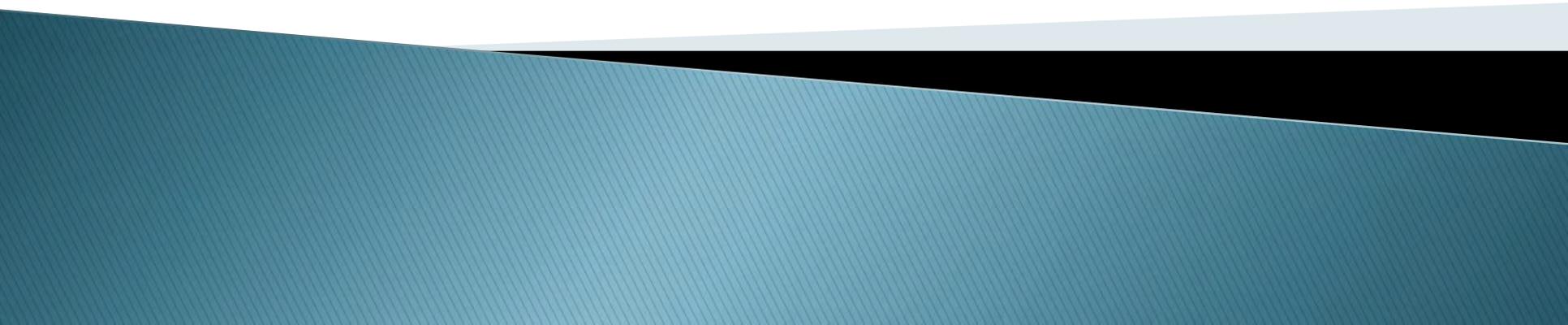
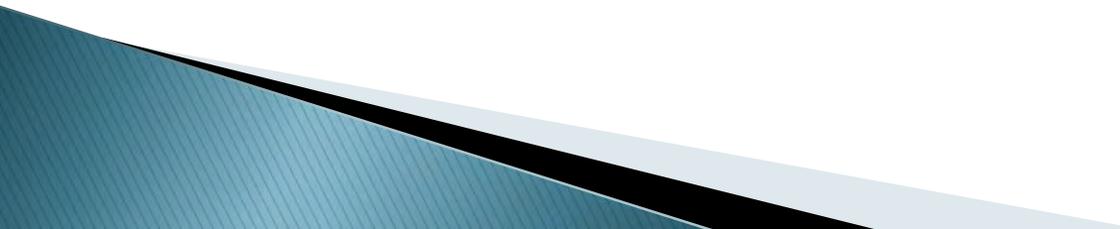


Pine Island Community Input Meeting

Meeting Summary



Meeting Logistics

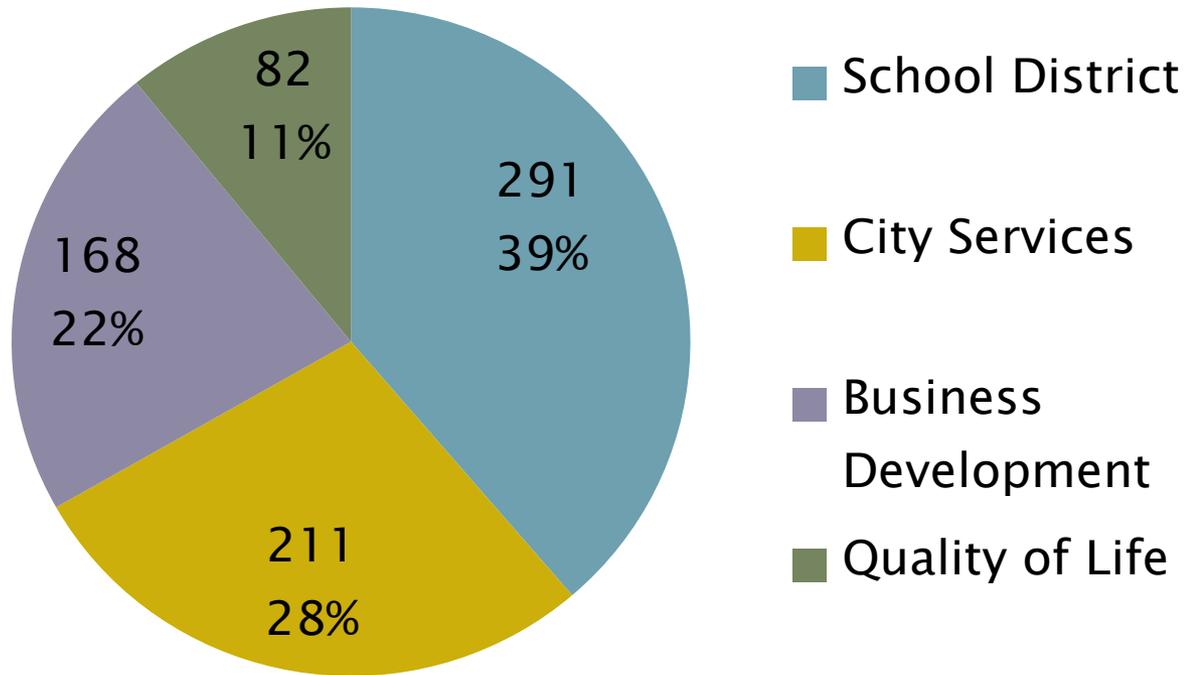
- ▶ Held Thursday, January 31st at 6:30pm at the Saint Paul Lutheran Church
 - ▶ Approximately 90 community members in attendance
 - ▶ Jeff Leland – meeting facilitator
 - ▶ 4 focus areas were covered: Business Development, City Services, School District and Quality of Life
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Meeting Format

