Community Conversation on Growth  
June 26, 2018  

Group Notes  

**Group Norms (guidelines were identified to ensure productive conversations)**  
- Be present  
- Listening  
- Try not to interrupt  
- Don’t make it personal  
- Don’t comment on facilitators inability to spell  
- No circling (make your own point, move on)  
- Be civil, be kind  
- It’s okay to reign each other in  
- No name calling  
- Concise comments  
- No phones out  
- No interrupting  
- Be respectful  
- No cell phones  
- Stay on topic  
- Be attentive  
- Listening  
- Everyone gives feedback > constructive > curiosity  
- No judgment  
- Listen  
- Respect each other  
- Brainstorm ideas  
- 1 conversation  
- Stay on topic  
- Listening actively  
- Respect  
- No throwing things  
- Use a parking lot  
- Don’t interrupt  
- Give everyone a chance to share  
- No cross talk  
- Speak loudly and clearly  
- Everyone’s opinion is valid  
- Let everyone speak  
- Facilitator to repeat comments, if loud  

**Questions/topics**  
- Benefits of growth/what we love about Boise  
- Concerns about growth  
- Voting on top priorities
• No interruptions please
• No rambling
• Flesh out issue at hand
• Practice WAIT (why am I talking?)
• No party politics please
• Restate idea to others’ acceptance
• Speak so we can hear you
• 1 idea at a time
• Share time
• Respectful
• Listen and learn
• Good ideas
• No ad hominem arguments
• No ad hominem arguments
• Main points
• Avoid redundancy
• Nice, Polite
• Short and sweet
• Listen to facilitator
• Actively listen
• One at a time

**What do you love about Boise? What do you like best about living here?**

• Boise is nice, friendly, helpful
• Green space plus brown space
  - Greenbelt, parks, river, foothills
• Drivers are patient and nice, let you in while merging
• Enjoying a “sense of place,” Freak Alley, public art, interesting buildings
• People enjoy our access. “Within 10 minutes I’m in the middle of nowhere.”
  - Skiing, camping, wildlife, wilderness, recreation
• We welcome refugees, they are family
  - Proud to be a safe place
  - Diversity is important and inspiring
• Bike anywhere
• Education is important to city
  - Local businesses invest (Micron, Simplot, etc.)
• City asks for feedback
• Bogus
• Vibrant downtown—diversity
• Unique neighborhoods (ex. Hyde Park)
• Parks and river and foothills—natural beauty, trees
• Greenbelt
- Foothills trails
- Good schools
- Water in the city—canal system
- Boise’s North End
- Small town feel
- Boise State—opportunities for growth and education
- Community connections—interconnection
  - Businesses, leaders, university access
- A caring community
- Arts—support of the arts—public art
- Recreation at your fingertips
  - River
  - Skiing
  - Parks
  - Golf
  - Mountain biking
- Safe
- Employment growing—companies, more opportunities for advancement
- Great climate—4 seasons
- People are accessible, open, and willing to help
- Vibrant downtown
- Open space
- Caring community
- Diversity—cultural diversity
- Growth
- Accepting community
- Welcoming
- Opportunities for refugees
- Improving eating opportunities (but room to grow)
- Improving opportunities overall
- More talent to draw from
- A lot going on but easy access to open space
- Able to bike to work on Greenbelt
- Outdoor access—rivers, hiking, biking, etc.
- Restaurants/amenities—options match big cities
- Feel safe downtown and in whole city
- Great school districts
- Museums and universities
- Very affordable for quality of life
- Very friendly people
- 4 seasons and activities for all
- Mild winters
- Outdoor markets
- Mayor is very thoughtful
• Positives of growth:
  o More transportation options (even if biking, etc.)
  o New housing options
  o More low-income housing going in
  o Design for new library—amazing!
  o More on the radar for bands, entertainment
  o Economic stability
  o More $$ coming in
  o JUMP facility and hotel options
  o More competitive wages
• Inclusivity
  • Friendly—nice people
  • Community draws you out to participate
• Access to outdoors
  • Variety of activities and environments
• Learn from other cities who have already grown
  • Opportunity to learn
• Clean and safe
• Unique—authentic, isolated
• Vibrant downtown
• Peaceful, low noise
• Community involvement and engagement
• Clean and safe
• Vibrant cultural scene
• Low unemployment
• Lots to do
• Library!
• Egyptian Theater
• Foothills—outdoor rec.
• City rec.
