

Placemaking Meeting | Visioning Session Results

DATE: January 24, 2018

LOCATION: Stanton, Iowa

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

What's Unique?

- Swedish heritage
- School-community relationship (support)
- Nursing home
- Viking Center
- Trails
- Viking Lake
- Fiber
- Daycare
- Fire department
- Low crime
- Schools (preschool-12)
- Highway access
- 2 churches work together
- Medical care

What's Missing?

- Retail (unique shops)
- Non-driving transportation
- Housing - apartments
- Assisted living
- Jobs
- Wind power
- Draw for younger families
- Ranch homes
- Diversity
- Streets in good repair
- Teen hangout spot
- Hiking trails
- Reception hall
- Restaurant

Arts & Culture

- Malvern church artists
- Artist co-op
- Concerts in the park
- Dance lessons
- Farmers market
- Painting class
- Expand downtown architecture
- Sculptures

- Bakery

Education

- Daycare center - but out of space
- Need before and after school program
- Teacher retention
- Need training in trades
- Good partnership between RO & Stanton
- Larger IT program
- Could do better with STEM
- Adult education (public speaking, computer technology)

Housing

- High end apartments (\$700+)
- No current apartments
- No ADA homes
- Need duplex/fourplex
- Program to encourage young people to buy
- 2nd story apartment opportunity
- Mostly older stock
- Industrial Foundation is a good thing
- More ranch-style homes needed
- Not good lots to build on
- Buildings of 6-8 apartments (not subsidized)

Nightlife & Retail

- Restaurant with music while eating
- Grocery
- Coffee house with drive thru
- Brewery
- Trails (RO-Stanton-Viking Lake)
- Sports bar
- (Lighted) golf course
- Farm to table restaurant
- Steakhouse
- Marketing of ag products

- Shaved ice
- Auto car wash
- RedBox
- Pharmacy
- Dinner theater
- B&B
- Ice cream shop

Transportation & Recreation

- Trails
- Road conditions
- Transportation between Stanton & RO (besides SWITA bus - on-call)
- Swimming pool
- Splash pad
- Trampoline park
- Park with outdoor basketball
- Better area for smaller kids
- Tennis courts
- Disc golf course
- Need more parking

Workforce Development

- High paying jobs
- Jobs that bring in new money
- Tough to recruit
- Jobs not here – factories close
- How to attract entrepreneurs?
- Need entertainment
- Online jobs – telecommuting
- Access to markets
- Job pipeline
- Not a lot of opportunities for HS jobs
- Small factories/manufacturing
- Trades
- Need soft skills