

**NewCity Moscow
Community Listening Session and Ground Rules**

We want to hear from YOU! As the NewCities Foundation begins to seek input from the residents of Moscow, we invite you to share your vision, dreams, and ideas about the future of Moscow. We will be meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center.

Participants at the session will be asked to take a few minutes and answer the questions below. NewCities facilitators will then ask each person to share ONE of the things they've written. Everyone in the audience will have an opportunity to share their visions and the session will not end until everyone feels like all their visions have been covered.

A court reporter will take a verbatim transcript for posterity. NewCities staff will record each vision in summary fashion on a computer projected onto a large screen so everyone can follow.

Statement ground rules:

- Each person must give their name and address (you do not have to be a Moscow resident to speak).
- No other names of individuals can be mentioned.
- Brief, positive, and forward-looking statements (as opposed to “here’s what’s wrong right now...”)
- There is to be no references to current disputes – this is not a mediation or gripe session.
- All written statements will be reviewed according to these ground rules before being read to the audience.

These ground rules will be voted on by the audience and will be strictly enforced by the audience.

Challenge Questions:

If Moscow, Idaho is to reach it’s full potential as a thriving “new city of the 21st century”, we must over the next 5 – 10 years:

If we, as a community, are to be seen by others as a place that people want to live and work, and if our children want to be able to remain in or return to Moscow, we must take action now to

by doing:

You may submit up to 10 ideas. Your ideas will be shared and incorporated into the community ideas that are gathered.

Unable to Attend:

If you are unable to attend the community listening session, you are encouraged to submit your ideas via email or regular mail. To do so, please complete the above statements and email them to Steve Austin, NewCities Foundation: saustin@newcities.org, or mail them to NewCity Moscow, 206 Third Street, Moscow, ID, 83843.

The NewCities Foundation believes in the future of Moscow. We also believe in the ability of the residents of Moscow to take a serious self-examination and put forth ideas that will successfully move Moscow forward. We ask that you present positive ideas and action steps that reflect the serious nature of our inquiry. At the same time, we believe that thinking about and working toward a common vision of the future is fun, exciting, and challenging.

The world will not wait for Moscow. Moscow must begin to act now. The future of Moscow begins right now. Thank you for sharing your ideas.