

# Youth Visioning Institute Notes

## Common Themes

- Attract shoppers: extend shopping hours too
- Fountain
- Traditions
- Public transportation
- Affordable housing
- School funding
- Preservation
- Small town feel
- Place for youth to gather or do
- Safer streets...stop signs

## Facilitator Role:

- We want to be involved but we don't have a personal agenda in the outcome
- Conceptual teaching
- "Coach" to look at things a different way
- Keep the group moving through the agenda
- Facilitate to ground rules
- Ask stupid questions

## **Table 1: Leger**

### ***What do you like/enjoy most about our town?***

- Safety
- Clean
- Fountain
- Scenery
- Central location
- Hiking
- Saguaro Lake
- Small town feeling
- Wally Nichols

### ***What would you like to change about Fountain Hills?***

- Less old people
- Speed limits
- Lower sales tax
- Open later
- Better school
- Pool
- Mexican food chain restaurant
- Billiard club
- Central hang out
- Community center (for indoor activities: basketball, tennis, racquetball)
- Old folks!!!
- Dirt bike track
- Cops

### ***Reflecting on your hopes, dreams, and vision for Fountain Hills, what would like to see in place five to ten years from now?***

- Concert venue: outdoor amphitheater...entertaining for youth....attracts people to town
- More entertainment=less drug activity: places to go and hang out
- Too many mattress stores: one on every corner!!! No!!!
- Amusement park: Fiddlesticks
- Stabilize population: not wanting to get too large...maintain 30,000 cap.
- Dirt biking
- Bars/clubs: under 20 but adult entertainment
- Recreation center: indoor sports and place to hang out
- Younger targeted stores: no more old clothes, i.e. Hot Topic, Industrial, Pac Sun, Zumiez
- Affordable housing: homes.....no one can come back to Fountain Hills if they cannot afford it. Less than \$500,000.
- Cab company: we need civilized transportation

***Reflecting on your hopes, dreams, and vision for Fountain Hills, what would like to see in place five to ten years from now? (Continued)***

- Arcade: video arcade
- Preserve nature
- No more golf courses!!!

***Common themes:***

1. Happenin' Holla and Community
2. Clean and safe
3. Entertaining
4. Conservative and Not Raunchy
5. Laid back

## **Table 2: Nichols and Hansen**

### ***What do you like/enjoy most about our town?***

- Phil's
- Location
- Weather in winter
- Nothing
- Desert
- Golf
- Copperwynd
- Wildlife
- Pei Wei
- House
- Hills
- Calmness
- Scenery
- Saguaro Lake
- Fountain Hills Music Works
- Tennis courts
- Homecoming
- Friends

### ***What would you like to change about Fountain Hills?***

- Concerts
- Midnight madness: too many middle schoolers and not enough high schoolers
- Paintball area: popular among teens
- Movie theater: having not to drive so far and fun to go to...to attract outsiders and create more dollars for our town...for families and to drop kids off and not worry about them
- Needing something to do: less destructive and bad
- Transportation: to get to a place of interest
- Billiard hall: supervised and inexpensive and you can spend hours doing it
- More hotels: more dollars from tourists
- Less churches: don't build more
- Place to hang out without younger kids: to be with peers
- Better streets: for safety
- Malt shop
- Community pool: for people who don't have pools
- Underage club

***Reflecting on your hopes, dreams, and vision for Fountain Hills, what would like to see in place five to ten years from now?***

- Hospital
- Less apartments, more homes...more families
- Bigger library
- Higher fountain
- See a movie
- Something unique
- Fountain Hills Store
- Something to export
- Theme park
- More coffee shops
- More shopping experiences
- Ice skating
- Roller rink
- Zoo
- Sonic
- Jamba Juice
- More recreational activities

### **Table 3: Woods**

#### ***What do you like/enjoy most about our town?***

- Copperwynd
- High school baseball boys
- Fountain
- Coldstone
- Media Center
- Views
- Target Shopping Center
- Restaurants
- Golf courses
- Champion's gym
- Mountain view coffee shop
- Weather
- Stars
- Dark at night

#### ***What would you like to change about Fountain Hills?***

- More things after school to do
- Police are too strict
- Late hours of town
- Billiards room
- Recreational activities
- Pool
- More shopping
- Jamba Juice
- Sonic
- More grass
- Keep lights dim
- Palm trees
- Putt-putt golf
- Art galleries
- Youth oriented attractions: concerts, music...
- Recap groups
- "Chill spot"...books, tables, music, computers, pool tables
- Sports center/hangout: couches, televisions, pool tables, movie theater

***Reflecting on your hopes, dreams, and vision for Fountain Hills, what would like to see in place five to ten years from now?***

- Neighborhood fun: safe, involvement, alive
- Palisades mountain views: keep buildings short, small
- Hot air balloons/ St. Patrick's colors of fun
- Graduation at the Fountain (free): keeping reputation, unique
- School event discounts: involvement
- Fashion to Fountain Hills: trends, modern
- Better schools/environments: safety, preparation
- Convenience: keeping town small, saves dollars
- Keep growth limited: keep it quaint, don't expand over the mountains
- Keep traditions of the community: Christmas lights, fair, white luminaries, keep religion over the holidays
- Bring back Fourth of July fireworks
- Youth groups through church: advertisements, trips, activities
- Restaurant row around the Fountain with outside seating: diversity, dollars for the town
- Carnivals, activities at the Fountain: weddings, kids activities, rides, face painting, boating races, kites, prizes, contests