- ▶ Brief presentations from all 4 focus areas
 - ▶ Small group brainstorming sessions to identify how to invest our resources in the growth/improvement of the focus areas
 - ▶ Ideas grouped into focus area “categories”
 - ▶ Small groups reported generated investment categories to entire group
 - ▶ Each participant used “vote sticker dots” to cast their votes for most important focus area categories
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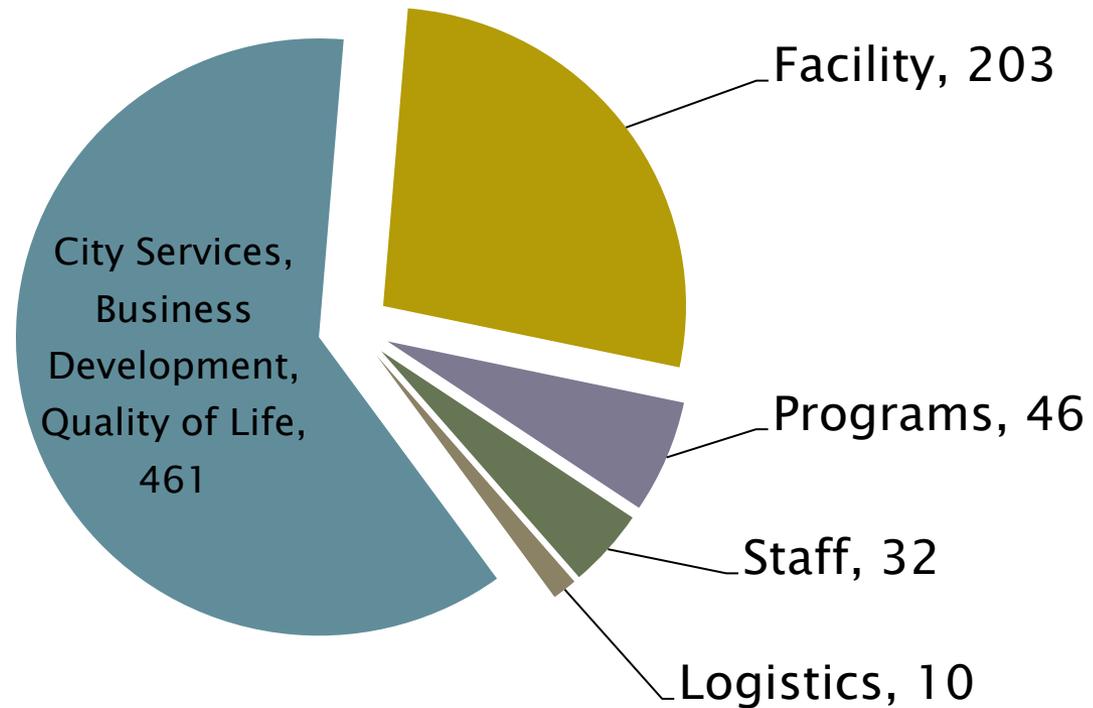
Focus Area Voting Summary

