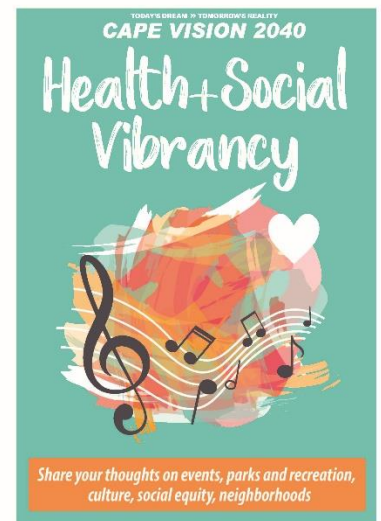




## Community Vision Workshop Summary

November 7, 2017 at Central Middle School

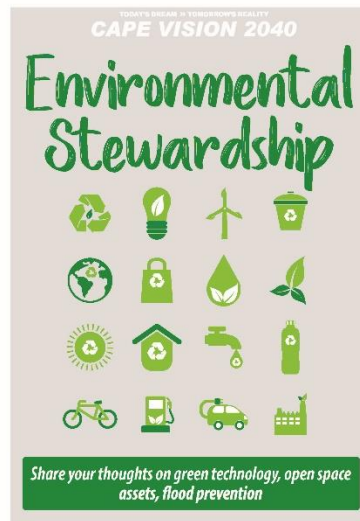
Approximately 30 residents participated in the first workshop for the new Cape Girardeau Comprehensive Plan. Participants first provided some 'big ideas' and participated in a short survey. Results of the survey will be tabulated separately along with other on-line responses. Mike Hoffman, the consultant project manager with Teska Associates, Inc. then provided a short presentation summarizing the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan, overall timeline and a summary of some of the research completed so far (presentation attached). Participants were then invited to visit each of the four topic stations to share their ideas on economic development, environmental stewardship, health + social vibrancy and transportation + mobility. After visiting each station, participants were then given stickers to vote on ideas they liked, and ideas they disagreed with. The evening concluded with a short summary of results from each station.



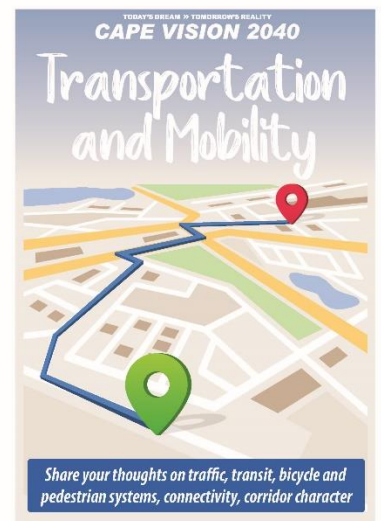
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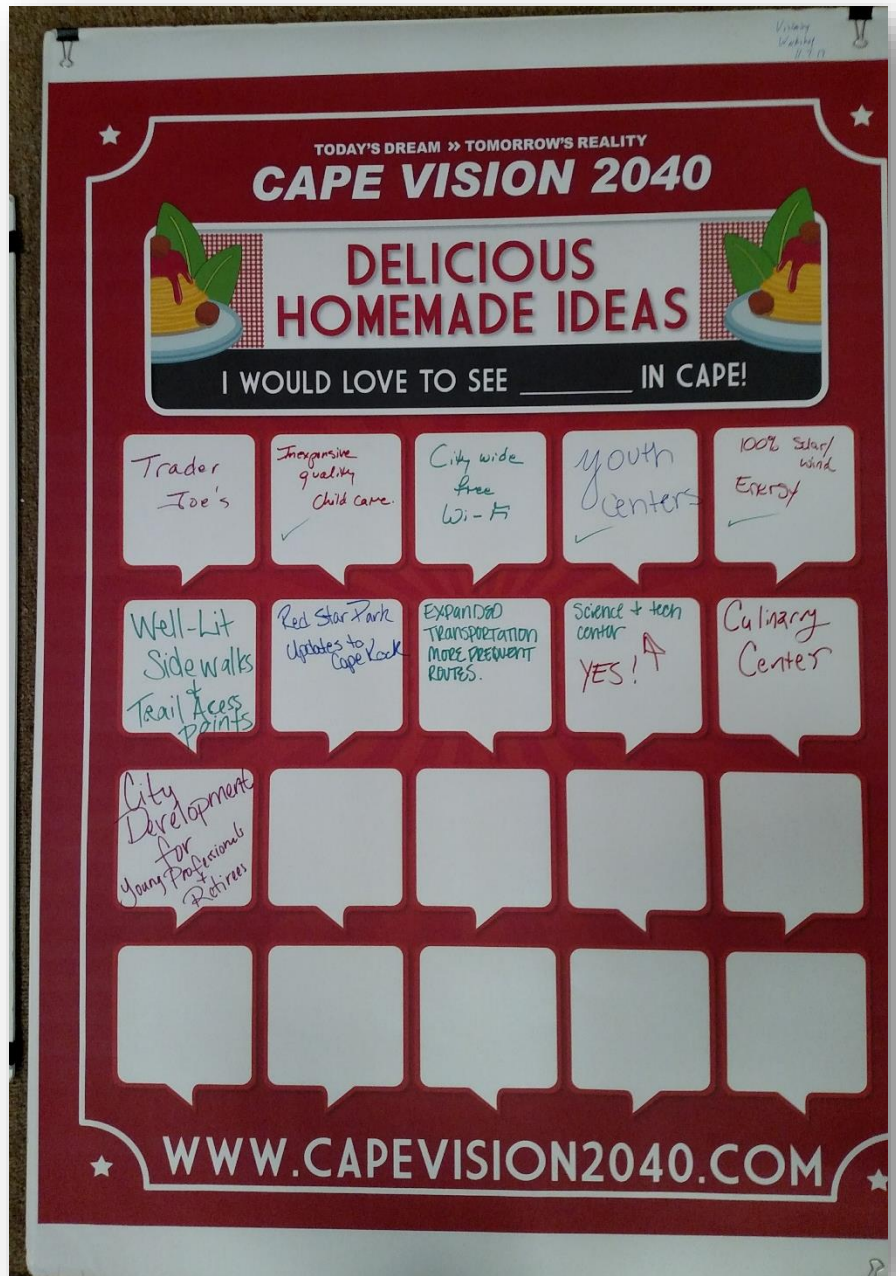
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## Big Ideas