• Local farms
• Friendly people
• Good schools
• Innovative buildings and architecture
• Well landscaped
• No cookie cutter development
• Mixture of development
• Parks
• River
• Pedestrian/bike friendly
• Neighborhood markets
• Flicks/movies
• Local VA
• Small and big venues
• Local restaurants/breweries
• Artwork—boxes, Freak Alley
• Environment
  o Clear air/clean water
• Streets maintenance, good
• Capitol always open
• Varied political beliefs
• Favorite memories:
  o Roaring Springs
  o Floating the river
• We are not Denver, SLC, Phoenix
• We are thinking about growth now
• Proximity to open space—can’t get there quickly
• Traffic isn’t so bad—don’t need to play day around traffic
• Parks—examples of legacy projects
• Refugee community—diversity is improving
• Diversity!
• Beer culture
• Easy to be politically active/engaged
  o Rallies, events
• Vertical growth in downtown—a win!
• Something for everyone
• BSU growth
• Environmental quality
• Accessibility—recreation, political, ‘hood
• There’s a lot going on
• Economic opportunities—big companies here
• Distinct ‘hoods
  o Across the board, perfect blend
• World class recreation/outdoors
• Local scene in all ‘hoods
  o Of everything—just enough
• Downtown centric—it’s a spoke, must go through it to get most places
• Everything is 10-15 minutes away
  o Parks
  o Stores
  o Businesses
• Outdoor opportunities
• Friendly
• Easy to get around
• Small town feel (within 5 miles of downtown)
• Accessibility to public space
• Greenbelt
• Vibrancy of downtown
• Capital market
• BSU
  ▪ Youthful energy
• Trees
• N.E. affordable rentals
• Hyatt preserve and walking trails
• Green space
• Quite outlook, beautiful settings
• Access to arts and culture
• Always something to do
• People at DMV are personable
• People in Boise are friendly/nice
• Education opportunities/schools
• Open/green space
• Friendly
• Accessible activities and places
• Greenbelt
• Physical amenities
• People genuinely nice
• Neighborhood associations
• Foothills
• Wildlife
• Close proximity to wilderness
• Bike lanes
• Basque block and downtown
• Sense of place
  ▪ Whitewater Park
• Growth
  ▪ Attracts cultural events
  ▪ Quality of restaurants
• Friday night football
• Energetic/young town
• Parks/outdoor act. accessible foothills
• Character/history
• Boise nice
• Welcoming city
• Something for everyone
• Raise family/schools
• Greenbelt
• Memories
  ▪ BSU
  ▪ Raising family
  ▪ Foothills (aesthetic)
  ▪ BSU football
- Access to downtown
- Ease of getting around
- Fishing
- People
- Free activities/festivals
  - Fan opps
- Good food and entertainment
- Better medical care
- Opportunity for better transportation
- Diversity
- Sports park
- Access to outdoors and recreation
- Family and schools
- Character/identity
- Development of Bown Crossing
- Safe
- Arts & History
- Affordability
- Neighborhood Planning
- Foothills
- Parks & Greenbelt -
  - Proximity to amazing outdoors
  - Recreation
  - Bike friendly - commuting
- Access to Universities
- Lots to do
- Cleanliness
- Increasing diversity
- Welcoming city
- Refugee welcoming
- City outspoken support
- Leaders approachable
- Job Market
- Small town feel
- Celebrating events
- Restaurants
- Boise River
- Ease of fishing
- Nice
- Whitewater Park
- Value for open space
- Access to outdoors
- Safety – low crime (2)
- Walkable, bikeable
• Accessible (financial) (2)
• Outdoors
• Easy to get around
• Lowtxn costs
• Bike – Shop – Shakespeare in one day
• Location gives size benefits – traveling bands
• Park and Greenbelt
• Boise Public Schools (2)
• River
• Heart – hospitality
• (Sheet 2)
• High chicken & garden per capita – connection to agriculture/land/natural environment
• Green Valley – oasis, trees
• Access to variety of ecosystems
• Preservation of history
• Capitol
• Fort Boise
• Courthouse
• Cemeteries
• Arts & History
• Community schools – examples of charitability (corporations, non profits, partnerships)
• Celebration of diversity, cultures

**What concerns you about growth?**

• East End is being cut off from downtown; growth of St. Luke’s constructions is a nightmare; Warm Springs is getting busier...