## **Table 4: Becklund**

### ***What do you like/enjoy most about our town?***

- Quiet
- Climate
- Views
- Crime
- The activities and programs that we used to have for high school kids
- Size (population)
- Easy to walk from place to place
- Good parks
- It is safe to walk home after sports events

### ***What would you like to change about Fountain Hills?***

- Arcades: Fiddlesticks
- Add more theaters, pool
- Bring back lost youth programs, i.e. trips
- More teen activities at community center
- Clean up schools (paint, litter, etc.)
- Too much wasted space at high school
- Use high school space for teen activities (before school expands)
- More vocational facilities at school
- No one helps fund school...no community support
- Few community sponsored teen activities
- Teen center with classrooms, activities, game rooms is non-existent

Police department targets teens

### ***Reflecting on your hopes, dreams, and vision for Fountain Hills, what would like to see in place five to ten years from now?***

- Public transportation: within Fountain Hills...give commuters more free time...easier for kids without horses to get around...for more frequent trips to adjacent communities
- Build upwards: to increase population, to create a greater tax/econ base, also save land space, brings in business
- More affordable for teachers, younger families, everyone, to live here: bring in better teachers, easier for teachers to get involved with extracurricular activities
- Keep arts fairs but have better parking (parking is currently heinous)...also bring in other "traveling exhibitions": because people like this stuff
- Make Fountain largest in the world: defining feature of the town
- Make Fountain Hills more of a family community like Anthem: see previous 2 pages...water park, pool
- Easier to do stuff at parks (more picnic areas and such): especially at Fountain Park, transportation to parks in summer
- Place where our kids can be safe and happy

***Reflecting on your hopes, dreams, and vision for Fountain Hills, what would like to see in place five to ten years from now? (Continued)***

- Wider roads; parking regulations (maybe alternative side parking like in some big cities): roads get too narrow and accidents become more frequent
- Free public wireless internet; free library cards: to bring us to the 21<sup>st</sup> century and encourage library use
- Better funding for public programs like schools and libraries: we need better text books and better resources in library
- More side walks and bike lanes: easier to get safely around town
- Sell the mountains behind Sunridge and Copperwynd: to get back the \$16 million we wasted on it and use the dollars for other stuff
- Make it easier for town to divert funds to other causes within the town: see notes for specifics
- Younger demographic participating in all town affairs: senior citizens currently have over-inflated vote
- Electronics and book stores: good for economy and people like them

## **Table 5: Bev and Roy Kinsey**

### ***What excites you about this event?***

- Hoping to make the town better
- Making the youth comfortable with the town
- Make the school better

### ***What do you like most/enjoy about our town?***

- Peaceful
- Nice environment
- Beauty
- Controlled development
- Nice parks
- Small town

### ***What would you like to change about Fountain Hills?***

- Upscale shopping
- Better restaurants
- Later curfew
- Nice hotel
- Expansion of high school: school, sports
- Shopping for teens: music and clothes
- Donut shops
- Movies
- Outside auditorium for big concerts and graduation
- Laser tag

### ***Reflecting on your hopes, dreams, and vision for Fountain Hills, what would like to see in place five to ten years from now?***

- Better school systems: more class options, more sports, restructure space (two stories), more inside, less outside, covering without holes
- Flying cars
- Robotic teachers
- Keep value: small town, peaceful, values of houses (dollars)
- More houses vs. apartments: certain ratio
- Nice spa: day spa, draw crowds from other cities
- Longer shopping hours: for teens, at least 9 PM, in summer, dining out
- Trails: well marked signs, bike/walking trail
- Local business systems
- Upgrade architecture: more variety, different, character to buildings
- Better radio station
- Nice hotels: Hilton, something upscale
- Airport for only Fountain Hills

## **Table 6: Morgan, Cieslewski**

### ***What do you like most/enjoy about our town?***

- Community theater
- Dog park
- Fountain park area
- Parks
- Same amount population
- Small area
- Avenue of the Fountains
- Keep movie theater plans
- Art fair

### ***What would you like to change about Fountain Hills?***

- Support/promote community theater
- Community pool (need one)
- Paint ball
- More sidewalks
- More business: clothes, restaurants, library
- YMCA
- More physical activities
- Affordable music store
- Better education
- Better math teachers
- Teen center
- Race track!
- Raise speed limit

### ***Reflecting on your hopes, dreams, and vision for Fountain Hills, what would like to see in place five to ten years from now?***

- Safety, peace of mind: cleaned up (theft)
- Public garden
- Town shuttle (within the town)
- Communication between school and public: newspaper, article, email, letter
- More parent involvement
- More community activities
- More day care
- Less stop signs
- Drug clean up and enforcement
- Preservation
- Clean up litter
- Make Fountain nicer
- Make park more useable

***Reflecting on your hopes, dreams, and vision for Fountain Hills, what would like to see in place five to ten years from now? (Continued)***

- Fewer apartments (detracts from views)
- Reasonable cost of living prices, cost of housing (right now cost scares away young families)
- Stores open later...until 10 PM
- More shade in parks
- More play facilities
- More jobs: quality jobs, not enough now
- Bigger community theater brings more people and community together
- More for ten to twelve years olds to do
- More communication between parents and schools
- Interest other than sports promoted