Votes



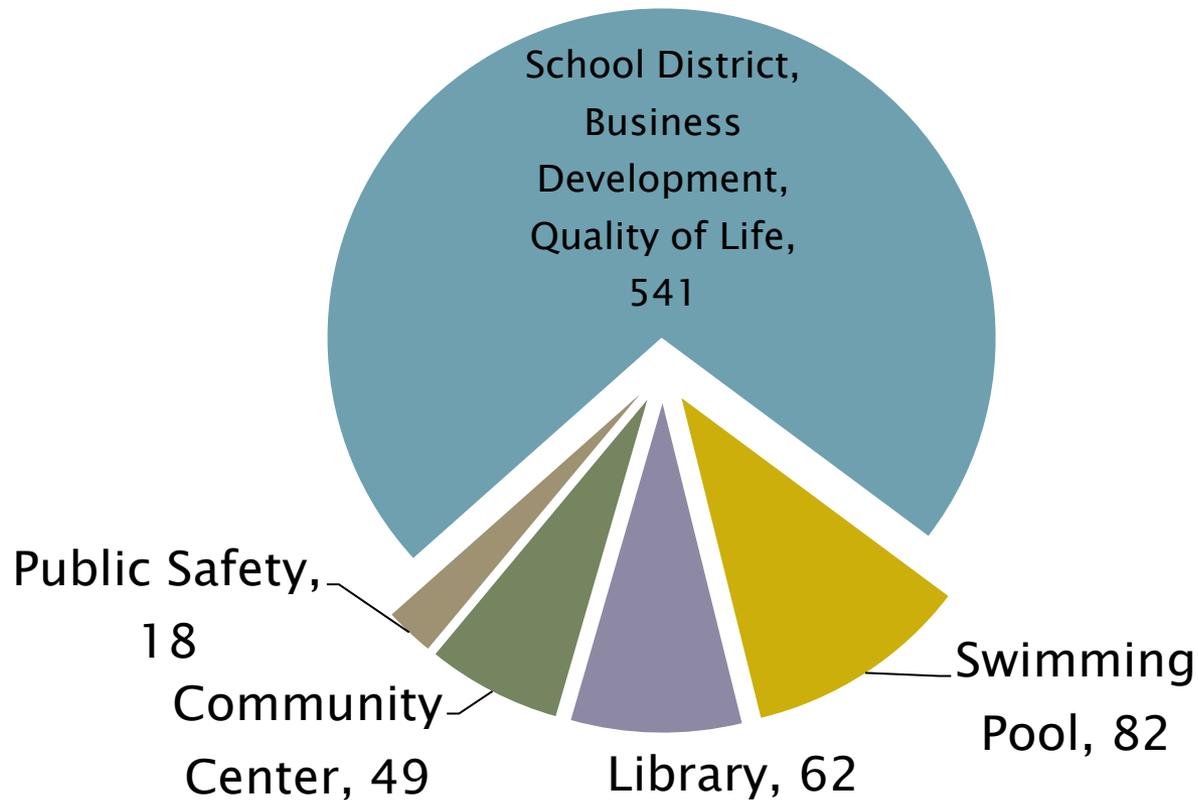
School District Focus Area

School District Categories and Votes



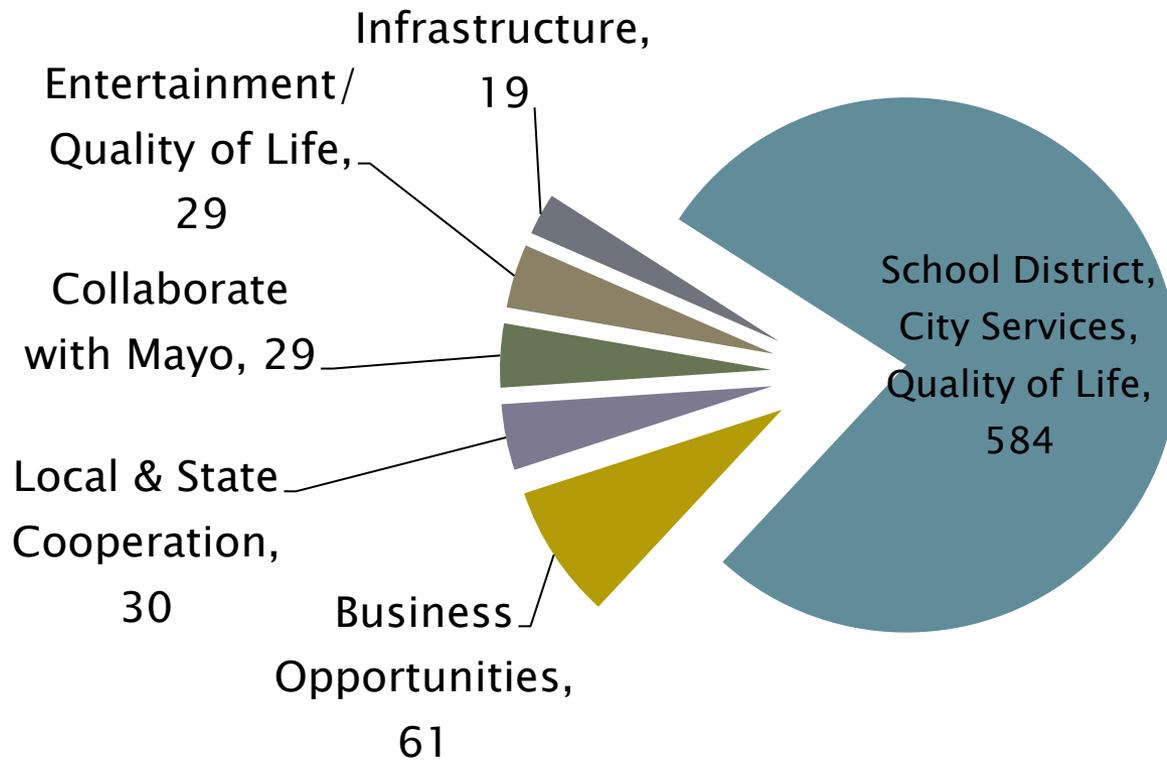
City Services Focus Area