  Jefferson/Broadway/State/Fort
• Getting harder to get into downtown
  o Parking
  o Traffic
  o Construction
  o Poor transit (inconsistent, drivers don’t stop, times of travel)
• Lack of interest in transit and mobility
  o Not Eagle or Meridian... choosing to not have a car
  o Vulnerable populations can’t get around (elderly/youth)
• What’s up with Bannock St.?
• Rent hikes, where would I go?
• Tax increasing effects elderly parents
• Concerned we aren’t caring for all members of community; don’t forget the people before and after they are “workforce”
• Job availability/wages aren’t high enough
Hard to raise a family—work—build a home—buy

- Lots of hotels, lack of affordable housing
  - Service workers need to live close to jobs
- Haven’t followed Blueprint Boise re: involvement
  - Bike park... process was insufficient
- Canal and irrigation infrastructure is old
- Transportation: lack of city control, Union Pacific tracks aren’t utilized, ACHD—outdated solution to old problems, lobby to get the state law changed, Delaware figured it out and Boise should too
- Zoning regulations make it difficult to build mixed-use development
  - Activity centers in neighborhoods are important (ex. Bown Crossing, Harris Ranch, Rhodes Skate Park, Fort Boise, Hyde Park, 36th St.)
- Existing laws don’t empower cities to zone and require mixed use
- Loose neighborhood access points while development occurs
- Air quality and surface and ground water quality are down, invasive species are up
- Crowded trails, not considerate re: dogs and wildlife, kids, mud by trails
- Time for designated use trails, pilot single use trails
- Mobility and control of streets
  - Traffic
  - Transit
  - Safe routes for all
  - Funding
- Property value up
  - Rent
  - Taxes
  - Purchase ability
- Zoning for mixed-use all over city
- Not enough housing options
  - Need to be innovative and open to a wide range of options
- Not enough affordable options—pushing people into homelessness
- Need to use space efficiently—prioritize housing
- Be careful with suburban sprawl
- Can’t just focus downtown—outside neighborhoods matter
- Preservation of unique history
- Concerned about real estate market—house flippers
- Want our kids to be able to afford a home
- Need affordable housing downtown
- Want to see integrated neighborhoods
  - Recognize need for workforce housing in zoning requirements
  - Can we tax higher priced housing to support lower?
- Need variety of housing options downtown (varying prices)
- Transit: connection to neighboring cities (would help job seekers)
  - Better options that run more often
- Give citizens options
  - Lack of transportation options is discriminatory
  - Look at innovative options for transit
- Build neighborhoods, not subdivisions
  - Walking distance to restaurants, shops
- Living in same area, options
- Age diversity
- Living wages
  - Wages matching up with cost of living
- Need to incentivize market rate housing
  - Encourage diversity of options
- Keep job market competitive
  - Keep talent local
- Medical care/mental health (support of)
  - Medicaid expansion
  - Create incentive
  - Behavioral health resources
- Top concerns:
  - Affordable housing
    - Innovative
    - Neighborhoods, not just subdivisions
    - Diverse options
  - Transportation options
  - Wages matching with cost of living
  - Health care and mental health care
- Increasing cost of building and limited availability
- Traffic (getting out of town, State St., etc.)
- Need for another on-ramp to Connector
- Housing market VERY competitive
- Maintain quality schools/facilities
- Being “pushed out” for housing prices (Kuna, Nampa, etc.)
- Longer waits for medical services, maxing out healthcare systems
- Low-cost housing should be provided by City
- Growing in auto-centric, sprawling way—need more walking/biking options and close amenities
- Need more urban density, needs framed in better way to gain support
- Better job of aligning businesses and residents who support density/mixed use
- Clash of opinions over development and density
- City doesn’t have control of streets to be able to address needs
- Difficult to get support for transportation until traffic is too unbearable
- Inconsistent/lack of hours for transportation
- Access to services, including health, schools, transportation
- Need to consider rural neighbors
• More need for assistance for families
• Housing prices beyond average income/means/wages are behind, prices
• Making sure Boise doesn’t become “elitist”
• Blueprint Boise doesn’t always align with zoning
• Not prepared to handle special needs of refugees (number increasing, over-tapped resources)
• Over 100 languages spoken in schools, big need for resources
• No local city tax option (state needs to change this)
• Education
  o BSU
  o Public school system, investment in
    o Community colleges
    o Higher ed
• Arts/culture
  o Diversity
  o Creative people
• Restaurants
• Growing diversity in backgrounds
• Parks
• Historic resources
  o Old Penn
  o Old Boise
  o Castle House
  o Hyde Park
  o 8th St.
  o Basque Block
  o Linen Dist.
