

**QUALITY OF LIFE - BIG THEMES:**

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING CROSS REFERENCE WITH  
EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. UPDATE COMP PLAN, REVISITING CODES, ZONING,  
PARKS AND RECREATION
2. TRANSPORTATION  
MULTI-MODAL (transit, airport)  
WALKABILITY  
TRAFFIC FLOW
3. COMMUNICATION  
CIVIC PARTICIPATION  
REGIONAL DISCUSSION
4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
HEALTH CARE  
OVERALL EDUCATIONAL QUALITY  
RELATIONSHIP TO UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO  
TAXES
5. NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION  
CONSERVATION OF URBAN FOREST  
WATER CONSERVATION  
ALTERNATIVE H<sub>2</sub>O source?  
VIEWSCAPES  
WASTE MANAGEMENT
6. HERITAGE AND IDENTITY  
HISTORY, DIVERSITY, ARTS  
DOWNTOWN, CULTURE, NEIGHBORHOODS

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Communication Ideas:

Coop newsletter - flyers  
Post Office flyers  
Are we missing neighborhoods?  
Where are people coming from?  
City newsletter  
Argonaut  
Main lobby of HS gym  
Tangible ideas for people to respond to  
Laura volunteers for HS gym

Team Reports:

Team 4:

Started with big issue – transportation – but maybe too big?  
Go with ideas that the group could support

Remove large truck traffic from downtown  
Interconnected pathways  
Enhanced public transportation  
    For senior citizens  
Enhancing multi-modal transportation  
Affordable air service  
Pathway routes on plans  
Environmental and land use issues  
    Buy greenspace in anticipation of growth  
    Citizen input at beginning of development process  
    Change zoning to allow for more flexibility – urban villages  
    Neighborhood parks  
        Developers required? Accepting fees in lieu?  
    Design guidelines for big box stores  
        welcome them but have design criteria  
    Moscow reservoir  
        Capture surface water run-off for H2O and recreation  
        Water urban forest trees  
    Education - retain  
    Economic development – improve  
        Food, fiber, medical  
    Health care  
    Livability – small scale – getting from one end to other in 10 mins  
        Downtown core  
        Need for individual neighborhood identities  
    Need large tax base – identify small things that don't cost much but will improve  
    quality of life

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TEAM 3:

Focused 1<sup>st</sup> value of community

1. walkability
2. neighborhood character

comp plan focused on design standards so new fits with old  
affordable housing  
fitting in with university  
what happens with grain elevators  
greenspace and urban forest  
historic pres

transportation – encourage walkability  
connecting sidewalks  
safety  
connect cul-de sacs with bike/ped paths  
design driving distances

conservation of resources  
environment  
viewsheds  
human resources

education  
communication and involvement  
\$5 for coming to meeting

map shows focus on development – focus on redevelopment to prevent sprawl  
preserve viewscapes from main street  
preserve creeks  
95/8 new development like older part of town  
walkability in this area  
reduce conflicts with student housing and traffic

TEAM 2:

6 things:

process as opposed to specific things

1. zoning and comp plan
  - a. lots of zc and variances – assessment of impacts on neighborhoods, economics, and culture – zoning should reflect comp plan vision
2. Communication – not doing process right –
3. regional issues – county v. county, higher education – etc... consider regional planning formally –
4. transportation – sense of increased investment in multi-modal transportation

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- a. ring road? What does that mean? Is it a transportation corridor – who does it serve?
5. New development consider transit, pedestrians, bikes, - city needs to provide tools to developers and engineers –
6. need to diversify economic development – expand tourist site – no box stores, provide for expansion of jobs there
7. taxes: need to reinvest in infrastructure – thanks to our parents, grandparents, we've got good infrastructure – reinvesting may mean talking about taxes
8. university plays role – transportation conference and water summit – 2 examples of how UI can play larger role –

TEAM 1:

Want to keep Moscow's community values and heritage

- Better communication
- Plan for transportation
- Strengthen econ
- Increasing community unity
- Involve new residents in fabric of community

Values:

- Diversity
- Friendliness
- Walkability
- Volunterrism
- Attractive surroundings
- Architectural heritage
- Arts and culture
- Health care

Improve communication

- Need respect for other's opinions
- Avoid rumors and misinformation
- Need ways to have positive decision making

Need reader boards – downtown – elsewhere

- make agendas clearer in newspaper
- City should have FAQ on website
- Email/snail mail to people who make requests
- Replay meetings on key issues on TV
- Clear when public input is wanted
- Always provide more details
- Meeting announcements on public access TV

Transportation – plan in advance

- East west route – what if hills in way?
- Ring roads explored?
- Plan for growth and transportation simultaneous
- Provide other gathering areas
- Sidewalks on mountain view

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Stop sign at d and mountain view  
Pedestrian friendly over 8

Community building

More activities for seniors  
1912 building  
more family activities  
support arts  
downtown core and neighborhoods  
importance of education  
bubble the pool – build an ice rink

local economy

need local owned business – resources  
impact fee on outside business  
UI invest locally on spin-off  
Attractive to new business that is compatible with values

Integrate new developments and citizens

Clearly id values and market them so people are clear what Moscow is  
Tell them about how to get involved in community  
Resurrect welcome wagon