City Services Categories and Votes

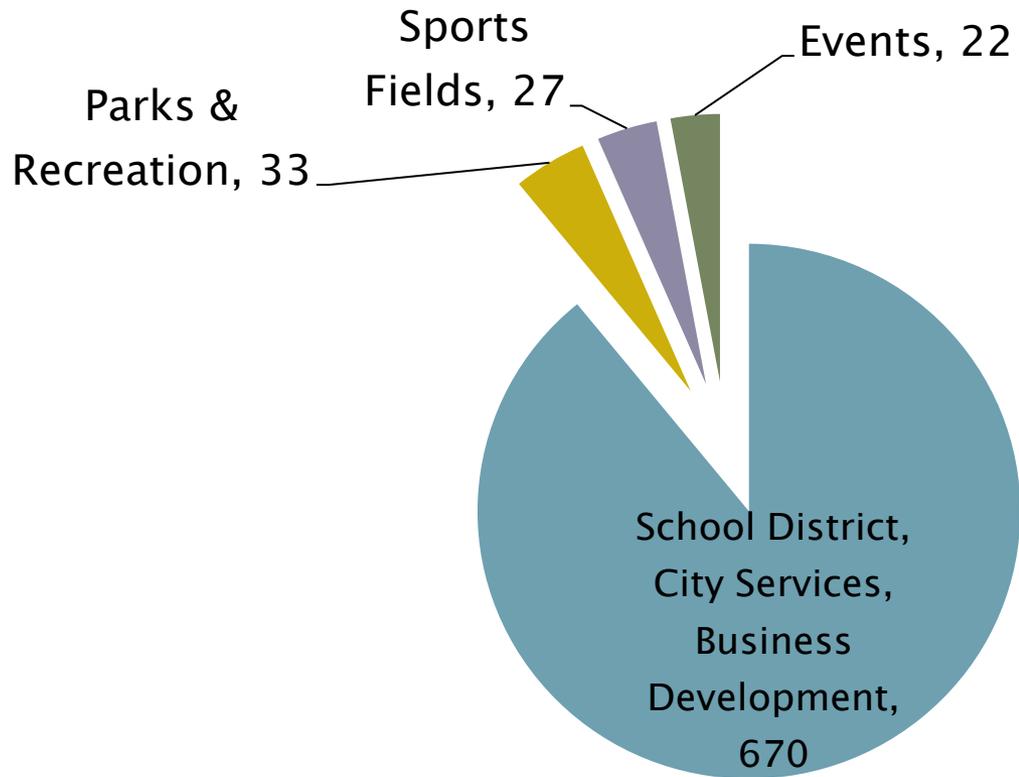


Business Development Focus Area

Business Development Categories and Votes



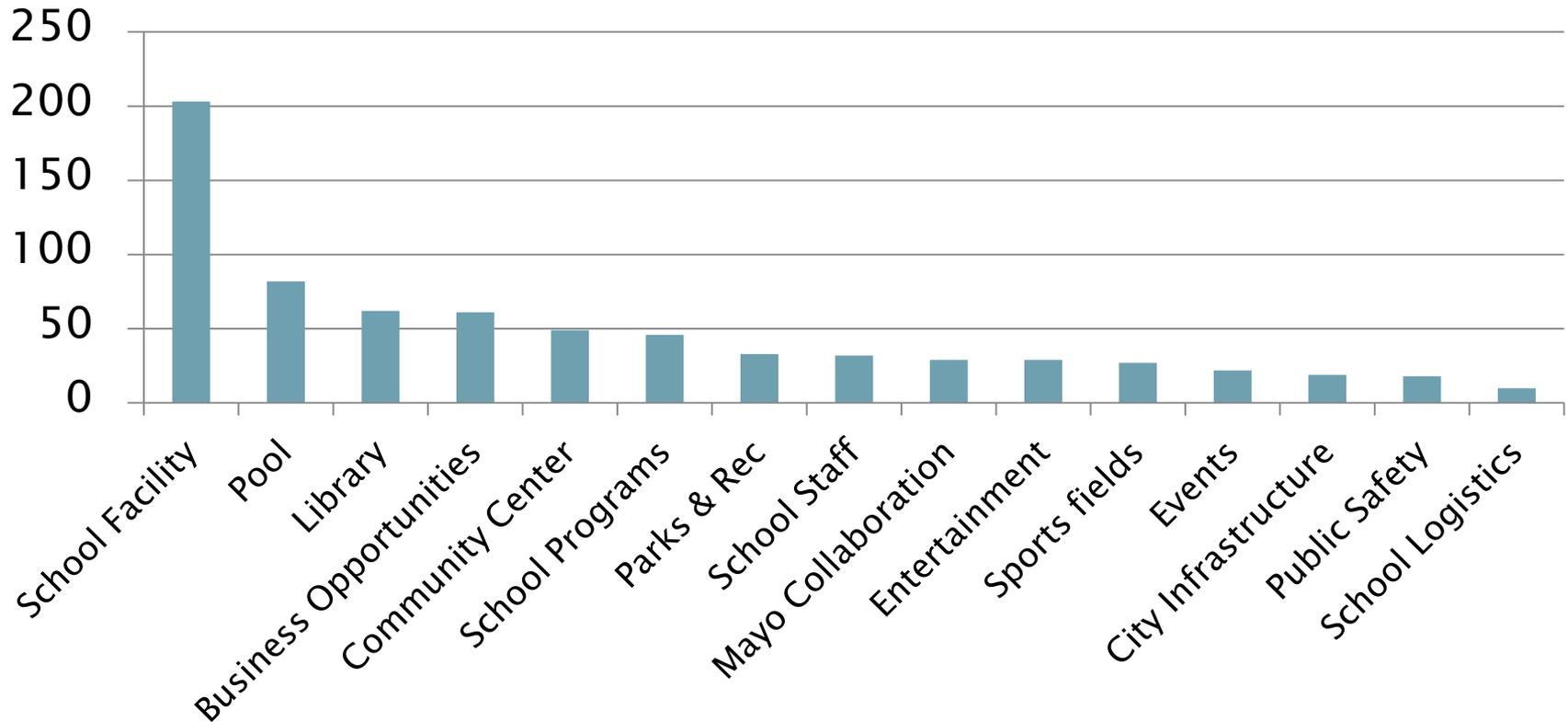
Quality of Life Focus Area



Quality of Life Categories and Votes

Overall Vote Totals by Category

Votes



Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – School Facility Category (203 votes)

