. We live in an area with many trees. It would be wonderful if our city prioritized leaf pickup as they did for many years.
59	Vacuum leaf pick up in Parkway once a week. Not bag pickup of front loader pickup, but vacuum leaf pickup.
60	Cross lights (flashing) at CR 236

General Comments

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1	Please consider consistent on the pedestrian crossings in towns - CR 236 flashes all of the time event if no one is crossing yet the one downtown and west main by court house only as needed
2	Let's return leafe pickup! Encourage raising quality of our city schools. We lose educated families to go elsewhere
3	Have curbside pickup of Christmas trees. (maybe 2 different dates)
4	<p>For Findlay's future development, I propose that historic, downtown Findlay be enclosed within glass walls and a ceiling with waterproof doors at every ground-level access. The boundaries of the glass enclosure would be Lincoln St on the south, East St on the east, the Blanchard River on the north, and N/S Cory, Front, and West Sts on the west (curving and connecting N/S Cory, Front, and West Sts).</p> <p>Only emergency vehicles would be allowed within the enclosure on Main St and from Main St to the alley on east-west side streets, except for non-emergency vehicles between Lincoln St and Hardin St when accessing the hotel or businesses in that block.</p> <p>Non-emergency, northbound vehicles would travel one-way from S Main St east to East St, north across the Blanchard River (bridge to be constructed), and curve to meet a connector to N Cory St on N Main St. Non-emergency, southbound vehicles would travel one-way from N Main St west on the connector, south on N/S Cory, Front, and West Sts to Lincoln St, and east to S Main St. Non-emergency vehicles would be permitted from S Cory, West, and East Sts toward Main St to the alley with angled, front-in parking on one side of the street with the alley as exit. Delivery trucks would deliver from S Cory and East Sts. The entrance to the courthouse, Broadway, and Front St to Main would remain open to non-emergency vehicles with an elevated, enclosed walkway connecting the library and Marathon Center for the Performing Arts to the glass enclosure. Reserved parking spaces for the Huntington Bank would be on Broadway. Semi tractor-trailers and oversize vehicles would travel east and west on TRs 99 and 212 and SR 15.</p> <p>Benefits of the glass enclosure would be: (a) a year-round, climate-controlled venue for shopping, festivals, and activities; (b) access to the vacant upper floors of the historic buildings for office, business, and residential use connected by a network of elevators, escalators, stairways, walkways, crosswalks, and public restrooms; (c) protection and preservation of the historic buildings; and (d) lower rooftops would be available for recreation, fitness, sports, dining, dancing, etc.</p>