• Accessibility
  o Run into Governor at grocery store
• Small town characteristics
• Bike and bus to work
• Raising kids—positive place for family friendly activities
• Balloon festival
• Great skiing
• Kids sporting events close by
• Good airport (w/ stop)
• Collaborative partnerships
  o Community schools
  o Dona Larsen
    o Shared resources
• Boating at Lucky Peak and Lake Lowell
• With growth:
  o More varied restaurants
  o More culture venues
o More art exhibits
  o Viable transit/improved/expanded
    ▪ Light rail, E-W train to Canyon County
    ▪ Amtrack returns
  o Improved infrastructure/connectivity
    ▪ Road to Bogus Basin
    ▪ Downtown to major sites
• That we don’t keep talking about growth
  o Smart growth
• Coordinating planned growth—concerned about pieces being put together without big picture
• Affordable housing partnerships
  o Incentives for developers
  o Caps for affordable rent
  o Minimum wage
• Housing and wages need to work together for affordability
• Property rights
• Transportation
  o Blame on the wrong organizations
    ▪ Weight falls on local
    ▪ Voices fall on deaf ears
  o State control
  o Routes for food/groceries (need)
  o Food deserts
  o South Boise isolated
  o Can’t forget areas outside of downtown!
• Need parks outside of subdivisions
• Make [illegible] hear
• Preserve open space while developing affordable housing
• “Rent control” idea needs to be accepted here
• Schools—early childhood education
  o *cough* state level again
  o Money, rules=barriers
• Boise is doing well, most concern is regarding the differences in education across Valley
  o Before school care
  o Preschool
• Early childhood care
  o Affording it
  o Not enough supply
  o Long wait lists
• Engage older community to participate, need to educate and support this concern
• Education equity
• Align around growth
  o If not things will happen without us elsewhere
  o We can shape it or it will happen regardless
  o Education + involvement = influence policy, tools, solutions
• Early childhood care, ed, development
• Transportation and housing partnerships
• Align around growth
• Lack of housing
  o >1% vacancy rate
  o Affordable housing
  o Will continue to rise
  o Doesn’t allow diverse/equitable growth
  o Growing homeless population
  o Will kids be able to live here?
  o Will we have to leave?
  o Squeeze out
• Workforce options
  o Cost of living
  o Hard to get workers
• Different issues/needs from broader state
  o Lack of local option taxing
  o Growth amplifies these needs
  o “Don’t have the tools to be a strong urban area”
• Transportation
  o Work stress, 3 buses
  o Weather to consider
  o Workforce
• Transport and housing hit family budget hard
  o Aging population
• Schools, boundaries
• Traffic
  o Only going to get worse
  o Need to be able to raise funds
• Folks living in surrounding areas
  o More traffic/sprawl
• Environmental impact
• “NIMBY”ism
  o More protective, closed off
• Density questions and debates
  o Love density
  o Not love density
  o Balance?
• Food security in the region (Treasure Valley)
• Green space
• Mix private/public spaces to promote open space
• Willing to have low income housing on our block?
  o Many people aren’t
• “It’s a lose” when development is approved without all this in consideration
• Land use planning is critical
• May need to have more conversations
  o Is communication/engaging the community a concern?
• Wages and housing affordability
• Transportation, traffic, infrastructure
• Vulnerable populations (poor, disabilities, etc.)