- ▶ School!
- ▶ New school for all grades
- ▶ Sophisticated sports complex
- ▶ Incorporate new swimming pool into new school
- ▶ Expand the school where it is
- ▶ School location and facility
- ▶ Combine development of school, pool and library as one concern
- ▶ New school – 3
- ▶ New elementary school – 2
- ▶ School – improve
- ▶ Add a track – 3
- ▶ Science labs
- ▶ Lunch room
- ▶ Weight room
- ▶ Space
- ▶ Different site for elementary
- ▶ More gym space
- ▶ Performance space with good sound
- ▶ No more portables
- ▶ Bigger cafeteria
- ▶ Expand space
- ▶ Expand technology i.e. wireless equipment/mobile devices/iPads
- ▶ Better nurse's office
- ▶ Performing arts center
- ▶ Computer labs
- ▶ Room to grow
- ▶ More parking
- ▶ Buses moved to a different location and build there

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – Pool Category (82 votes)

- ▶ Aquatic center/pool
- ▶ Pool
- ▶ Indoor/outdoor pool
- ▶ Splash pad
- ▶ New pool
- ▶ New pool/waterpark
- ▶ Upgrade swimming pool – 3
- ▶ Indoor pool
- ▶ Combine pool with school
- ▶ Swimming pool – 2
- ▶ Aquatic center
- ▶ Family YMCA with pool

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – Library Category (62 votes)

- ▶ Library expansion – 2
- ▶ Library space
- ▶ New library – 2
- ▶ More computers at library

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – Business Opportunities (61 votes)

- ▶ Outlet mall – 4
- ▶ Manufacturing – 2
- ▶ Clothing store
- ▶ Sewing supplies
- ▶ New “mall” where lots of businesses can share expenses/advertising
- ▶ Motel /hotel with water park –3
- ▶ Reopen something where A & W is
- ▶ Seek out food options for town
- ▶ More co-ops
- ▶ More businesses
- ▶ Casino
- ▶ Mini golf
- ▶ Fast food – 3
- ▶ More bars/restaurants
- ▶ Expand retail shopping – 2
- ▶ Development incentives
- ▶ More entertainment options
- ▶ More activities in Olde Pine Theatre – 2
- ▶ More businesses – 2
- ▶ Ice cream shop
- ▶ Motel
- ▶ Bakery

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas - Community Center Category (49 votes)

- ▶ Large multi-purpose center for meetings, wedding receptions, etc.
- ▶ Community center - 2
- ▶ Youth center
- ▶ Community buildings to rent
- ▶ Teen center
- ▶ Combine school, community center and library

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – School Programs Category (44 votes)

- ▶ Curriculum including extra curricular activities
- ▶ Expand science fair
- ▶ Project Lead the Way
- ▶ Expand curriculum
- ▶ Better food options in the lunch program
- ▶ More advanced placement classes
- ▶ Additional college prep courses
- ▶ Expand advanced math curriculum – include more eligible students (staff & space restrictions)
- ▶ Programs for all abilities
- ▶ Improve fine arts
- ▶ High school mentorship
- ▶ Collaborations with businesses – On The Job training – learn new skills
- ▶ More advanced science classes
- ▶ Vocational opportunities
- ▶ Community ed better organized
- ▶ More community service
- ▶ More school spirit
- ▶ Improve school age daycare
- ▶ Community ed/detach from school

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – Park & Recreation Category (33 votes)

- ▶ Parks in general – 2
- ▶ Skateboard park
- ▶ Dog park – 3
- ▶ Additions to parks
- ▶ Skate park
- ▶ City park south end of town
- ▶ Larger parks
- ▶ More parks
- ▶ Green space
- ▶ In town trail system
- ▶ More bike trails
- ▶ Bike paths along highways
- ▶ More usage of scouts and groups
- ▶ Lights for baseball
- ▶ City water at football field
- ▶ Park and rec sports leagues – 2
- ▶ Bike trail connect to Zumbrota
- ▶ Put parks, seating and flower gardens in flood buyout areas
- ▶ Bike route (events)
- ▶ Trail stop – new bike/café center for trail

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – School Staff Category (32 votes)

- ▶ Cooperation and education on dealing with food allergies
- ▶ Teacher education on special needs
- ▶ Invest in teacher/coach training/mentoring involvement with student
- ▶ Quality staff
- ▶ Invest in teachers who have a vested interest in involvement with students beyond the classroom
- ▶ Invest in teacher/coach training/mentoring involvement with students

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – Business Development Local & State Cooperation (30 votes)

