

Noble Pride Community Planning Process Final Report

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History

Three years ago, the Noble Chamber of Commerce, along with the City of Noble and the entire community worked with the Oklahoma Community Institute to set forth goals to better the community.

The areas of focus included education, culture and recreation, smart growth and vibrant downtown. Once the ten goals were set, the community was given five years to achieve them. Noble achieved all but two of those goals in three years and is still working to complete the final two.

Since the first planning session was such a success and so many great ideas came about from the process, it was decided to get back together with the Oklahoma Community Institute and come up with new goals or areas of focus for the community. So, two community meetings were scheduled in the fall of 2008 and residents came out to share their vision for Noble.

The meetings were sponsored by a collaboration of organizations: including the Noble Chamber of Commerce, City of Noble, and a generous grant from Oklahoma Natural Gas. Loving Care Home Health and Carolyn Little Realty were also generous sponsors for these meetings.

Community Plan

Vision

Culture and Recreation:

Noble is a city designed with relaxation and recreation in mind. We have facilities that house cultural activities for all ages. We are enjoying an expanded neighborhood park system where citizens have a safe place for family activities. Our new community park includes ball fields, soccer fields, swimming pool and recreation center.

Goal:

To revive and create quality cultural activities and recreation

Objectives:

To complete four current community parks to include an amphitheatre by 2013.

Inventory and evaluate current city park property, liquidating where necessary to fund completion of the four current community parks by 2010.

Develop and host park events (Disc Golf tournaments, Art in the Park, Rocktober) that make Noble a destination by 2010.

Education:

Quality education provides the key to opportunity. We have created an education system based upon quality and excellence in all facets for the benefit of Noble's children and the improved future of our community. Community and parental involvement continues to encourage growth, participation and promote school pride. Our teachers continue to reach out to involve all parents. We are . . . Noble Public Schools.

Goal:

To be a top 10 school system in the state

Objectives:

Annually improve campus aesthetics that will be conducive to a better learning environment.

Annually reduce college remediation rates

Maintain an ever increasing API score that consistently outpaces the state average

Equip our schools and classrooms with cutting edge technological advances by lower the computer to student ration 1:3 and appropriately outfitting all classrooms with interactive technology by the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Vibrant Community Development:

Goal:

When we enter downtown we see beautiful, clean streetscapes that create a flavor for shopping, eating, entertainment and embracing the entrepreneurial spirit. Our commercial area reflects the vibrant and prosperous economy of the entire community and our rural heritage with room to expand. Noble has a comprehensive community plan which provides for safe, clean and affordable homes and neighborhoods. We also have quality business growth and expansion of current businesses.

Objectives:

Recruit five new or expanded businesses per year

Build 25 new homes annually

Horizontal expansion of commercial areas on Etowah Road, Maguire Road and 4th Street

Complete sidewalk renovation

Noble Community Planning

Action Plan: Culture and Recreation

Goal: To revive and create quality cultural activities and recreation

Objective 1: To complete four current community parks to include an amphitheatre by 2013.

Action Plan 1:

Evaluate parks for amphitheatre location

Resources needed: have parks in place, search out location

Target date of completion: Spring 2009

Action Plan 2:

Develop plan for amphitheatre and meet with City

Resources needed: select which park and design structure

Target date of completion: Summer 2009

Action Plan 3:

Seek funding for amphitheatre

Resources needed: grants, donations and other sources of funding

Target date of completion: Summer 2009

Action Plan 4:

Seek lowest bid and build

Resources needed: builder

Target date of completion: Summer 2009

Objective 2: Develop and host park events that make Noble a destination by 2010 (Disc Golf Tournament, Art in the Park, Rocktober)

Action Plan 1:

Brainstorm Park events

Resources needed: park committee

Target date of completion: Spring 2009

Action Plan 2:

Meet with Chamber offering assistance if they host an event

Resources needed: Chamber membership to support project

Target date of completion: Spring 2009

Action Plan 3:

Develop action plan for event chosen

Resources needed: park committee/Chamber

Target date of completion: Summer 2009

Action Plan 4:

Delegate responsibilities and implement plan

Resources needed: park committee/Chamber

Target date of completion: Summer 2009

Action Plan 5:

Host event

Resources needed: park committee/Chamber

Target date of completion: Fall 2010

Objective 3: Inventory and evaluate city park property, liquidate when necessary to fund completion of four community parks by 2010

Action Plan 1:

Meet with City Manager

Target date of completion: Jan. 2009

Action Plan 2:

Determine property to liquidate

Resources needed: designated park land

Target date of completion: Spring 2009

Action Plan 3:

Assess property value

Resources needed: Realtor

Target Date of Completion: Spring 2009

Action Plan 4:

Propose to Park Commission

Target Date of Completion: Summer 2009

Action Plan 5:

Bring before City Council

Target Date of Completion: Summer 2009

Action Plan 6:

Sell

Resources needed: Realtor

Target Date of Completion: Summer 2009

Action Plan 7:

Apply proceeds of sale toward park funds

Target Date of Completion: 2010

Action Plan: Education

Goal: To be a top 10 school system in the state

Objective 1: Annually improve campus aesthetics that will be conducive to a better learning environment.