• Diversity in neighborhoods
  o Ages
  o Cooks
  o Money
    o Socio-economic class
      ▪ “Have to force that”
    o “Have to say no to some things”
      ▪ Stadium
    o “Need a marketing campaign for housing”
• Attract and retain businesses that can create wages
• City Hall doesn’t care about West Bench
  o Commuter train to Canyon County vs. circulator
  o Maintenance of neighborhood parks in West Bench vs. Tablerock
• Educated, informed community on development
  o Better involvement of in development process
    ▪ Better public hearing notices
      ▪ Signs
      ▪ Electronically
• Sports park
  o Feels like it is pre-decided by the Mayor
  o People feel like they have no input
  o Public money
• Grid lock—how to handle
• Pollution/air
• Are not getting results with City and ACHD, ineffectual
  o Not transit
• Better transit
• Be smart about decisions about bike lanes near the Greenbelt
• Lack of affordable housing
  o Pricing young families out
  o Homelessness
• Wages too low for starter home
• Need an expanded bus system
o More hours
o More routes
o Local option tax with Legislature
• More condos over rentals (apt. complexes) so people get equity
• Pricing of rental properties is increasing, not affordable
• Need to embrace housing growth to keep it affordable
• Need a mix of housing types
  o Tiny house
  o Creative solutions/housing styles
• To support growth, you need to support new housing/infill
• Need to protect historic resources
• Loss of downtown retail
• Retail owners not being heard by City Council
  o Decisions on cost of parking not supporting retail
• Need to keep a mix of retail with bars and restaurants
• Walkable for downtown residents
• Downtown needs free parking for small retail
• Less success on 6th street retail since parking rates increased on Saturday
• Downtown events push shoppers away on weekends
• City Council not listening to these concerns
• Lack of access to outdoors
• Congestion starting to dictate access
• Planned for, reserved:
  o Transportation
  o Opportunity
  o Crowded
  o Campsites
• Affordability—housing, childcare
• Loss of character
• Less rentals
• North End losing boho feels
• Wages
• Young families can’t afford, impacts ‘hood diversity
• Big houses, homogeneous
• Over-loved activity centers
  o Need more
• More walkable neighborhood centers
• Mixed use developments
  o Need additional
• People want other places to go besides downtown
• Bad planning 30 years ago so now we have less density in certain areas/can’t be remade into activity centers
• ACHD/ITD have a lot of power
• Lack of affordable childcare and quality
• Walkability
• More attention to “outer” ‘hoods
• Strip malls still exist/dominant
• “Bad bones”
• New homes are more affordable than old—building new even though not using what we already have
• Commercial development incentivized to build new not to use existing—for tax purposes?
• Too lax on development!
• Lack of regionalism causing sprawl outside Boise
• Lack of regional planning
• Lax [illegible] in other towns negatively impacts Boise development
• Foothills sprawl
• Boise has highly educated service sector?
• Wages need to rise to meet national trends
• Brain drain—880% high school to other cities? OR U of I grads coming to Boise?
• Concerns about competing with others who have equity/$ from outside
• City hasn’t provided leadership for homelessness—a pathway for work
• Political decisions leaving public out/arrogance of Mayor, Elaine/lack of public process
  o Mayor, Elaine, and Lauren made decision without Parks commission about bike skills park
  o St. Luke’s
  o Baseball stadium
  o Streetcar
  o F-35s
• Investing in choice without public process
• Public hearings are too late to make changes
• Engage public more (ie café model) before bringing in outside consultants (ie sports park)
• Planned public input (the growth convo is a good example)
• Rise of homelessness/population
  o City is doing a good job, but needs to continue efforts and get ahead of it—can do better
  o Ex. Rocks under Americana Blvd. is “avoidance”
• Wage imbalance
• Crowding out wildlife
• Urban sprawl (Thousand Oaks, CA for example—capped growth/sprawl)
  o Need more green space
  o As agricultural land comes up for sale it should go to development
  o No one is managing foothills/open space holistically
• No protection over transition zones (ie CVS)
  o Especially on West End
- Protect historic buildings (outside of National Registry)
- N-S connections for bikes
- Need more neighborhood centers
- Invest more in cultural diversity
  - Employment/hiring policies
  - International district
- Grants for local artists
- Traffic
  - Rural boundary
- Affordable housing
- Public transit
- Public process
- Continue homeless efforts
- Don’t cater to developers/master plan
- Traffic
- Maintaining bike/pedestrian safety
- Affordable housing
  - Especially in town
- Taxes going too high
  - Especially property taxes and commercial property tax (want to keep small businesses)
- Responsible building
  - Considering runoff, erosion (Alto Via)
- Sustainability through building processes
- Developers not wanting to build low income housing because of all the processes
- Lack of civic-mindedness
  - NIMBY attitude
  - People not following laws so others can enjoy the outdoors (ex. Dogs off leash)
  - Noise/loud music
- Commute traffic, accidents
  - Need light rail system
  - High speed bus lanes needed
- Irrigation not being actively managed
- Be careful of special recreational amenities
  - Concern there is not enough support for everything
  - Adaptability of use needs to be considered
  - Bordan (sp) and wants new things
  - Jobs that local residents have opportunities to enjoy
  - Training/education
- Infrastructure not keeping up with development
  - Need more bus routes
  - Roads
- More affordable housing
- Not enough parking being required for the buildings going up
- Indoor recreational facilities needed like and indoor pool
- Keep neighborhoods connected
- Urban building does not often attract and sustain tenants
  - Lack of signage
  - Difficulty attracting tenant mix/companies
  - Not practical (entrance on busy road)
- High cost of sustainable design
  - E.g. basement parking/utilization density
- Will community space get used as designed?