The photo on the right shows the poster used to collect big ideas for Cape Girardeau's future. Top ideas (indicated by supporting check marks) include:

- Inexpensive, quality child care
- Youth centers
- 100% solar/wind energy
- A science and tech center

A similar exercise was conducted at the Park Foundation's annual Spaghetti Day event (hence the delicious homemade ideas theme).



## Topic Stations

The following tables summarize comments received at the topic stations. Numbers indicate votes received by each idea – all votes are positive unless preceded by a negative sign.

## Economic Development

Top Ideas	Other Ideas
<b>More diversified tax base! Can't rely so heavily on sales tax. Use tax? Property tax? (7)</b>	More diverse tourism – age wise more youth centers for teens who have nothing else to do. (2)
<b>Something for all children in community and community center – YMCA (5)</b>	Arts/Music District in Morgan Oak Area (River Campus Area) (2)
<b>Training program for trades (4)</b>	Jobs/places of employment being developed in more sporadic areas (2)
<b>More downtown retail, particularly North Main St. small business district (3)</b>	Development across from Salvation Army – coffee shops, boutiques, etc.
<b>Businesses provide child care and transportation (3)</b>	Downtown summer festivals – market Cape (2)
<b>Paid college internships to hook graduates (keep them in Cape after graduation) (3)</b>	Trader Joe's
	Mentorship programs
	Shared, affordable space for business incubator
	Competitive pay thru business diversity
	Coping with automation – future job proofing

## Health and Social Vibrancy

Top Ideas	Other Ideas
<b>More emphasis on neighborhood parks – less emphasis on organized sports and facilities. (3)</b>	Broken connections because of 74 splitting the community
<b>Medical clinics located in the center of the south side of town (5)</b>	Social network support for parents, education support and opportunities for lower income families
<b>Parks for all ages (3)</b>	Art events and festivals
<b>Need something for Senior Citizens (2)</b>	More places of art.
<b>Neighborhoods are driven by families and the elementary school in that neighborhood. This increases the cost of living in “certain neighborhoods” which are new. The “other neighborhoods” are decreasing in the housing market. Median home cost is the medial, but there are not “that” many homes available at that price. (2)</b>	Beautify the (pedestrian) bridge (over 74)
<b>Community block program (4)</b>	University related art installations
<b>Improve Red Star Park and Cape Rock Park (7)</b>	Arts community where artists can live and work
<b>Clean up places on the southside (3)</b>	Radio for a diverse City
<b>Lack of multigenerational events (2)</b>	Community art included in new buildings
<b>Lack of events for 25 to 35 years (singles) (2)</b>	Affordable family events
<b>Community art included in new buildings (2)</b>	Create tools that encourage creativity



## Transportation + Mobility

Top Ideas	Other Ideas
Free shuttle bus for head start kids (8)	Public shuttles through town
More free parking for SEMO students!!! (6)	Safe bike/ped routes
Rides to S.E. Missouri manufacturers (3)	Connectivity to major community sectors
Sidewalks on Kingshighway (3)	More planned trails as part of new developments
Bicycle rental racks (3)	Transport to CapeAir
More frequent bus routes (2)	Accidents at Chick-fil-a
Bridge the gaps in downtown – goes from Casino to sort of empty, to downtown, to empty, to South Cape – develop the gaps! (2)	Train stop in Cape/Amtrak (+1,-1)
	Free bikes (+1,-1)
	Bus routes to south of Route 74
	Uber like system (+1, -3) – CarGo was noted as local alternative
	Neighborhood trail spurs/access
	Cab rides for less than \$10
	Intentional, on-time transportation from neighborhoods to employment
	Ride to work program enhancements
	More trails and bike lanes

## Environment

Top Ideas	Other Ideas
Fix-up abandoned houses (+5, -1)	More (garbage) cans downtown along the river
Community garden with learning connected (4)	More and safer sidewalks
Green energy (2) – use highways!	More plant life
Use creeks and stormwater connections for trail connectivity (3)	Stronger development requirements – save plants and trees!
Safer roads (2)	More trails
E 85 gas (2)	Community clean-up programs
Sloan Creek in Red Star naturalization (2)	Better drainage systems through Cape to help with flooding
Better lighting on dark streets (2)	Recycle/reuse education
Cameras on street lights (+4, -2)	Develop a green energy plan
Fund stormwater projects and maintain them! (2)	Provide for glass recycling (+4, -1)