- ▶ Lobbyists – Elk run, new business
- ▶ More flexibility in business model
- ▶ Tax incentives – 2
- ▶ State tax relief?
- ▶ Concentrate on small business
- ▶ Prospect business
- ▶ EDA involved with businesses in town
- ▶ Improve chamber of commerce
- ▶ Council meetings on tv

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – Mayo Collaboration (29 votes)

- ▶ Mayo expansion, destination medical project
- ▶ Talk to Mayo leadership about their plans
- ▶ Work with Mayo to expand/start Elk Run
- ▶ Talk w/Mayo and Tower to get a cooperative research/science complex

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – Entertainment (29 votes)

- ▶ Golf course clubhouse
- ▶ Huge destination indoor play area for kids and teens w/restaurants, bars and “teen bar”
- ▶ Geo caching
- ▶ Develop community theater
- ▶ “retreat” for families at Mayo clinic
- ▶ Old fashioned drive in theater and play area
- ▶ Campground
- ▶ Cross Country Ski events – bike trail
- ▶ Seasonal programs
- ▶ Special events – car shows
- ▶ Huge teen roller rink – roller derby, skate park, trampolines, exercise
- ▶ Indoor adult entertainment complex – trampolines, dance, coffee bar, social clubs, gym, velcro wall, music scene
- ▶ Flood control
- ▶ Provide more seating for visitors by the main street businesses
- ▶ Expand wi fi access downtown
- ▶ Transportation Hubs
- ▶ Park & Ride
- ▶ Transit parking
- ▶ Add programs for seniors
- ▶ Better maintenance of existing facilities
- ▶ Nursing home
- ▶ More affordable housing
- ▶ Move city into Olmsted County
- ▶ More appeal off of Hwy 52
- ▶ Improve curb appeal
- ▶ “Destination” like WI Dells
- ▶ Increased use of PI Area Home Services

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – Sports Fields Category (27 votes)

- ▶ Volleyball courts in park
- ▶ Softball complex
- ▶ Softball fields – 2
- ▶ City baseball fields – 3
- ▶ Softball fields
- ▶ Tennis courts
- ▶ Sand volleyball courts

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – Events Category (22 votes)

- ▶ More community events
- ▶ More dances
- ▶ Capitalize on cheese festival

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – City Infrastructure Category (19 votes)

- ▶ Improved transportation/access to businesses
- ▶ Image/visual appearance
- ▶ Increased “usable” parking
- ▶ Light rail
- ▶ Infrastructure development
- ▶ Airport
- ▶ Identification of opportunities (land)
- ▶ Grants (state) for infrastructure
- ▶ Complete “bridge to nowhere”
- ▶ More downtown parking – 2
- ▶ Banners for seasons

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – Public Safety Category (18 votes)

- ▶ access to Hwy 52 South
- ▶ Stop lights – 2
- ▶ Right turn lanes at intersections
- ▶ Improved street lighting – 2
- ▶ Stop sign back at corner by bank/hardware store – 2
- ▶ Relocation of police to downtown
- ▶ Volunteers for fire department aren't always local
- ▶ More parking
- ▶ Improve traffic flow on main street
- ▶ Smarter upgrade to town sidewalks
- ▶ Odor/water treatment
- ▶ No sewer smell
- ▶ Improve city smell
- ▶ Road improvements – 2
- ▶ Enforcement of ice removal – assistance?
- ▶ North intersection

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas - School Logistics Category (10 votes)

- ▶ Purchase land
- ▶ Practical costs
- ▶ Partner with Olde Pine Theatre
- ▶ School bond/referendum issue

Brainstorming: Investment Ideas – Communication Category

- ▶ Organize volunteers
- ▶ More transparency
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Commitment in town
- ▶ Define vision of town
- ▶ Visitor info center at Douglas Trail
- ▶ Better promotion of services
- ▶ Update city web site
- ▶ Pine Island app
- ▶ Advertising
- ▶ Positive media events
- ▶ Explore MN/regional periodicals
- ▶ Show more historical value
- ▶ Newspaper series on local business (highlight every week)
- ▶ Technology/QR codes on trails

Next Steps

- ▶ Pine Island Community Planning Team to review categories and prioritization
 - ▶ Post summary on Community Planning Team web site for public viewing
 - ▶ Communication of results to leaders in focus areas so recommendations and action plans can be created
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