- Multiple agencies to work with for planning (City, ACHD, etc…) must deal with separately
- Family friendly parks and great amenities attract behavior that compromises safety and cleanliness
- Concern about funding for adequate policing (volunteer policing?)
- Concern about bike lanes shared with cars
- Not enough parking
- Lack of variety in transportation, need transport on main corridors
- Assess impacts of growth (manage actively and evaluate)
- Preserve identity—stay Boise
- Transparency of government
- Diversity
- Taxes (constantly growing) pricing out of Boise/prop. 13
- Fiscal responsibility
- Transportation: innovate and fund
- New funding mechanism
- Development should pay its own way
- Development pattern doesn’t support walkable or livable, need connectivity
- Budget system is upside down.
- Transportation—need regional solution (Ada and Canyon counties)
  - Stop fighting ACHD
  - Improve bus as a start
- Homeless problem is solvable: focus resources
  - Housing
  - Supportive services
  - Don’t push under the rug
- Affordable housing
  - Transit to inform growth
- Infrastructure prioritization needs vs wants (i.e. library)
- Mayor and City Council focused on growth
- Transportation: regional solution to mass transit
- Affordable housing: homelessness—workforce and supportive services
- Transparency/taxes—citizen involvement
- (increased) population could mean (increased) traffic
- De-prioritize cars
- Focus on alternative transport
- City-level planning
- Different priorities in city and state - limited policy moves at local level
- Keep access to big city amenities, maintain small city identity
- Preserve neighborhoods - parks/gardens bring people together; go multi-level parking below; rooftop gardens/green space
- Theme: Better use of space (circled on sheet)
- Maximize use of venues (stadiums)
- Multi-use development
- Good access, (down arrow = less?) driving and parking
- Use carefully - Dry Creek unique characteristics (top soil)
- (sheet #2)
- Codify Blueprint! So that it can be used (2)
- “Living up to” Blueprint Boise
- Balancing short-term gains with long-term best interest
- NIMBY - Think beyond your neighborhood to good of city
- No growth not an option - do it smart
- PUD (Planned Unit Development) - true mixed use
- Well planned areas don’t face resistance
- Barber Valley
- Micron area
- Balance out-of-area resources/investments with local identity and plans
- Affordable housing; young families priced out; moving out
- (Sheet #3)
- Hard to see affordable projects opposed (NIMBY) - (circled on sheet)
- Work across local gov’ts; valley-wide planning
- Smart Growth - so that folks don’t have to drive from home to work to recreation
- Food production instead of lawns;
- (up arrow) Increase Health
- Increase local food supply
- Increase social opportunities 😊
- Preserve commons
- Decrease $ feeding roads
- Why is density feared/opposed?
- Make it attractive & Boise-authentic
- Quiet
- Quality ≠ $$$
- Micro houses
- (Sheet #4)
- Transportation Planning (circled on sheet)
• Easements for rail
• Valley-wide
• Local option tax?
• Planning (down arrow) decrease traffic!
• (Down arrow) inversion; health impacts
• Electric
• City Leaders
• Less accessible to city officials (1)
• Less responsive to citizens (3)
• Fewer opportunities early in design process of projects (1)
• Too much magic bullet solution – build on what we already have
• More community input and supplementing with outside communities after
• Transportation costs need to be reduced (19% current) (2)
• Access to other modes of transportation
• City chasing big projects (sports stadium, library) instead of focusing on neighborhood needs (library, parks, schools, sidewalks) (1)
• Staying affordable (especially housing) (3)
• Rezoning needed to match growth rates (1)
• Update Blueprint Boise
• Incentivize employers to provide livable wages (increasing) (1)
• Provide/integrate more affordable housing
• (sheet #2)
• More community integration – less exclusion
• Connection – affordability of housing-jobs-transportation (3)
• Inclusion (low income/minority)
• Infrastructure change to match growth
• Investment in parks/common space for high density development (1)
• Neighborhood investment equity
• Not losing our “appreciation list” (2)
• Parks more accessible for disabilities (1)
• Increase bus frequency – more usable
• Repurposing of vacant commercial space
• Balancing parking build with other transportation options
• More collaboration/pressure for city to work with state (legislation change (1)
• (sheet #3)
• How will our voices be heard for the next steps?
• How can we be part of the solution?
• Are we addressing sprawl?
• Crowded schools