Action Step 1:

Build a comprehensive list of needs

Resources needed: Gold Dustpan initiatives, district campus initiatives

Target Date of Completion: Oct. 2008

Action Step 2:

Marshall resources

Resources needed: School funds, grants, bond funds

Target Date of Completion: 2010-2011

Action Step 3:

Bidding and purchasing for construction

Resources needed: Process in place

Target Date of Completion: Annually

Action Step 4:

Assign Tasks

Resources needed: Process in place

Target Date of Completion: Ongoing

Objective 2: Equip our schools and classrooms with cutting edge technological advances by lowering the computer to student ratio 1:3 and appropriately outfitting all classrooms with interactive technology

Action Plan 1:

Determine need and current ratio

Resources needed: Technology Dept.

Target Date of Completion: Jan. 2009

Action Plan 2:

Create a replacement schedule

Resources needed: Technology Dept.

Target Date of Completion: Jan. 2009

Action Plan 3:

Marshall Resources

Resources Needed: School funds, bond funds

Target Date of Completion: May 2010 (grants), Sept. 2011 (bond funds)

Action Plan 4:

Bidding and purchasing

Resources Needed: *Process in place*

Target Date of Completion: Ongoing

Objective 3: Annually Reduce College Remediation Rate

Action Step 1:

Increase number of students taking college prep classes

Resources needed: Administration, Counselors, parents, GT money

Target date of completion: Annual monitoring

Action Step 2:

Increase parent support of students working toward continuing education

Resources needed: PTA, time to plan and funding

Target date of completion: Annual monitoring

Action Step 3:

Increase ATC prep courses

Resources needed: grant money

Target date of completion: Annual monitoring

Action Plan 4:

Look for continued funding for at risk students

Resources needed: *current grant money and continued funding*

Target Date of Completion: Annual monitoring

Objective 4: Maintain an ever-increasing API score that consistently outpaces the state average

Action Step1:

Continue implementation of curriculum mapping for vertical and horizontal alignment of subject are objectives

Resources needed: Earmark money for professional development and time for discussion

Target date of completion: Annual monitoring

Action Step 2:

Continue correlation of PASS objectives with state testing and graduation requirements

Resources needed: Time for discussion

Target date of completion: Annual monitoring

Action Step 3:

Implement new power school technology to track student attendance, discipline, graduation progression, etc.

Resources needed: \$32,000 and time to implement and train personnel

Target date of completion: Annual monitoring

Action Plan 4:

Continue implementation of new interview process through the selective research institute to hire most qualified personnel for our children and schools

Resources needed: \$5,000/annually

Target Date of Completion: Annual monitoring

Action Step 5:

Continue induction process for personnel to indoctrinate them to the vision and mission of Noble Public Schools

Resources needed: Appropriate resources for implementation

Target date of completion: Annual monitoring

Action Plan: Vibrant Community Development

Goal: To have a vibrant “expanding” economy and a community of choice for residential, business and industry.

Objective 1: Horizontal expansion of commercial area (Etowah, McGuire, 4th Street) by 2012....alternative Highway 77 plans

Action Plan 1:

Develop commercial corridor along Etowah, Maguire and 4th Streets

Resources needed: Local support and street frontage

Target date of completion: 2012

Action Plan 2:

Identify properties for commercial sites

Resources needed: Realtor
Target date of completion: 2008

Objective 2: Complete sidewalk renovation by 2010

Action Plan 1:

Review plans

Resources needed: Grants and sidewalk sweeper
Target date of completion: 2009

Action Plan 2:

Construction

Resources needed: Grants
Target date of completion: 2009

Objective 3: Define future commercial areas along Main Street by 2013

Action Plan 1:

Encourage residential property sales and rezone to commercial
Resources needed: Real Estate agent, City Council

Target date of completion: 2013

Objective 4: Recruit 5 new or expanded retail businesses/restaurants per year

Action Plan 1:

Identify retail sites

Resources needed: Real Estate agent, Developers
Target date of completion: Jan. 2009

Action Plan 2:

Develop list of possible prospects

Resources needed: Real Estate agent, Developers
Target date of completion: Apr. 2009

Action Plan 3:

Contact prospects

Resources needed: Real Estate agent, Developers
Target date of completion: June 2009

Objective 5: Build 25 new homes annually

Action Plan 1:

Identify land for possible development

Resources needed: Developers

Target date of completion: Apr. 2009

Action Plan 2:

Identify infrastructure needed and financing available

Target date of completion: Oct. 2009

Action Plan 3:

Create incentives for Developers

Target date of completion: Oct. 2009

Action Plan 4:

Develop street transportation plan to move traffic

Target date of completion: Oct. 2009

Action Plan 5:

Promote affordability of housing

Target date of completion: Oct. 2009

